

Quality of Life Questionnaire Summary – prepared October 25, 2006

The questionnaire was available from July through September 13, 2006. Five questions solicited comments from participants. To date, responses for two of the five questions have been summarized – Question #2 & Question #4.

Responses were organized based on content and general broad-scale topics that were repeating themes were noticed. A matrix with the broad topics was used to characterize the specific comment and record the response for both questions. A comment number was assigned to each completed survey and the corresponding number was recorded with the general topic.

Question #2, What are your concerns (if any) regarding the quality of life issues in Helena?

1. Traffic (50)
2. Entertainment & Shopping (5)
3. Business (19)
4. Growth Plan (61)
5. Noise (5)
6. Education (1)
7. Crime/Drugs (9)
8. Domesticated Animal Laws (14)
9. Deer (14)
10. Pedestrian & Bike (36)
11. Public Transportation (12)
12. Parks & Open Space (14)
13. Health Care (5)
14. Youth (7)
15. Cost of Living (12)
16. Beautification (14)
17. Landowners/rentals (2)
18. City Ordinances (1)
19. Cell Phone Use (2)
20. Higher Education (1)
21. Smoking Ban (2)
22. Environmental – water use/conservation, air pollution, recycling (10)
23. General (52)

The number in the parenthesis is the number of people who made a comment or mentioned the broad-scale topic in the responses.

The “General” topic was established early-on and repeating themes are present. Perhaps other topics that maybe delineated include: City Services; City Government; and Infrastructure. More/others?

Question #4: What do you see changing in our community that could jeopardize the quality of life in Helena?

1. Planning (58),
2. Traffic (33),
3. Bike/pedestrian (3),
4. Cost of Living (18),
5. Employment (1),
6. Arts & Culture (1),
7. Rentals (1),
8. Transportation (9),
9. Business District/Downtown (26),
10. Open Space (6),
11. Youth Activities (2),
12. Education (2),
13. Environment (9),
14. Drugs/Crime (3),
15. Urban Deer (4),
16. Solid waste/Recycling/Reuse (1),
17. General (67)

Who responded? The following table describes the general areas of the City where people reported to reside. 15 did not specify an area. A number of people offered their name & contact information. The areas are broad and definitions for each area, including landmarks, are included.

Geographic Location	Number of Responses
Lower West (N. of Euclid, W. of Benton, including fairgrounds & Capital High)	12
Upper West (S. of Euclid, W of Park, including mansion district, Mt. Helena area, original Helena Townsite)	43
South Central (E. of Park, W. of Montana, S. of Lyndale, including downtown, civic center, cathedral, south hills, center)	75
North Central (N. of Lyndale, E. of Benton, W of Montana, including golf course & Carroll College)	3
Upper East (S. of 11 th Ave, E. of Montana, bordered by I-15, including Hospital, Lockey Park & Capital complex)	33
Lower East (N. of 11 th Ave, E of Montana Ave, bordered by I-15, including post office and Helena High)	7
Out of Helena City Limits (including the Valley, North Hills, Clancy, MT City, west of Helena)	21
No location specified	23
TOTAL	216