

Report for Community Survey #1

City of Olivia Comprehensive Plan

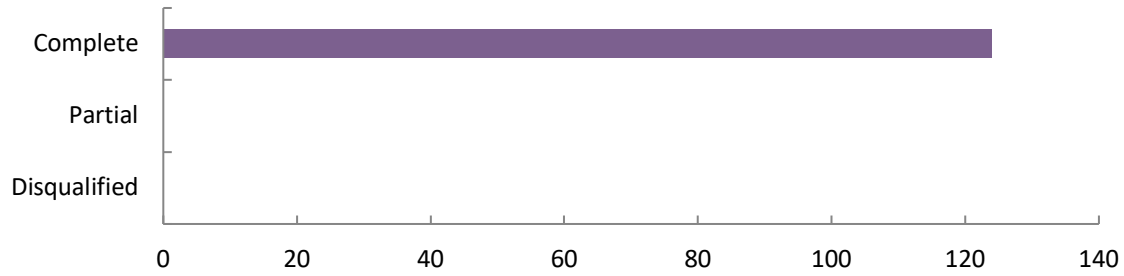
INITIAL VISION SURVEY: This survey was one of the initial community participation activities for the Comprehensive Plan, and was available online during the spring of 2022.

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Response Statistics



	Count	Percent
Complete	124	100
Partial	0	0
Disqualified	0	0
Totals	124	

1. What do you like the most about living or working in Olivia?

ResponseID	Response to Question 1: "What do you like the most about living or working in Olivia?"
2	We like the small town.
3	Friendly small town
4	Small town, everybody knows everybody family-like feeling, the new walking trail, feels safe
5	The sense of community. We moved here about 3 years ago and love the people and how pleasant everyone is, we have a lot of access to stores and are able to get groceries right in our town!
6	Its a smaller town where everyone know everyone.. that when u go into stores and restaurants u know the people... its a nice community
7	I like the small town living for my family to enjoy
8	I don't live in or work in Olivia. But the one thing I do think is nice you have multiple facilities to be used by the public but some need upgrading.
10	I love the small town feel and knowing everyone.
11	The people
13	Quiet and affordable. Pretty laid back.
14	Small enough we should know everyone.

ResponseID	Response to Question 1: "What do you like the most about living or working in Olivia?"
16	In the past, the city leaders have done what's right, not just what's required. Examples are turning a required water treatment pond into something more than a hole in the ground with water. Leaders took the requirement and turned it into an asset for the community. We have invested in a good park system. Our public works department has been proactive in making our city and parks beautiful. We are retired and remain because of family but also because of the progressive attitude of our past city leaders.
17	Friendly people, lots of parks to walk to
18	City services are excellent. Getting around town is easy. Grocery store, pharmacy, Mac's provide basic needs. Max's Grille is always excellent.
19	Not like much of anything in this town.
20	Hometown pride
21	The people and church and my home.
22	Small town
23	My church / Friends / Good police force
25	Close to work. Relatively low cost of living except for the taxes, they have gotten out of control the last few years.
27	Helpfulness and friendliness of the residents.
30	Family
32	Progressive, a community that works toward something.

ResponseID	Response to Question 1: "What do you like the most about living or working in Olivia?"
33	Small town atmosphere I can walk in town, around Lake Olivia, or on the new trail south of town. Nice size lot for our home People look out for each other in our small town We have a school, hospital, a grocery store, churches, library, gas stations, eye doctor, vet, other businesses downtown, and a few restaurants. Police officers are visible to the community and try to protect citizens. Corn capital days town celebration
34	Feeling Safe and how the Community rallies around someone in need.
36	Like the small feel
37	I like the people who really care about our city. I like the familiar faces. I like the parks in town. I like the corn cob monument because it's clean and a nice place for a picnic lunch.
38	The friendly, casual pace!
39	When hard stuff happens people come out of the woodwork to help
43	That we have least a few restaurants not many but a few and the Fact we have a Bar where people can hang out at!
44	Having a great library.
47	Friendly people
50	Affordable cost of living. Lots of decent paying local jobs.
53	The small town helpful people.
54	We are the county seat. We have the hospital
55	I love the small town close community feel!

