



City of Raymore, MO

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

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**2012 GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN
RESIDENT SURVEY RESULTS**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

A thorough understanding of citizen attitudes toward growth and development provides a strong foundation upon which to build development policies for the City of Raymore. The Raymore Department of Community Development conducted a survey in July/August 2012 designed to gather resident opinions and feedback regarding growth and development in the City. The information gathered in the survey will be used by the City Planning and Zoning Commission to prepare a new Growth Management Plan (GMP). This survey serves as a key public participation component of the new Growth Management Plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission chose the resident survey as a cost effective method to ask for resident opinions regarding growth issues for the City of Raymore. The survey contained 27 questions regarding land use and development, housing, community services and facilities, transportation, the environment, strengths and weaknesses of the community, and resident communication. This report summarizes the responses provided by residents regarding various issues facing Raymore.

This survey results report is organized in three primary sections: the Executive Summary, Complete Survey Results and Appendices. The executive summary includes survey methodology, a summary of findings categorized into key planning areas, and a listing of key implications for the preparation of the new Growth Management Plan. Survey results are divided into two sections. Section 1 lists each question with responses provided by residents and a graph or table summarizing results. Section 2 lists any “write-in” responses to each question that included “other (please specify)” as an option. The Appendices include the actual survey, cover letter provided by the mayor, a map identifying the location of households that received the survey and households that returned the survey, and an overview and responses provided to the online survey.

PURPOSE AND METHODOLOGY

During July and August 2012, City staff administered the survey to Raymore residents. The purpose of the survey was to gather input from residents about a wide range of community development issues. The questions were prepared and specifically directed to obtain feedback from the residents on:

- Perceived importance of various growth and community planning issues
- Perceptions about the community
- Perceptions about how growth is managed
- Perceived strengths and weaknesses of the community
- Perceived impact that growth is having on the City
- Perceptions of transportation and mobility in and outside the City
- Attitudes about the regulation or approach of development

Survey Methodology

The resident survey was administered by mail and an electronic version on the City website using *Survey Monkey*™. The City Geographic Information System (GIS) was utilized to randomly select 1,000 households to receive the mailed survey. Surveys were mailed on July 27, 2012 along with a prepaid postage return envelope. The four page survey was accompanied by a cover letter from the Mayor explaining the goals and objectives of the survey as well as the due date for final return to City offices.

A total of 365 surveys were returned by the established deadline. City staff entered survey responses into Microsoft Access and subsequently analyzed the data. The overall results of the survey have an error level of $\pm 4.1\%$ at the 95% level of confidence.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Resident responses to the survey questions can be categorized in the following areas:

- Land use and development
- Housing
- Community services and facilities
- Transportation
- The environment
- Government communication

Categorizing the findings assisted staff in developing key implications for the preparation of the new Growth Management Plan. The findings associated with the survey will assist the Planning and Zoning Commission in determining what will be the key planning areas included in the Growth Management Plan.

Land Use and Development

Questions related to land use and development were included in the survey to understand if there are potential gaps between resident opinions and specific goals, objectives and policies related to land use and development in Raymore. Respondents overwhelmingly indicated the most important growth challenges facing Raymore in the future are competition with surrounding communities for new businesses and job opportunities, keeping costs manageable and managing growth and development appropriately.

Respondents identified a priority for land use issues in the preservation of natural resources, open spaces, and sustainability of the environment. Residents also supported use of regulations and standards that make commercial and industrial areas more aesthetically pleasing.

Respondents generally appear satisfied with the mix of land uses and small community feel in the City and over 77% agree that Raymore's physical growth has been for the better. Additionally, over 60% of the respondents indicated the need for additional commercial uses. The survey also indicates that 30% of respondents suggest growth and development should be approached and managed appropriately.

Housing

Housing affordability was selected as the primary reason respondents chose to live in Raymore, and residential neighborhoods was considered one of the strengths of the City. 27% of survey respondents indicated the City should encourage more diverse housing style choices, while 33% of the residents surveyed indicated affordable housing options should be encouraged in future growth.

Community Services and Facilities

Residents give high ratings to the Raymore-Peculiar school district. In fact, 46% of the respondents consider the school district to be Raymore's greatest strength and 17% stated this was the primary reason for moving to Raymore. The survey also indicated a primary reason for moving to Raymore (28%) was a safe living environment, likely due to public safety services such as police and fire. The write-in responses also supported this high level of satisfaction for public safety.

Services and facilities that residents felt Raymore needed was a community center, pool, and entertainment options. 20% of residents felt that Raymore should focus on strengthening the presence of facilities for community use.

Transportation

The survey asked a couple of questions related to transportation within the City and surrounding area. 55% of the residents strongly agreed or agreed that the overall road network in Raymore meets the needs of its citizens. This survey also suggests there is a small percentage of respondents, 13%, that believe Raymore should focus on strengthening mobility and connectivity in Raymore and provide transportation improvements for going to other metropolitan destinations.

The Environment

Protection of the environment is highly valued by respondents to the survey. Not surprisingly, 71% of the respondents support protection of the environment and believe that sustainability should be at the core in all decisions made for Raymore's future. Similarly, 77% of the respondents also strongly support restricting development near stream corridors and natural areas to protect that natural resource.

Government and Resident Communication

The survey asked respondents to select the best way they would prefer to receive information regarding the Growth Management Plan Update. Most respondents prefer to receive information via Newsletter (40%), the Raymore Review (36%) or by Email (33%).

KEY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

What do the survey results mean for the Growth Management Plan?

- Long term policies that protect how the City looks today

Respondents indicated strong support for policies and standards that contain growth within the city limits, preserve and protect natural resources and open spaces, and plan and maintain efficient use of infrastructure and services in the City. Respondents also indicated they felt there was a lack of retail development in the City and were supportive of adding to the inventory of retail businesses in the City. Growth Management Plan goals and policies should continue to implement growth that will be aesthetically pleasing in commercial and industrial areas in the City to create economic growth and job opportunities.

- Housing that is affordable to residents is important

As an overall goal, the survey results indicate support for housing affordability and a variety of housing choices to satisfy the needs of existing and future residents.

The Growth Management Plan's goals and objectives for housing should focus on infill and on the efficient use of land and energy in future housing developments to broaden the availability and affordability of housing in the City. Trends towards smaller homes on smaller lots may be considered where appropriate to meet efficient use of land. Though the survey did not point to a deficiency in affordable rental housing in the City, further study may be warranted as part of the on-going planning process to determine whether this is a need.

