CANYON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

SMALL CITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Invocation to Participate—Please return to: Canyon County Development Services: Kate Dahl; kdahl@canyonco.org

1. **What are the top 5 reasons you like about living in this area? (rate 1-5, 1 being the top reason)**
   - ___ Housing Affordability
   - ___ Convenience, easy to get from home, work, school, shopping, other needs
   - ___ I work in farming/ranching
   - ___ I don’t work in farming but prefer living in the country/small town living
   - ___ Friendly people, knowing neighbors
   - ___ Relaxed rules, slower pace of living, less traffic
   - ___ Recreation, the pool, city park, river, hunting, boating, fishing, etc.
   - ___ It’s a great place to do business
   - ___ Schools
   - ___ Local History
   - ___ Farm Scenery
   - ___ Church
   - ___ Other (please describe)

2. **Which price range of housing do you need?**
   - ___ $500 or less a month
   - ___ $500-$700 a month
   - ___ $700-$1000 a month
   - ___ $1000-$1500 a month
   - ___ $1500-$2000 a month
   - ___ $2000/mo or more
3. **What 3 types of housing would best accommodate the current housing need in your community? (show photos) (select 3)**

   ____ Apartments
   ____ Duplexes – town houses
   ____ Studio units, tiny homes, or other small units
   ____ Manufactured home park, resident owned community
   ____ Mother-in-law quarters on existing properties (apartment above garage, basement unit, second house or accessory dwelling unit)
   ____ Residential above commercial in downtown buildings
   ____ Homes for large extended families
   ____ Senior housing
   ____ RV park (as temporary housing)
   ____ Farm worker housing
   ____ Other

4. **Let’s say a developer is courting your City and wants to build a 70 lot subdivision. What type of development would you like best? (add example photo’s)**

   ____ Small lot developments with a mixture of housing types (like single family and multi-family)
   ____ Large subdivisions with a mixture of housing types
   ____ Large subdivisions with a single housing type
   ____ Large mixed use development (housing and commercial uses)
   ____ Small lots with open space/parks dedication
   ____ Housing that is well connected by streets, sidewalks, and pathways
   ____ 70 lots is too big at one time for this community
5. **Buildings over 50 years old (pre 1969), maybe eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Do you think history and historic buildings add an important sense of place to your city?**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Not Sure

6. **What do you think is the most important step right now to move the economy forward in your town? (Pick the top 3, 1 is most important)**

- [ ] Support businesses already here!
- [ ] Attract value-added or businesses complimentary to businesses already here (e.g. breweries next to Wilder hops)
- [ ] Develop a business cluster theme with different businesses catering to it (e.g. Antiques; retail shops selling antiques, furniture refinishers, antique appraiser, etc)
- [ ] Diversify, develop other industries (professional service, retail, entertainment, tourism etc)
- [ ] Develop agri-tourism
- [ ] Improve infrastructure (water, sewer, streets, buildings) to support business
- [ ] Develop a local volunteer group to help City Council and Economic Development
- [ ] Workforce Development (attract or educate workers for the industry that is present)
- [ ] Portray a welcoming image to business
- [ ] Celebrate and build on existing assets
- [ ] Other (describe)

7. **Which 3 items are most needed to improve downtown’s image? (Pick the top 3, 1 is most important)**

- [ ] Get some shade and Color! Landscaping (trees, landscape islands, flower barrels/baskets)
- [ ] Celebrate culture and history! Public art (murals, or sculptures), walking tour brochure
- [ ] Where’s the...? Wayfinding Signs
- [ ] It’s too dark and feels unsafe? Street lights
- [ ] I want to sit down! Pedestrian amenities (benches, trash cans, bike racks)
____ I can’t even walk without tripping! Improved sidewalks widths and surfaces
____ A public gathering space for events, like a pocket park, green space, or plaza
____ Improve the exterior of vacant buildings
____ Improve interior of vacant buildings and bring up to code
____ Improve existing business and attract more businesses
____ Promotion and celebration of the assets/positives already present

8. **What 3 things would most improve the way you get around in your community? (Pick the top 3, 1 is most important)**
   ____ I can’t even walk a couple blocks! (connecting sidewalks)
   ____ 4-way stops are slow! (install round-a-bout (remove stop signs))
   ____ Tell the cars, this is my lane! (designated bike lanes)
   ____ I can’t even cross the street to ____? (add a crosswalk)
   ____ Cars don’t even stop when I try to cross the street! (add a crossing signal)
   ____ I want to ride next to the street, but it is too sketchy! (designated bike paths)
   ____ I’m always walking on the edge of the road! (add more sidewalks)
   ____ Is there a carpool app? (add rideshare)
   ____ People drive too fast through my town! (narrow street, medians, trees, etc)
   ____ Other or feel free to tell us where an improvement should go!

9. **How do you want to recreate in your community in the future? (Pick the top 3, 1 is most important)**
   ____ I want places to walk or ride bikes (pathways or connecting sidewalks)
   ____ I want to enjoy outdoor natural spaces (fishing, walking, trails, boat ramps/river access, etc)
   ____ I want places to play (ballfields, basketball court, picnic shelter, splash pads etc)
   ____ I want a place to work-out (weightlifting, dance, yoga, cardio, etc)
   ____ I want to join group activities (organized leagues or clubs, events, tournaments, etc.)
   ____ Other
10. Which of these rural challenges would you be most thrilled to see addressed in the next 5 years? (Pick the top 3, 1 is most important)

_____ I can’t find a usable building in this town to locate my business
_____ I can’t find a place to live
_____ Our town could use some TLC, landscaping, fixed up buildings, benches, flowers, public art, nice signs and lights
_____ There’s nothing to do here
_____ How do we get new or better businesses
_____ We need parks and places to play
_____ We have limited meeting space or spaces for the public to gather
_____ We could capitalize on tourism but aren’t sure how
_____ Daycare
_____ More transportation options
_____ Other

11. How do you help out in your community? (check the most applicable)

_____ I serve on a board/committee of a formal organization
_____ Volunteer with formal organizations like churches, non-profits, clubs, Chambers, etc
_____ Volunteer for my children’s formal activities (like PTA, 4-H, FFA, Boy/Girl scouts)
_____ I pitch in on an informal basis
_____ I would like to volunteer but haven’t found something I’m interested in yet
_____ I don’t

12. What else should we know?