ResponseID	Response to Question 1: "What do you like the most about living or working in Olivia?"
61	Family live here
62	Friendly people. Nice golf course.
63	Friendly small town people.
65	Small Town atmosphere and knowing people on the street. It makes me feel very comfortable.
68	A few good places to eat and most necessary things available.
69	Small town
71	People are nice!
73	The country feeling. Good people when you need help. The pond walk.
74	Small enough to feel safe
76	The quiet living and I was born here
78	N/A
79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small town where people know each other and help each other • Kids are safe to ride bike down the street and play • Lots of good people who care about the town and volunteer or contribute to programs and events
81	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is relatively close to my work • The grocery store is ok • Lightbeam internet is a good deal

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82	Little traffic on side streets. Most businesses and parks are within walking distance. Well-kept parks and within driving distance to businesses we lack in town.
84	All the parks and games
86	Location and people
93	Small town
95	Quiet
99	Small town atmosphere rural setting.
101	What I like most about Olivia is the fact that you know the business owners and the people that live here, who are hard working. It is a beautiful town to raise a family.
102	Small town atmosphere
103	I love the people here and living here. I love the ear of corn and all it stands for.
106	small-town atmosphere. Quiet residential areas
107	It is a nice community that takes pride in itself. The streets and parks are well maintained, businesses and neighbors are friendly and welcoming, city hall is easy to work with.
108	Friendly hard working people
110	It's small and quiet
111	The parks.

ResponseID	Response to Question 1: "What do you like the most about living or working in Olivia?"
112	Love the small town feel.
113	The opportunity to be involved in activities that interest you. Your opinion matters.
114	Pleasant security.
117	Small town, feels safe for kids to walk around and ride bikes
118	The small company! If you need help with something there is always someone there to help.
119	Small town
120	People are friendly
121	Community events (corn capital days, fire department Halloween, Thursday farmers market, Christmas lights parade, etc.). Maxes restaurant, parks, free community book exchange "huts".
122	I love the small town feel of Olivia. People are friendly. I live downtown and everything is close by.
125	Family and friends. We're fortunate to have what we have.

2. What do you not like about living or working in Olivia? What are some issues we should address?

ResponseID Response to Question 2: "What do you not like about living or working in Olivia? What are some issues we should address?"

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| 2 | We want a small town that doesn't tax and make ordinances like large towns. Olivia doesn't have the amenities of large towns so the cost and freedoms need to make up for it. Don't forget - we are a small town |
| 3 | Newer school.. sometimes have to go to another place for different things |
| 4 | Wish there was some type of incentive for folks along 212 to fix up their homes. Better maintenance and upkeep of our older buildings downtown (keep the old buildings beautiful.. the snap fitness building exterior is horrible). |
| 5 | The amount of poverty is disturbing, there is a lot of very low income families and I feel it comes from very little local higher paying job opportunities. |
| 6 | There is nothing for children or needs to do... but parks there needs to be these for the kids to do to learn and grow and be involved in the community.. and stay outta trouble.. the need safe place and things to do.. children along with teenagers.. |
| 7 | Bring back some of the businesses to the downtown that's dying |
| 8 | Promotion of all your activities during the summer and winter now with the ice rink. You have 4 baseball and softball fields and hardly anybody uses them for tournaments. There's nothing enticing for teams to play. And the fields are in beautiful shape just a couple tweaks here and there. |
| 10 | As an educator, I dislike the lack of support for BOLD levies and the conflict between Olivia and Bird Island. |
| 11 | Not much to do |

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| 13 | [<i>Edited</i>] Public/overt racism. It's really hard when I have friends come out from more urban areas and try to sell them on how awesome it is to live in Olivia, then they see [<i>edited</i>] billboards and [<i>edited</i>] flags everywhere. It's not a terribly welcoming environment [<i>edited</i>]. |
| 14 | Exclusiveness. Lack of integration with different parts of town and socioeconomic groups. Overall an attitude of "someone else will do it". |
| 17 | Lots of garbage everywhere (in peoples yards) some houses look run down |
| 18 | Olivia could create a more welcoming atmosphere. |
| 19 | More things for kids and teens |
| 20 | Lack of entertainment, shopping options and no Mexican or Asian restaurants. |
| 21 | Our town is looking trashy. No pride in some businesses and homeowners. City spends money foolishly. Do we really need new equipment every year or two? Population is around 2400 Do we really need that many employees including city and police and part timers. I don't believe just because you are second in line when someone retires, you should be automatically given that position unless you are truly qualified. Maybe employee reviews should be done. The city pays employees well and I firmly believe that employees should not take that for granted. |
| 22 | Main Street is dead. |