- A balanced approach to managing growth and development in the City

Respondents favor a balanced approach to growth and development in the City. This kind of approach allows an impartial evaluation to reach consensus on competing interest and goals. The current decision making process in the City reinforces a balanced approach and should continue in the goals and policies of the Growth Management Plan.

- Reinforce access to open spaces and recreational areas

Proximity and physical connections between residential areas, parks, open spaces and natural areas have value for residents in the City. This conclusion reinforces land use, transportation and infrastructure practices and decisions in the City and indicates the importance of planning for growth and development as a system and not a series of inter-dependent actions. Goals and policies in the Growth Management Plan should strengthen the non-vehicular connections from existing residential areas to existing parks, new parks, recreational areas and the natural areas that are part of the City.

- Solutions to traffic and transportation issues are important

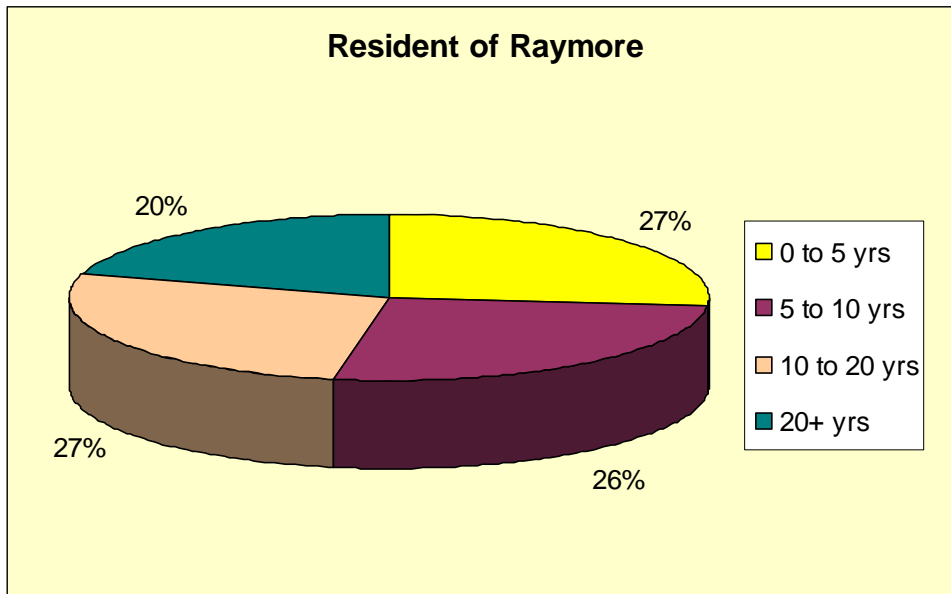
The survey did not expand on transportation issues, but history indicates that residents rely on private vehicles for their primary trip on typical weekdays for work and shopping. Reliance on private vehicles is anticipated to continue in the future. Although only a small percentage of residents may use public transportation, as the population ages, fuel costs increase, and the desire to limit impacts to environmental and community features grows, public transportation modes is anticipated to increase.

The Growth Management Plan's goals, objectives and policies should continue to focus on maximizing the existing road system and maintaining good quality roadway pavement, adding travel and turning lanes to existing roads and upgrading traffic signals. The Growth Management Plan should continue to use municipal capital improvement programs to make investments in roadways.

**Survey Results
Charts and Graphs**

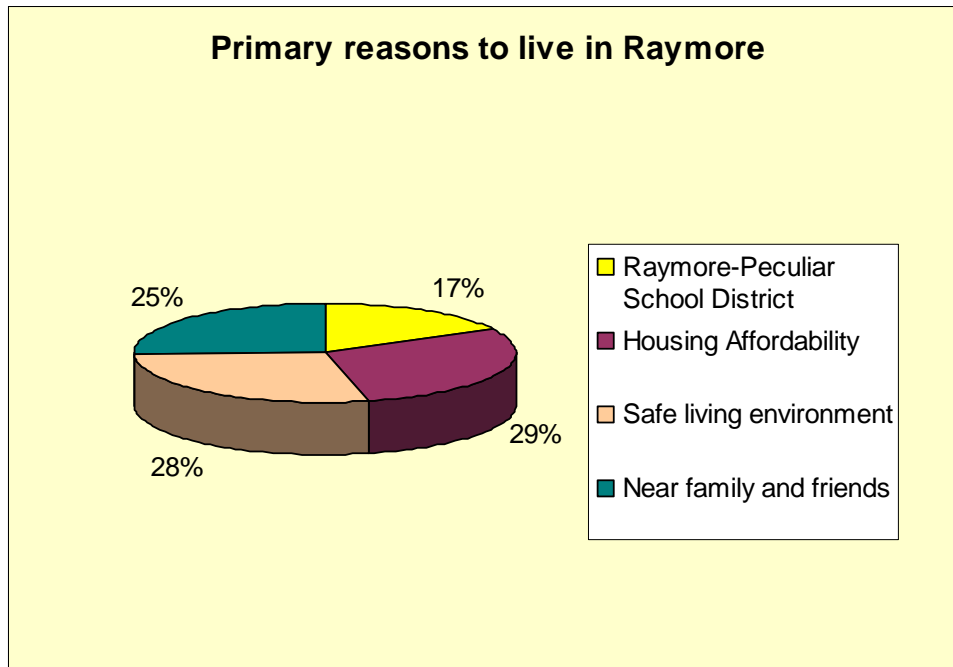
Q1. How long have you been a resident of Raymore?

