

**INPUT**

**DATE** 07/24/2007  
**LOCATION** Knoxville, Iowa

**KNOXVILLE ASSETS / LIKES:**

- Peaceful /safe / nice police
- Good food
- Sports
- Wal-Mart
- Nationals [races]
- Skatepark
- Nice school trips (8<sup>th</sup> graders to Washington DC / Choir to New York City)

**KNOXVILLE CONCERNS / DISLIKES:**

- Nothing to do
- Too many bars / presense of Drugs
- Some dirty areas [run-down / neglected areas of town] near schools
- No large auditorium
- No support of the arts
- o music (oriented) coffee house [smoke-free hang out]
- Have to go to other towns for entertainment
- NWe go to Oskaloosa: mall, 'gamestop', large auditorium (we hold dance recitals there)
- We go to Newton: drive-in theatre
- We go to Ottumwa: Ottumwa beach, YMCA

**WHAT DO WE WANT / NEED IN KNOXVILLE:**

- Water park / outdoor pool
- Fitness/sports complex 24/7
- Restaurants [jobs and enjoyment]
- Shopping/strip mall [jobs and support of local merchants]
- Auditorium @ High School with A/C /stage for arts [school performances]
- Grandstands used for concerts
- Clean the lake's swimming beaches
- Better connection / entertainment for race fans
- Nice hotel/motel
- Arts / Music Venue [community center] [Recognized artist in concert]
- Local educational opportunities / Community college classes
- More support of town activities /festivals / school events
- Mall (regional attraction /jobs /local convenience)



- Outdoor pool / Workout facility / Tennis courts
- More local retailers on the Square: deli, clothing, shoes, bakery, meat market
- Entertainment / Laser Tag / paint ball / ATV park/ Casino / Fun Center
- Nicer local movie theater /restaurants
- All–age music venue / concerts
- Bowling alley /Coffee house – smoke free
- Professional local job opportunities (not just fast food and chain retail /Walmart)
- Expanded bike trail around town [toward lake
- Better access to lake – more amenities / lakefront homes, restaurants, better road
- School spirit [pep bus] [support for school activities]
- More professional jobs opportunities /training opportunities
- Teen hangout [such as Pella ‘Smokey Row’ or Pella Memorial Building (shows), Club A.M.]
- Open gym /expanded hours / low or no cost to residents
- Expand towards lake /Expand Bike trail to lake
- New housing near/at lake
- Bigger county fair /more fair activities /attractions
- Combine ‘Ag in City’ and county fair [attract no only little kids]
- High School/Club support by community [support of 4H activities]
- Group /cliques don’t currently mix (farmers, gamers, sports)
- This town limits youth activities during Homecoming
  - We want bonfire
  - Focus on more than just football team
  - Want more display of school spirit
  - Our community doesn’t care about us
- Pella is cleaner [Pella Square is cooler] – huge rivalry between communities
- Want pep bus to take underclassmen to tournaments [baseball in Dsm]
- ‘Club A.M’. – no alcohol/underage clubs in town [Club Energy in DSM – Drive/carpool]
- Develop personal, one–on–one contact with local business owners
- Outside corporate businesses don’t support community in fundraising (Wells Fargo, Wal–Mart, Family Video) – not many local places to turn to
- Indoor/outdoor expanded entertainment / recreation facility
- Communication within town needs improved – advertise in paper [our website outdated]

### **VA SITE SPECIFICS**

- Wouldn't tear buildings down. Re–use /Renovate as possible
- Would move in [live/work within] if renovated. Could convert into campus dorms
- Beautiful campus Repurpose for classrooms, dorms, private residences (duplex)
- Create expanded Outdoor sports complex on grounds
- Re–use /expand / update stage
- Race fan utilization: housing, camping, parking, shopping (food & more) – provide a connection to race track.
- Closer to school than the Square –provide school associate activities / lunch time food.
- New housing /rehab housing /senior housing /young adult housing