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23	Our downtown is an embarrassment Our trashy residential area Need more retail in our downtown Need a restaurant downtown High taxes and nothing to show for it (except BIG NEW city equipment)
25	The high taxes.
27	Lack of good housing in the \$100,000 to \$200,000 range and lack of activities for 18 to 30 year olds limits attracting them to the community if they have no ties here.
30	Less selection in shopping, eating, groceries, etc., but I do understand that is part of living in a smaller community.
32	Vacant Main Street. Olivia thinks it is better than surrounding communities... be more of a team player.
33	We need more employment opportunities for local people as well as to get people to move here. The city over trims trees and takes away the spread of the shade. Downtown: we spent much money on making our downtown area aesthetically pleasing and welcoming. The decorative brick and plantings have not been maintained. Very limited information about our community pool. There is no such thing as just going to early morning swim. One must sign up and pay online. High prices at the grocery store and unfriendly. Several snobbish people, not open to new residents. Tattered streets
34	The lack of things for kids to do. The Big Old Apartment Building by the Dollar General...something needs to be done with it.
36	Homes that are unkept and junk and garbage left for all to see when driving around our town to check it out to see if they want to live here., We have rules why are they not enforced? What happens to once a year garbage pick up for those who do not have the means to take it away or are elderly

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37 I detest the look of the downtown area. Empty buildings, garbage, etc. Also, Dowling Park looks like we entered a contest for tackiest park and won. And maybe someone pick up the Christmas tree that has been laying there since the season ended. [A portion of this comment has been removed].

38 Not a lot of growth to support the community.

39 Not many Amenities, lack of daycare options, lack of recreational options

43 Well there's not much to do for one, and not a whole lot of jobs around here that hire Disability people!

44 We need clothing stores downtown restaurants. A bakery and bring back a theater. Something for our youth to enjoy. Another grocery store. A store where we could buy gifts at a reasonable price.

47 Nothing.

50 Becoming very low income. Lots of houses are in shambles, especially along the highway. Property taxes cannot support the school and it seems like the school is going to end up closing.

53 Better school building. Would love an outside pool.

54 Downtown needs a face lift. Bowling alley needs to be operating. [A portion of this comment has been removed].

55 The town needs more opportunities for kids

61 Need more retail businesses. Need a community center Need more recreational options [A portion of this comment has been removed].

62 The city removed all the beautiful trees on 9th street downtown. Terrible decision on the city administration.

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63	City does it present itself well to people driving through. Removed of trees was a huge mistake, done without input from business or need and without a follow-up plan to maintain an attractive downtown. Poorly maintained private properties and apartments give a blighted feel. Local ordinances for lawn maintenance, parking vehicles on yards, garbage, etc. are not enforced.
65	Dirty and cluttered lawns.
66	The junk houses and blights.
68	Our reputation is, and we seem to act like the "big brother" to other surrounding towns. School, for instance.
71	Too many drug addicts running rampant around town and the police are obviously oblivious to it.
73	Nothing for our young people to do or activities besides sports. The inability for some employees of the city to promote our town. Main Street project has been disappointing.
74	More restaurants, entertainment besides bars
76	Bring in some different business to shop locally and another restaurant with a different type of food Try to get downtown back to the way it used to be
78	Stuck up people, every one thinks they're better than you. School staff is horrible.
79	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Lack of housing - we can't attract young families, commuters, or work from home people because there is nowhere to live or build•Lack of quality businesses, not enough similar types of businesses to drive competition. Aka they're the only one we have to choose from so they are lazy. Even if you're willing to pay a premium to shop local oftentimes the service is extremely poor (restaurants and retail establishments) that makes it not worth it or motivates you to go to a bigger town with big box options•Not enough quality event centers for bigger parties, weddings, proms and so on.•Recent crime

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- 81 Our [edited] city council buying [edited] property for no reason, spending our tax money frivolously. Too many drugs. Too many drug dealers. Golf cart permits are stupid. The liquor store closed the on sale side [edited]. *[Portions of this comment have been removed]*.
- 82 Lack of amenities such as coffee shop, adult community center, young and teen community center, lack of arts (plays, art classes, music events), run down businesses and housing. Signs/flags with profanity, properties that are eyesores, empty buildings downtown that have been purchased but sit empty.
- 84 The management here in [edited] apartments is making it hard to live in Olivia and they manage a lot of apartments here *[Portions of this comment have been removed]*.
- 86 Nothing to do except parks
- 90 Clean up the town. Address building code issues and public nuisances. The town has become more trashy looking.
- 93 I wish there was more of a community center with activities for all ages
- 95 City streets need repair outdoor recreational areas restaurant selection no entertainment (concerts, etc)
- 99 Lack of restaurants, entertainment activities, and community center.
- 101 Something's we do not do very well as a city is help business (new or old) on what the city could do to help that company grow and thrive. The city does very little on bringing business owners together to collaborate and use each other to get stronger together.
- 102 There's nothing to attract people to here. Need more family friendly activities, not just Corn capital days. Where's the fiber internet to attract more businesses to Olivia?