Q1. Resident of Raymore	Number	Percent
0 to 5 years	97	27%
5 to 10 years	96	26%
10 to 20 years	98	27%
20+ years	74	20%
Total	365	100%



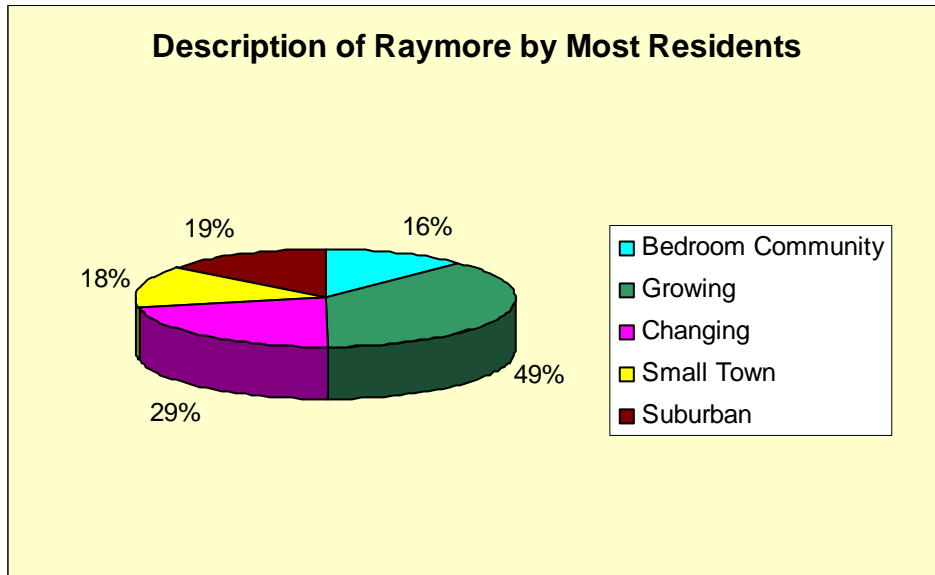
Q2. What was the primary reason you chose to live or conduct business in Raymore?

Q2. Primary reason(s)	Number	Percent
Raymore-Peculiar School District	62	17%
Housing Affordability	104	29%
Job in Raymore	6	1%
Proximity to Job	49	13%
Safe living environment	102	28%
Near family and friends	91	25%
Community atmosphere	31	8%
Proximity to daily activities/ needs	23	6%
Parks and recreation amenities	6	1%
Born in Raymore	4	1%
Community appearance/ aesthetics	31	8%
Other	40	11%
Total	549	



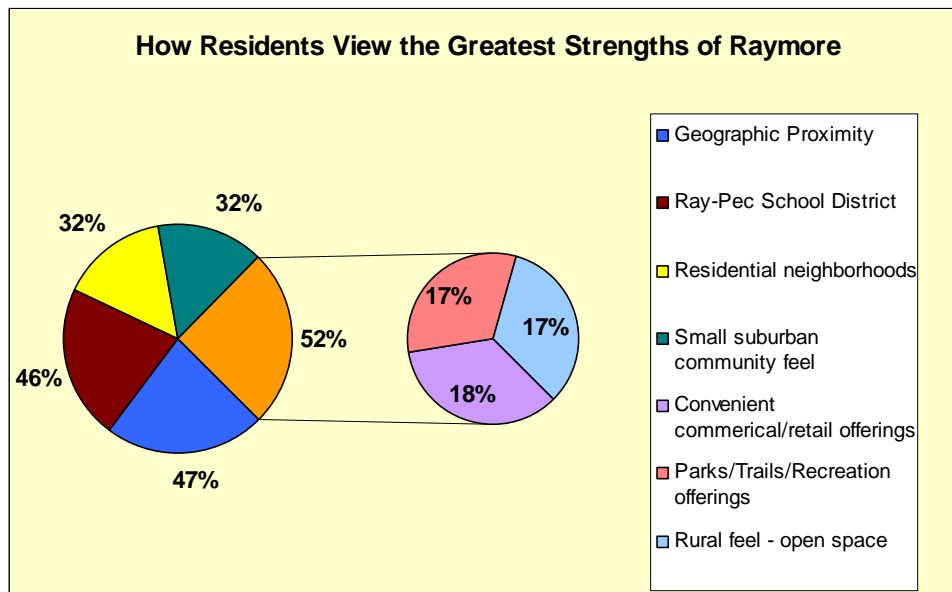
Q3. How would you describe Raymore?

Q3. Description	Number	Percent
Vibrant	9	2%
Sleepy	7	1%
Small Town	67	18%
Changing	107	29%
Growing	180	49%
Suburban	72	19%
Rural	9	2%
Bedroom Community	59	16%
Other	16	4%
Total	576	



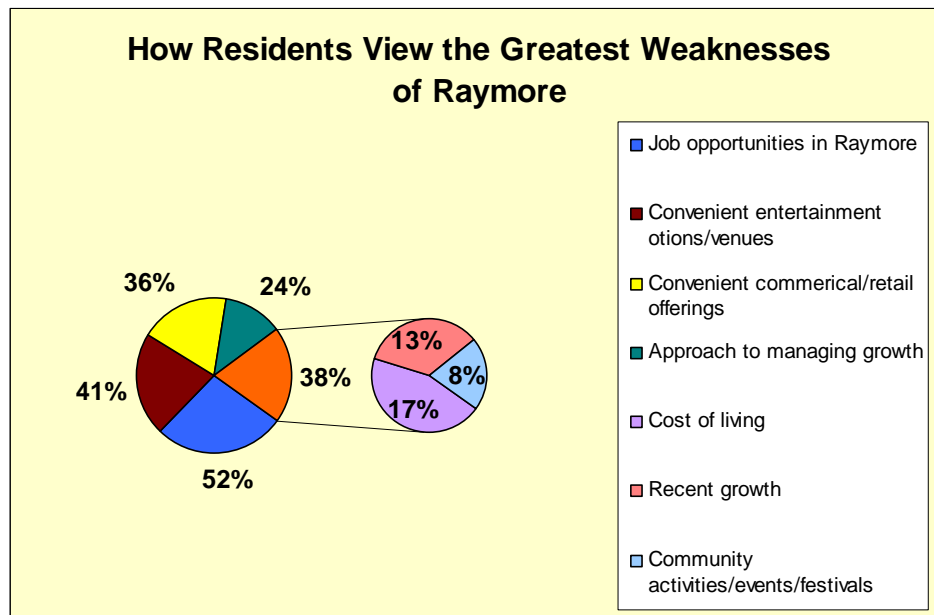
Q4. What three things do you consider to be the greatest strengths of Raymore?

