

Kelso City Council

2008-2009 Goals and Related Action Steps

- 1. Extend airport runway**
 - a. Fund airport master plan update
 - b. Work with airport board to obtain additional FAA funding for lengthening
 - c. Consider extension possibility when making land use decisions in areas that could be impacted by extension
- 2. Redo city website**
 - a. Evaluate proposals for design overhaul
 - b. Identify simplest ways for non-IT staff to keep site current
 - c. Encourage frequent updates by staff
- 3. Continue Town Hall meetings or similar types of citizen communication**
 - a. Develop additional alternatives to Town Hall meetings
 - b. Hold a ward or city-wide meeting at least every six months
- 4. Relocate library to downtown core**
 - a. Work with library board to establish desired criteria for new library
 - b. Identify possible locations for relocation
 - c. Evaluate cost of building new vs. renovating existing construction
- 5. Develop riverfront park**
 - a. Work with railroad for permission to clean up property on west side of tracks
 - b. Develop cost estimates for pedestrian overpass
 - c. Work with park board to establish committee to oversee the development
- 6. Incorporate council priorities into a balanced budget**
 - a. Request city manager to include known council funding priorities in budget as possible
 - b. Direct that when fully funding these priority items in the budget is not possible, that at least some capacity be reserved for these items, so that not all have to be taken from reserves.
- 7. Perform annual city manager review**
 - a. Establish criteria and methodology for measurement of manager performance
 - b. Perform evaluation of performance against established criteria
- 8. Add more bike lanes along city streets**
 - a. Obtain information on costs of adding bike lanes to existing arterials
 - b. Request staff to investigate availability of grant funding for adding bike lanes
 - c. Consider revision of construction codes to require bike lanes in appropriate circumstances
- 9. Investigate creation of senior/youth center**
 - a. Refer to earlier community study to determine citizen interest in a facility
 - b. Determine appropriate funding for a facility
 - c. Consider locations or including in other city facilities, such as library
- 10. Support downtown revitalization efforts**
 - a. Continue having a council member assigned to the KDRA board
 - b. Continue having a fixed spot for KDRA on meeting agenda
 - c. Consider impact on downtown revitalization when weighing future decisions
- 11. Purchase laptops for council**
 - a. Request staff to bring proposal for purchase of appropriate hardware
 - b. Provide adequate council and staff training

12. Hire more parks personnel

- a. Add funding to the parks department to provide for additional staff, with emphasis on beautification through increased outdoor maintenance during growing season
- b. Identify opportunities to enhance maintenance through additional use of corrections department

13. Focus land holdings on downtown properties to influence appropriate development

- a. Identify current city real estate holdings
- b. Identify and purchase targeted properties in downtown core with reference to downtown development plan
- c. Sell downtown properties to developers wishing to establish businesses consistent with downtown development plan

14. Implement quiet zone for railroad

- a. Work with community development department to identify necessary steps
- b. Consider costs of bringing crossings to standards required for quiet zones

15. Investigate annexation of "islands" of county property within city

- a. Identify costs of annexation, including expected costs of future service to residents in these "islands"
- b. Determine interest of affected residents in annexation

16. Complete branding process

- a. Work through Chamber to identify support for proceeding with branding
- b. Identify appropriate budget for these efforts
- c. Identify interested service providers and request proposals for these services

17. Establish recreation department

- a. Request parks staff to determine citizen interests in types of programs to be provided
- b. Request parks staff to identify costs of programs, including additional staffing

18. Develop protocols for citizen and council communications

- a. Consider and adopt council rules of procedure
- b. Consider policy on citizen communications

19. Provide licensing program for landlords

- a. Identify specific goals of landlord licensing and determine best approach
- b. Investigate similar ordinances in other jurisdictions (including Pasco, WA)

20. Consider supporting the connection of Allen Street to Rose Valley Road

- a. Discuss project with county commissioners
- b. Investigate potential advantages and disadvantages
- c. Draft letter of support for the concept

21. Consider supporting a bottle bill (deposit on cans/bottles) to legislature

- a. Discuss any current proposals along these lines with legislative representatives
- b. Investigate potential advantages and disadvantages
- c. Draft letter of support for the concept to our legislators