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106	lack of newer housing, lack of restaurants, arrogant attitudes of many residents, not a welcoming community to new residents
107	The us vs. them partisan negativity from the Twin Cities is slowly creeping into our community.
108	The political division that is keeping people from listening to others
110	Another retail store!!!
111	High taxes. No crosswalk while crossing 71. Nothing for kids to do, we need an indoor community center like redwood.
112	The uncontrolled intersections, as well as the intersections with only a yield sign, are very unsafe - especially those near the school. I have seen many "near misses" at these intersections because people don't know what to do or simply aren't paying attention.
113	Not enough cultural/art activities. Even though there are lots of places for people to get involved and pursue their interests, many people are complacent, just complain, and are not willing to be part of the solution.
114	Lack of artistic or historic venues. While I appreciate the new veteran memorial there is much more Olivia could do to celebrate the history of Olivia. Michael Dowling is an excellent example. His house in Olivia should now be made into a historic site and his life story can easily be woven into the many innovations that originated here. Hybrid seed corn, for one, sugar beet cooperative for another. Aggressive adoption of agricultural technology should be celebrated in the Dowling house. The example of Dowling to persevere and succeed despite crippling events symbolizes the character of Olivia's citizens.
117	Update school, remodel and add on to make it work better for education
118	Small company talk.
119	Farmers

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120 The downtown needs to be revitalized. Lack of programs and activities for seniors

121 The school building situation. I will not send my kids to Bold if the overcrowded building situation does not get solved. Would like more restaurants and to have master's be a full coffee shop again. Would love a brewery or winery. Have the bowling alley open. A walking path along 212 to get from the legion into town.

122 [*Edited*] pickup's with the loud exhaust rattling the pipes and squealing the tires at the stop light in town. I've complained to law enforcement, but was told to take pictures of the trucks, ID the drivers and get the license plate #. Hell, that's their job.

125 I don't like the negativity of people living here thinking they have to go out of town for everything - including groceries.

3. What ideas do you have for making Olivia a better place to live, work in or visit?

ResponseID	Response to Question 3: "What ideas do you have for making Olivia a better place to live, work in or visit?"
2	Improvements and upgrades to publicly used streets make the property taxes much higher. They should be spread out among all the people. Not just that street that people live on. Hard to own property on those streets. Concentrate on bring all business to town so our children and grandchildren can have a job to stay in Olivia.
3	More businesses in downtown .. another restaurant choice .. update school
4	Boutiques and cafes along Main Street. Would love an outdoor pool- would create jobs and healthy activity for our kids. Update current school and add on where necessary, or brand new building- I'm all for either idea. Really would love to see a co-Ed summer softball league again. A BOLD spirit parade would be fun during homecoming or something like that. Would be nice to have programs for group outdoor biking, walking, running, etc. I am 27 years old and we have a solid group of young friends here and we'd love for it to be an active, healthy, and fun place to stay and raise our kids.
5	I would love to see our downtown revitalized! We could use more restaurants! I would also like to see a community garden. I also feel we should have more winter activities for families. Like some sort of winter festival.
6	Adding more kid/family friendly things to do..
7	Bring in some different restaurants (Mexican restaurant) and a few new stores (Sporting store hunting and fishing) to enjoy local shopping
8	Multiple tournaments yearly for baseball and softball. Make improvements to all three of your scoreboards at Dirk's Complex . Bring back the centerfield party during Corn Capital Days.

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10	Community support for BOLD schools, more daycare opportunities, a fun place for the youth...bring back an after school program.
11	Trails
13	<i>[This comment has been removed].</i>
14	Make 212 the main street through town instead of 9th St. Fill the buildings with businesses, build a rec center and bowling alley and movie theatre open in evenings.
16	Work to improve our school....get input from teachers, staff, parents and grandparents about what they want to see in the future. The school district is probably the #1 priority of young families looking to relocate. Work with the facilities committee with the goal of the school being a tool for economic development. Continue to invest in amenities such as parks, remove blighted properties, the trail is a great investment for all ages. A community center might be something to look at...is there an unused property that could serve multiple purposes? Do we have the daycare spots needed to attract young families? Would an auditorium at the school help to attract people to town?
17	Community clean up days maybe.
18	There could be more informal type gathering events, which illustrates our lack of a community meeting space.
19	Open the bowling alley again more places to eat
20	Recruit smart people. Keep good families from moving away. Try a new approach since the old and current plans must not be working. Population has decreased and many buildings sit empty.