Q4. Strengths of Raymore	Number	Percent
Parks/ Trails Recreation offerings	62	17%
Community activities/ events/ festivals	13	4%
Raymore-Peculiar School District	167	46%
Small suburban community feel	124	34%
Recent growth	48	13%
Convenient commercial/ retail offerings	64	18%
Job opportunities in Raymore	2	0%
Sense of community/ Community identity	39	11%
Residential neighborhoods	117	32%
Geographic proximity to the metropolitan area	171	47%
Rural feel – open space	63	17%
Approach to managing growth	11	3%
Housing choices	45	12%
Level of community involvement	5	1%
Cost of living	55	15%
Convenient to entertainment options/ venues	2	0%
Appearance of community	51	14%
Other	13	4%
Total	1,052	



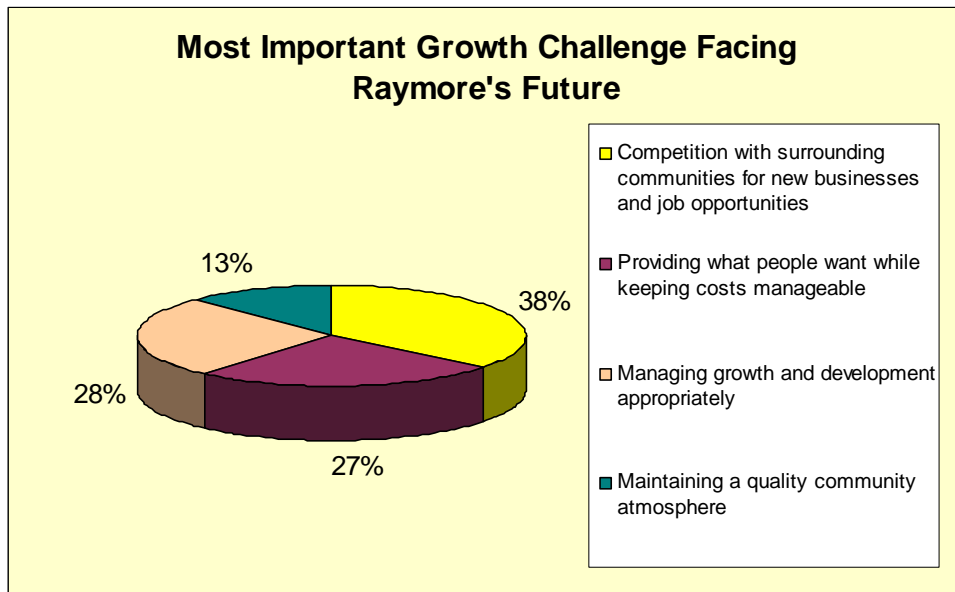
Q5. What three things do you consider to be the greatest weaknesses of Raymore?

Q4. Weaknesses of Raymore	Number	Percent
Parks/ Trails Recreation offerings	31	8%
Community activities/ events/ festivals	32	8%
Raymore-Peculiar School District	16	4%
Small suburban community feel	9	2%
Recent growth	48	13%
Convenient commercial/ retail offerings	132	36%
Job opportunities in Raymore	190	52%
Sense of community/ Community identity	18	5%
Residential neighborhoods	7	2%
Geographic proximity to the metropolitan area	20	5%
Rural feel – open space	14	4%
Approach to managing growth	89	24%
Housing choices	18	5%
Level of community involvement	31	8%
Cost of living	63	17%
Convenient to entertainment options/ venues	151	41%
Appearance of community	24	7%
Other	41	11%
Total	934	



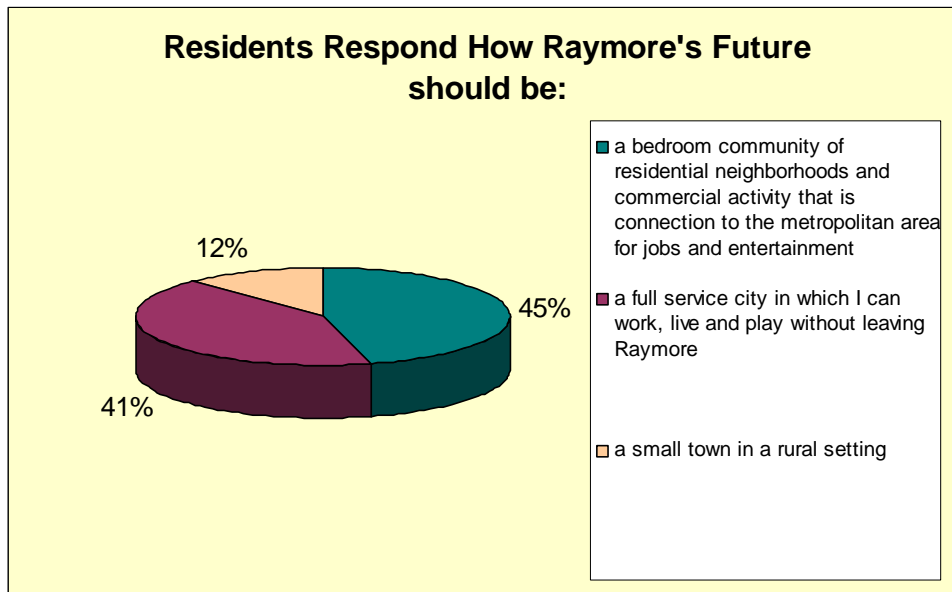
Q6. What is the most important growth challenge facing Raymore in the future?

Q6. Challenges facing Raymore	Number	Percent
Competition with surrounding communities for new businesses and job opportunities	140	38%
Managing growth and development appropriately	97	27%
Providing what people want while keeping costs manageable	104	28%
Developing a sense of identity and future direction	17	5%
Maintaining a quality community atmosphere	48	13%
Impact of outside economic forces on Raymore	19	5%
Preparing a sustainability plan for the City	32	9%
Other	14	4%
Total	471	



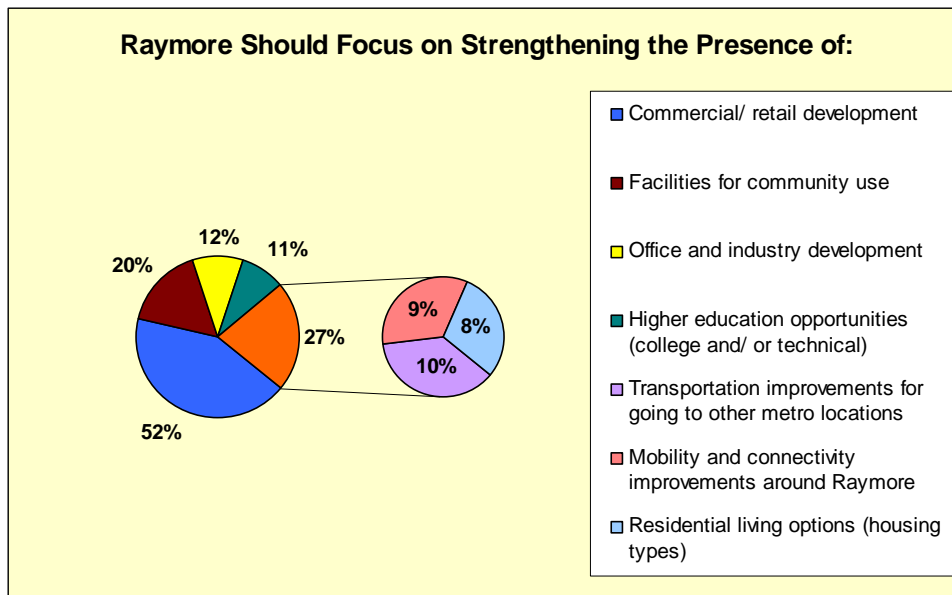
Q7. Raymore’s future should be as...

