

On March 11, 2019 the Gretna City Council and staff held their 2019 Community Goal Setting Workshop. JEO Consulting Group, Inc. once again facilitated the evening workshop which followed an agenda geared to inform, educate, and build consensus among the ten (10) local decision-makers in attendance. The evening work session began with City staff discussed the accomplishments made by the City in 2018. This impressive list, included:

### 2018 Accomplishments

- Public Works Building under construction.
- Final Planning Phase of Downtown Revitalization Project in process with construction in 2019. An Open House was held on February 26, 2019.
- Annexation and Designation as a City of the First-Class is pending with the results of the law suit regarding the City's action.
- Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County and surrounding communities for two-mile ETJ once Gretna becomes a City of the First-Class pending results of the law suit and negotiations with Papillion.
- Amend the Future Land Use and Transportation Plan to reflect areas of growth and potential development. Waiting for law suit to be completed.
- New Comprehensive Plan. Waiting for the annexation and new census information.
- Reconstruction of 204<sup>th</sup> Street from Highway 370 south to Schram Road – spring, 2019.
- Reconstruction of 216<sup>th</sup> & Schram Road almost completed.
- Sidewalks/Trail Infill along 216<sup>th</sup> and 204<sup>th</sup> Streets. Construction almost completed.
- Construction of two new test wells for future production is completed.
- Landscape Medians & Entry Signs are Completed.
- Northern portion of the Highway 370 Property is sold and under development.
- Sarpy County Sewer Study and Agency. The Agency is formed and the City is participating.
- Completed Architectural Programming and Conceptual Design for new Community Center/Library. Fundraising is now taking place.
- Continued updating Wellhead Protection Area Ordinance. Will be updated when Well 8 is installed this year.
- Continued GIS City Utilities. Project Completed.
- Complete build out of Fields at Gretna. No timetable. Planning process underway.
- Construction of a new Family Aquatic Center. Will be determined after the master plan for the park is completed.
- Dog Park. In the proposed masterplan for the Fields at Gretna.
- ½ cent sales tax. Will be discussed and decided this calendar year.
- South sewer line extension south of I-80. The project is planned for this fiscal year.
- WP19 Lake Project – City Park/Recreation Area. NRD has project scheduled in 10-years.

- WP4 Lake Project – Trails and Recreation. The NRD has purchased some of the ground for this project and plans construction in the next five years.
- Wehrspan Trail Project – MAPA Funding – 2020. Planning and project is programmed to start October of 2019.
- 192<sup>nd</sup> St. south of Hwy 370 – alignment. Being determined
- 192<sup>nd</sup> St. Interchange planning. Interchange Justification Report engineer selection should take place in Summer of 2019 by NDOT.
- Chestnut Ridge Commercial Lots/SID 254 – Sewer Issue. The final arrangements have been approved by the City Council.

Next, JEO provided the committee with an overview of the formal goal setting process, including past strategic planning efforts, status of previously identified priorities, and future initiatives that are on the horizon so judicious strategies can be formulated and implemented for sound community growth.

## **PRIORITY SETTING AND RANKING**

City staff detailed specific issues and/or concerns surrounding 30 strategic issues. Once the strategic issues were thoroughly defined, local decision-makers were asked to consider rank their top Tier priorities. The results of this first round showed a clear consensus on six (6) priority issues for Gretna in 2019:

### 2019 Tier I Priorities

- Enact a ½-cent sales tax
- South sewer line extension south of I-80
- Sale the south 35± acres of the City’s 370 property
- Construction of a new Family Aquatic Center
- Completion of Annexation and implement City of the First-Class requirements
- Construction of Downtown Revitalization Project

These strategic issues were referred to as “Tier I Priorities” - or of highest importance to the community - since they received a majority of first round votes from of committee members present.

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The five (5) Tier II Priorities for the City of Gretna in 2019 include:

### 2019 Tier II Priorities

- Complete build out of Fields at Gretna
- Expansion of Gretna City Hall

- Construction of a new splash pad within the City of Gretna
- Development of new Industrial Land south of I-80
- Make Gretna's Parks tobacco-free

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The only Tier III Priority for the City of Gretna in 2019 include:

#### 2019 Tier III Priorities

- Southeast Sewer Area – 3,000 acres

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The Tier IV Priority for the City of Gretna in 2019 are shown in order of Tier I, then Tier II, and finally, Tier III votes:

#### 2019 Tier IV Priorities

- Creation of a Gretna Development Committee
- Reinstate deferred sewer areas
- Construction of a new Skate Park
- Chestnut Ridge Commercial Lots/SID 254 – Sewer Issue
- Community Wide Traffic
- Enhance Utility Billings
- Allowing and Regulating Food Trucks
- Create a Gretna Police Department/Station
- Develop a new recreational trail from Fields at Gretna to Outlet Mall
- Creation of a Recreation Department
- Pave Capehart Road from Highway 6/31 to the Park entrances
- Additional Downtown Parking
- Construct Community Center/Library
- New Comprehensive Plan

### **TIMEFRAME FOR PRIORITY IMPLEMENTATION**

The final activity of the goal setting process was to recommend a timeframe for implementation for each of the priorities. Four timeframes were used: Short-Term – defined as priorities to be accomplished over the next three (3) years, mid-term – priorities to be accomplished within 4-7 years, long-term – priorities to be accomplished within 8-10 years, ongoing priorities, or institutionalized priorities, as defined above.

It is important to note that an individual priority can be assigned multiple timeframes for implementation. Certain action steps, such as a study, need to take place in the short-term

so the priority can secure the needed funding or permits to be implemented in the mid- or long-term.

The results of this exercise are shown below:

#### Short-Term Goals

- Enact a ½-cent sales tax
- South sewer line extension south of I-80
- Construction of a new Family Aquatic Center
- Completion of Annexation and implement City of the First-Class requirements
- Construction of Downtown Revitalization Project

#### Short-Term & Mid-Term

- Complete build out of Fields at Gretna

#### Mid-Term Goals

- Sale the south 35± acres of the City's 370 property
- Expansion of Gretna City Hall

#### Mid-Term & Long-Term

- Construction of a new splash pad within the City of Gretna

#### Long-Term Goals

- Southeast Sewer Area – 3,000 acres

#### Ongoing

- Development of new Industrial Land south of I-80