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- 21 Our downtown is not very inviting. Town needs to have a cleanup week or two. Services should be provided by the city. Nuisances need to be enforced Ordinances need to be enforced or changes BOLD school needs to improve. Education and structure. Need housing and residential developments City should not own rental properties. Sell property to Chrysler and sell Bayberry, increase the tax base. More Grant options for businesses to improve store fronts, windows, heating and lighting or start up funds. When the city removed the trees downtown, many residents and people traveling through our town couldn't believe how it destroyed the beauty of our quaint little town. Fix the pavers, put some decorative pots in with ornamental trees with lights. Also get those hanging tangling lights off the down town buildings. Dowling pocket park, do I need to say more. Very frustrated with our city.
- 22 No idea
- 25 Need more entertainment for people
- 27 Provide some entertainment options for the 18-30 crowd. Work with businesses that have owners nearing retirement to transition them to new owners so they are retained in the community.
- 30 I lived here when I was growing up and then came back in my early 20's and left in my mid 20's. Now coming back, I was disappointed in the spirit and involvement of people. Olivia had sparkle. It's lost some of that.
- 32 Mexican or Asian restaurant? Brew pub?
- 33 Have jobs with benefits A splash pad to draw families in during the summer. A pool with more hours for lap swimmers More stores -some diversity Plant more trees
- 34 Not sure
- 36 No more public housing [edited] Clean up trash [edited] on Lincoln Ave everyone drives by going through town.,

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37	Clean up downtown. <i>[Edited]</i> please paint the former Chamber building. Second place prize for tacky. Maybe have the empty building owners spruce up their property. The empty building next to Snap Fitness has garbage by the door in plain sight.
38	More businesses in the downtown area that will invite people to shop and simply be there.
39	A broader youth programs, any type of outdoor space upgrades at the parks, community events (redwood falls does a very good job of this for families)
43	Try to get more places to eat, or even have a place where teenagers can go hang out at, too bad we don't have like a Mall strip in Olivia or like an Arcade place for little kids and teenagers,
44	See answer to 2nd question. <i>[from same respondent for Question 2: We need clothing stores downtown restaurants. A bakery and bring back a theater. Something for our youth to enjoy. Another grocery store. A store where we could buy gifts at a reasonable price.]</i>
47	Have more activities on weekends.
50	Don't just build new. Rehab or demo the low income houses that are not being kept up. Clean up the town - garbage in yards, junk cars, etc. Put more money into streets that are falling apart. Keep up the services we have now.
54	Bakery and brewery
55	Something for the kids! A pool, a nicer park
61	Build a community center that could hold social and recreational opportunities
62	We need a restaurant downtown, open 7 days a week.

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- 63 City council, EDA, citizens and groups (Lions, Kiwanis, Park board, eChamber, etc.) need to coordinate priorities each year and hold each other accountable for progressing on agreed goals. Citizen involvement is critical to success. City Hall tends to "tell" citizens what to do instead of involving them in the discussion. This survey is a good start.
- 65 I wish the police would visit with kids more often and also other officials.
- 66 Clean up the residential and commercial properties.
- 73 More small city happenings to get people together to get to know each other. When people have ideas to promote Olivia - don't discourage them but work with them to make it happen. Food trucks and advertising so people know when they will be in town to support them.
- 74 More restaurants, bowling, roller skating,
- 76 Have more things available to do for families and some little shops too in the downtown area and bring something back into the old Jimmy's pizza building for a restaurant and a new outdoors store for the people to shop locally
- 78 New school More things for the teenagers to do. City should get us a community center or a rec center for the kids.
- 79 There is no draw to the downtown. Buildings are vacant. There used to be pretty landscaping and trees downtown that were very charming but those were taken down. We need to revitalize the downtown like other small towns - Nisswa, Park Rapids, Lanesboro etc - and give people a reason to be in Olivia, like a bike trail, River tubing, water recreation...
- 81 *[Edited]* Elect people that give a damn about the people that support the town *[edited]*.
- 82 Actively recruit people to start businesses, such as bike shop, canoe/kayak outfitters, coffee shops, popcorn stand, daycares. Having more single family and apartments. Any of these will attract hybrid/work from home 30's type people who want to be out of city but have city options.