Q7. Raymore’s future	Number	Percent
a small town in a rural setting	42	12%
a bedroom community of residential neighborhoods and commercial activity that is connected to the metropolitan area for jobs and entertainment	166	45%
a full service city in which I can work, live and play without leaving Raymore	149	41%
Did not respond	8	2%
Total	365	100%



Q8. In the future Raymore should focus on strengthening the presence of:

Q8. Strengthening the presence of	Number	Percent
Residential living options (housing types)	31	8%
Commercial/ retail development	191	52%
Higher education opportunities (college and/ or technical)	39	11%
Facilities for community use	73	20%
Office and clean industry development	45	12%
Mobility and connectivity improvement for getting around Raymore (i.e. walking, biking, driving, transit)	32	9%
Transportation improvements for going to other metro locations (i.e. auto, transit)	38	10%
Other	27	7%
Total	476	



Q9. Raymore should do whatever it can to continue to grow.

Q9. Raymore should do whatever	Number	Percent
Agree	236	65%
Disagree	120	33%
No response	9	2%
Total	365	100%

Q10. Developing land inside of the current City limits is more important than annexation.

Q10. Developing land inside City limits	Number	Percent
Agree	249	68%
Disagree	93	25%
No response	23	6%
Total	365	100%

Q11. Providing more opportunities for professional and technical jobs in Raymore should take a priority over additional commercial and retail jobs.

Q11. Providing more opportunities	Number	Percent
Agree	163	45%
Disagree	178	49%
No response	24	7%
Total	365	100%

Q12. Commercial growth should be dispersed throughout the community.

Q12. Commercial growth dispersed	Number	Percent
Agree	238	65%
Disagree	106	29%
No response	21	6%
Total	365	100%

Q13. I like Raymore just the way it is and want it to stay this way in the future.

Q13. I like Raymore just the way it is	Number	Percent
Agree	84	23%
Disagree	264	72%
No response	17	5%
Total	365	100%

Q14. We need more retail and entertainment choices in Raymore.

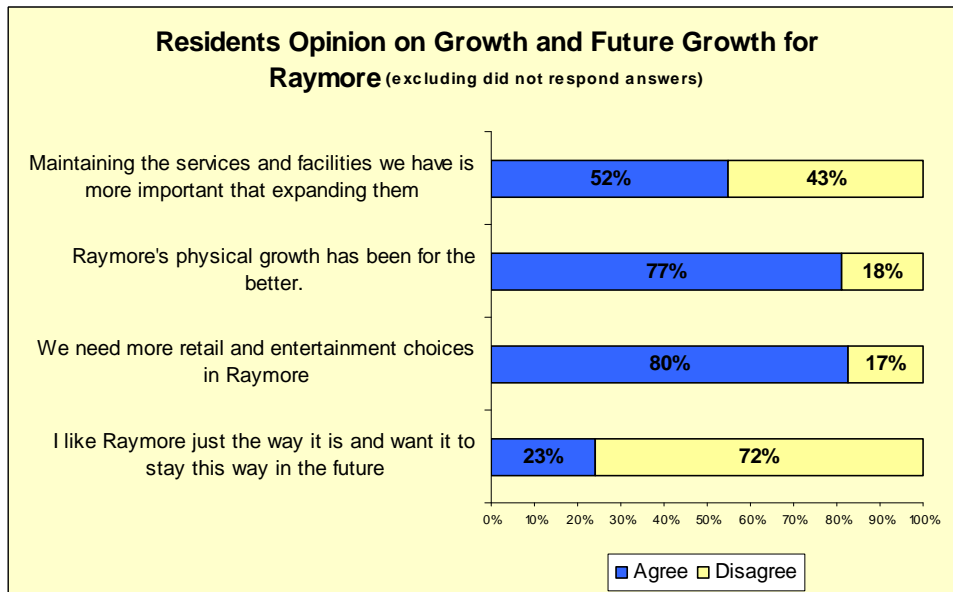
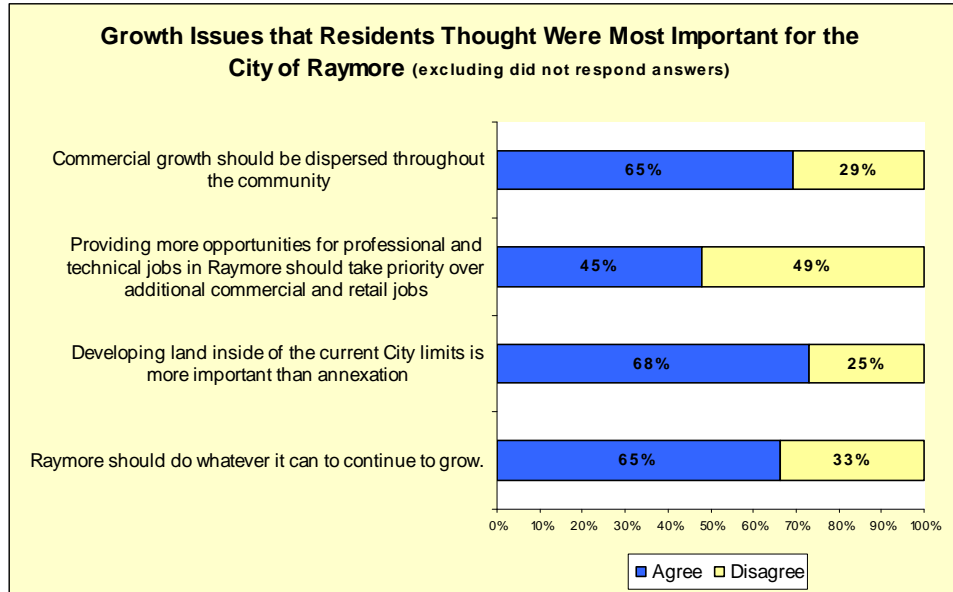
Q14. We need more retail	Number	Percent
Agree	280	80%
Disagree	63	17%
No response	11	3%
Total	365	100%

Q15. Raymore's physical growth has been for the better.

Q15. Raymore's physical growth	Number	Percent
Agree	271	77%
Disagree	67	18%
No response	17	5%
Total	365	100%

Q16. Maintaining the services and facilities we have is more important than expanding them.

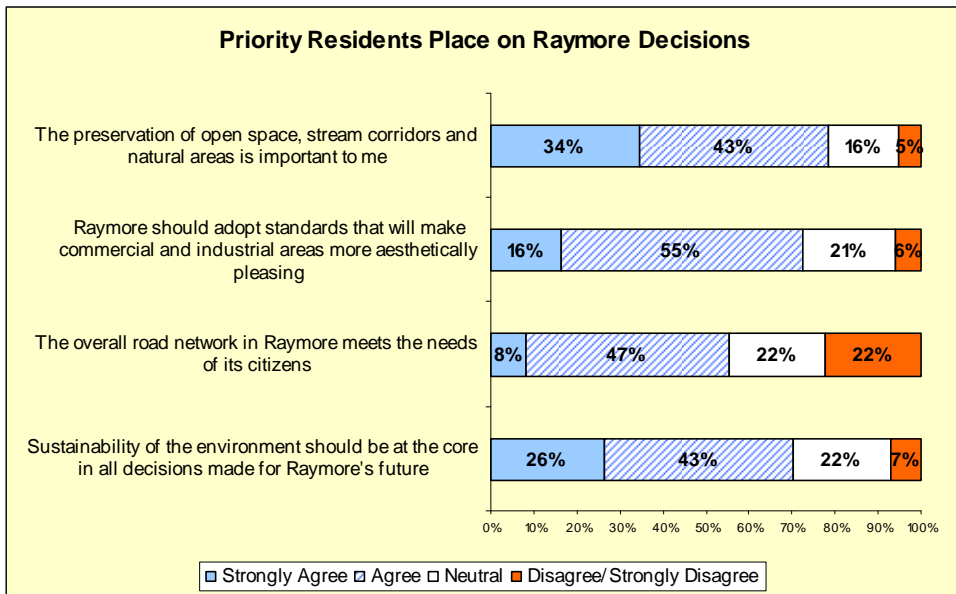
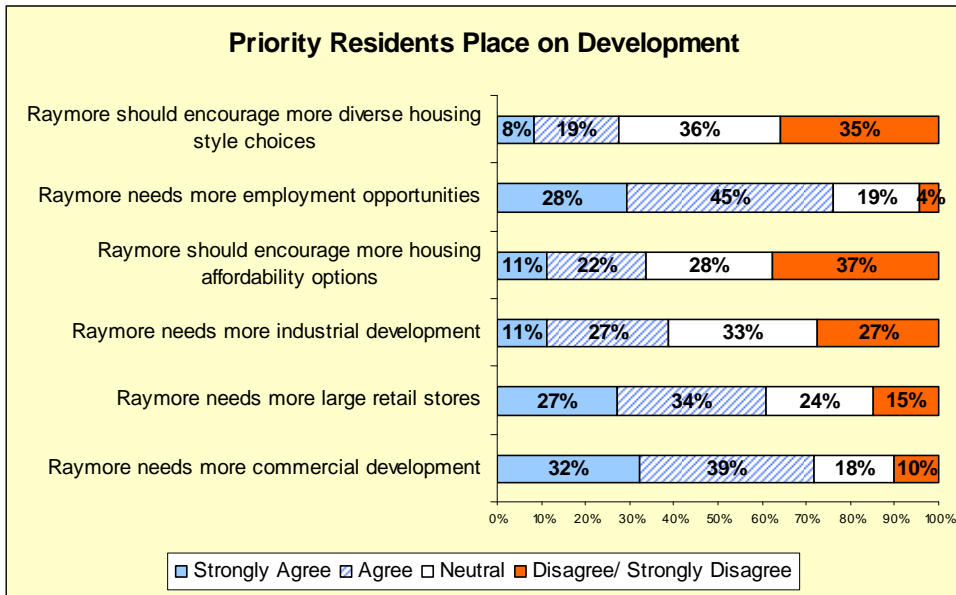
Q16. Maintaining the services	Number	Percent
Agree	190	52%
Disagree	156	43%
No response	19	5%
Total	365	100%



Q17. Level of agreement with the following statements listed, without “no response”.

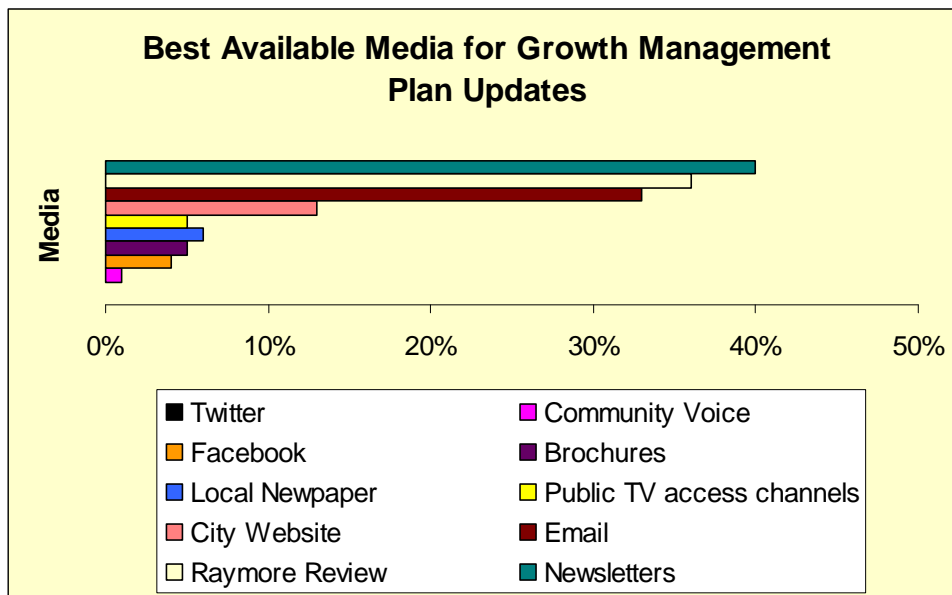
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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Q17a. Raymore needs more commercial development	32%	38%	18%	7%	4%
Q17b. Raymore needs more retail stores	27%	33%	23%	12%	3%
Q17c. Raymore needs more industrial development	11%	27%	33%	18%	9%
Q17d. Raymore should encourage more housing affordability options	11%	22%	27%	25%	12%
Q17e. Raymore needs more employment opportunities	28%	45%	19%	2%	2%
Q17f. Raymore should encourage more diverse housing style choices	8%	19%	36%	24%	11%
Q17g. Sustainability of the environment should be at the core in all decisions made for Raymore’s future	26%	45%	22%	5%	2%
Q17h. The overall road network in Raymore meets the needs of its citizens	8%	47%	22%	17%	5%
Q17i. Raymore should adopt standards that will make commercial and industrial areas more aesthetically pleasing	16%	55%	21%	5%	1%
Q17j. The preservation of open space, stream corridors and natural areas is important to me	34%	43%	16%	4%	1%