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84	Getting another company to manage apartments that actually care about the tenants and fix their plumbing instead of ignoring them because of their having lots of money they don't care attitude
86	Enticement of industry or manufacturer beside agricultural or government. More opportunities for different jobs and careers. Family and individual entertainment.
90	Clean it up. Enforce permits.
92	Allow golf carts around the pond in Olivia (a lot of money went into the pond area, but water is dangerous and it's not easily accessible to get to or do any visitors know how to get to it). Allow golf carts on the walking path. Put lights, benches & trash cans on the walking path. Make more walking paths in town. Make Dirks Park on the north side of town a dog park.
95	Increase upkeep to parks and city streets Maybe offer concerts/movies in the parks during the summer
99	Community Center, dependable coffee shop/restaurant, walking trails and outdoor activity opportunities.
101	We need to look at business owners, city employees and residents to have a vision on having a thriving community where all come together for the greater good. It feels at times that the city wants to stay the same and not grow. We are either growing or dying and there's no in between. We have to have leaders that want change like it was in the 70's 80's and 90's. It feels like whenever we try getting something started no one wants to move forward and get things done. We have to evolve and push forward for the greater good!!
102	Fiber internet, court some more businesses, large and small for commerce here. <i>[Portions of this comment have been removed].</i>
103	<i>[This comment has been removed].</i>

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106	Attract new businesses by offering better incentives. Big ag is taking over everything, we need new businesses to fill the gaps. Restructure downtown. Incentivize stagnant and non-customer facing businesses to move out of downtown creating room for shops and restaurants.
107	We do not do a good job of celebrating our successes. It is easy to lament the loss of a business or changes that come with the march of time; but we have businesses such as Becks that the city helped to bring to town that need to be highlighted because not all is doom, gloom and end-of-the-world.
108	Provide more activities for our aging population. Fund a community center that is open to the public at various times , but could also be used for senior dining and various events <i>[edited for clarity]</i>
110	More programs for upcoming business owners
111	More things for kids to do!!
112	Community events that bring people out together are always a great idea.
113	Expand the bike trails including a trail to Bird Island. Embrace our history- support an innovation center, develop the "Michael Dowling" house as a destination site for local history, agricultural innovations, cultural center, and meeting place for residents and travelers.

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- 114 I answered this question in #2. *[from same respondent for Question 2: ... artistic or historic venues. ... While I appreciate the new veteran memorial there is much more Olivia could do to celebrate the history of Olivia. Michael Dowling is an excellent example. His house in Olivia should now be made into a historic site and his life story can easily be woven into the many innovations that originated here. Hybrid seed corn, for one, sugar beet cooperative for another. Aggressive adoption of agricultural technology should be celebrated in the Dowling house. The example of Dowling to persevere and succeed despite crippling events symbolizes the character of Olivia's citizens.]*
- 117 More small stores, maybe some occasional shops would be popular. Something to draw more people to town
- 118 Inside play area for children.
- 119 More teenager activities, walking/ biking route from Olivia to Danube, to Renville. More food options.
- 120 Bring new stores into downtown
- 121 (See last post). New school building, reopen coffee shop, reopen bowling alley, Make the newspaper free (similar to new London spicers). Community pool or splash pad *[from same respondent for Question 2: Would like more restaurants and to have master's be a full coffee shop again. Would love a brewery or winery. Have the bowling alley open. A walking path along 212 to get from the legion into town.]*
- 122 Encourage more business to downtown. *[Edited]* Make it so people feel safe walking in the evening. More police present, I don't see them cruising thru town often enough.

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125 We had a successful coffee shop and feel we need another. There is a group wanting to acquire The Dowling House and Carriage House which could be that opportunity, but they need help. Olivia can take advantage of Michael Dowling's fame and build around that. We have 4 great attractions for out-of-town shoppers, and they are: The Creative Collective 523 Olivia Floral and Gifts Discover Nutrition These businesses need all the help they can get -(don't bring in other vendors, help promote these businesses, instead). Do sandwich boards on sidewalks, large signs, etc. (there are so many people in town that don't know about The Creative Collective's unique gifts and clothing) Pickle Ball has become the #1 sport in America. Let's get on board.