Q18. What is the best way for you to receive information about the GMP update?

Q18. Receiving GMP update	Number	Percent
Email	119	33%
Newsletter	147	40%
Brochures	17	5%
Raymore Review	130	36%
City Website	47	13%
Public TV access channel	19	5%
Local newspaper	22	6%
Twitter	2	0%
Facebook	15	4%
Community Voice	4	0%
Total	522	



Appendix A
(Cover letter, survey instrument, and household distribution map)



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July, 2012

Dear Raymore Resident,

The City of Raymore is requesting your help and a few minutes of your time! You have been randomly chosen to participate in a survey designed to gather resident opinions and feedback regarding growth and development in the City. The information requested in this survey will be used by the City Planning and Zoning Commission to prepare a new Growth Management Plan (GMP) for the City. The GMP serves as a guide for the future development of the City.

We greatly appreciate your time. We realize that this survey will take some time to complete, but every question is important. The time you invest will influence decisions made about the City's future.

Please return your completed survey by August 10th using the postage-paid envelope provided. The survey data will be compiled and analyzed by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Individual responses to the survey will remain confidential.

If you want to learn more about the GMP, volunteer your time and talents to working on the new plan, or if you have any questions, please contact Jim Cadoret at (816) 892-3030 or visit the project website at www.raymore.com/gmp.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Sincerely,

Peter Kerckhoff
Mayor

*“The City of Raymore is dedicated to being a
quality community in which to live, work and play.”*

2012 Raymore Growth Management Plan Survey

This survey is being conducted by the City of Raymore as part of the City Growth Management Plan (GMP) planning process. The GMP, completed in 2004, serves as a guide for the future development of the City. The City Planning Commission is currently in the process of preparing a new GMP and your input is needed. This survey was mailed to a random sample of 1,000 households. We encourage you to take a few moments of your time to complete the survey and provide your input on the planning for the future of Raymore. Please return the survey in the enclosed envelope by **Friday, August 10th**. More information about the GMP can be viewed at www.raymore.com/gmp. If you have questions, please call Jim Cadoret at (816) 892-3030.

1. How long have you been a resident of Raymore?

- 0 to 5 years
- 5 to 10 years
- 10 to 20 years
- 20+ years
- Not a resident of Raymore

2. What was the primary reason you chose to live or conduct business in Raymore?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raymore-Peculiar School District | <input type="checkbox"/> Community atmosphere |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing affordability | <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to daily activities/needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job in Raymore | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and recreation amenities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to Job | <input type="checkbox"/> Born in Raymore |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safe living environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Community appearance/aesthetics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Near family and friends | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

3. How would you describe Raymore?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vibrant | <input type="checkbox"/> Growing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepy | <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Town | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changing | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedroom Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

4. What three things do you consider to be the greatest strengths of Raymore?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks/Trails/Recreation offerings | <input type="checkbox"/> Geographic proximity to the metropolitan area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community activities/events/festivals | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural feel -open space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raymore-Peculiar School District | <input type="checkbox"/> Approach to managing growth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small suburban community feel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing choices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recent growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Level of community involvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convenient commercial/retail offerings | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of living |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job opportunities in Raymore | <input type="checkbox"/> Convenient entertainment options/venues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of community/Community identity | <input type="checkbox"/> Appearance of community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential neighborhoods | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

5. What three things do you consider to be the greatest weaknesses of Raymore?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks/Trails/Recreation offerings | <input type="checkbox"/> Geographic proximity to the metropolitan area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community activities/events/festivals | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural feel -open space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raymore-Peculiar School District | <input type="checkbox"/> Approach to managing growth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small suburban community feel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing choices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recent growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Level of community involvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convenient commercial/retail offerings | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of living |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job opportunities in Raymore | <input type="checkbox"/> Convenient entertainment options/venues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of community/Community identity | <input type="checkbox"/> Appearance of community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential neighborhoods | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

6. What is the most important growth challenge facing Raymore in the future?

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|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Competition with surrounding communities for new businesses and job opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Managing growth and development appropriately |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Providing what people want while keeping costs manageable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developing a sense of identity and future direction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining a quality community atmosphere |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impact of outside economic forces on Raymore |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing a sustainability plan for the City |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

7. Raymore's future should be as....

- a small town in a rural setting
- a bedroom community of residential neighborhoods and commercial activity that is connected to the metropolitan area for jobs and entertainment
- a full-service city in which I can work, live and play without leaving Raymore

8. In the future Raymore should focus on strengthening the presence of:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential living options (housing types) | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/retail development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/retail development | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility and connectivity improvements for getting around Raymore (i.e. walking, biking, driving, transit) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Higher education opportunities (college and/or technical) | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation improvements for going to other metro locations (i.e. auto, transit) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities for community use | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office and clean industry development | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

9. Raymore should do whatever it can to continue to grow.

- Agree Disagree

10. Developing land inside of the current City limits is more important than annexation.

- Agree Disagree

11. Providing more opportunities for professional and technical jobs in Raymore should take a priority over additional commercial and retail jobs.

- Agree Disagree

12. Commercial growth should be dispersed throughout the community.

- Agree Disagree

13. I like Raymore just the way it is and want it to stay this way in the future.

- Agree Disagree

14. We need more retail and entertainment choices in Raymore.

- Agree Disagree

15. Raymore's physical growth has been for the better.

- Agree Disagree

16. Maintaining the services and facilities we have is more important than expanding them.

- Agree Disagree

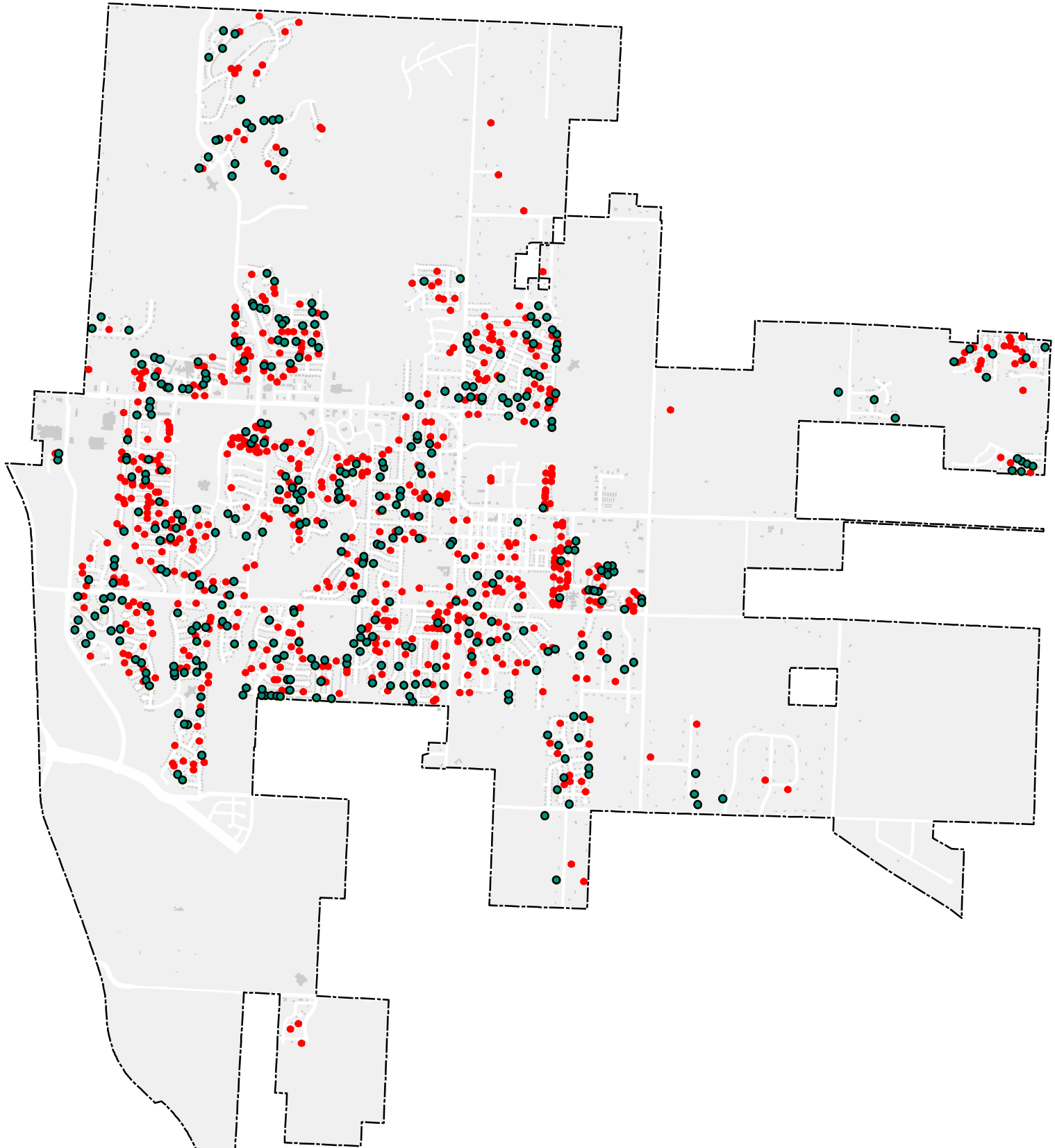
17. Level of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Raymore needs more commercial development	0	0	0	0	0
Raymore needs more large retail stores	0	0	0	0	0
Raymore needs more industrial development	0	0	0	0	0
Raymore should encourage more housing affordability options	0	0	0	0	0
Raymore needs more employment opportunities	0	0	0	0	0
Raymore should encourage more diverse housing style choices	0	0	0	0	0
Sustainability of the environment should be at the core in all decisions made for Raymore's future	0	0	0	0	0
The overall road network in Raymore meets the needs of its citizens	0	0	0	0	0
Raymore should adopt standards that will make commercial and industrial areas more aesthetically pleasing	0	0	0	0	0
The preservation of open space, stream corridors and natural areas is important to me	0	0	0	0	0

18. What is the best way for you to receive information about the GMP update?

- Email
- Newsletters
- Brochures
- Raymore Review
- City Website
- Public TV access channels
- Public TV access channels
- Other (please specify)
- Public TV access channels
- Local newspaper
- Twitter
- Facebook
- Community Voice

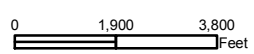
Thank you for completing this survey. More information about the Growth Management Plan can be viewed at www.raymore.com/gmp



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Survey Responses
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GMP Household Survey
1,000 Random Recipients &
Survey Responses
Date: 8/17/2012



Appendix B

Comments by Topic

Q2. What was the primary reason you chose to live or conduct business in Raymore? (40 Comments)

Comments:

Moved out of KC; business in Belton
Creekmoor Development
It was a small and remote place.
Villas of Brookside
Creekmoor
Drives to other Walmarts because too crowded here
Creekmoor
Less property taxes.
Limiting types of businesses in Raymore.
Reasonable real estate taxes.
Quiet area.
Country but close to city also
small town atmosphere
Foxwood Springs
Many of the above; smaller city.
Foxwood Springs
Creekmoor developed to live on a golf course.
1% KC tax; moved company to Raymore
Live in uncongested area/ small town concept
Creekmoor Golf Course
Close to KC and Lake.
Wanted out of Jackson Cnty and KC
Creekmoor Golf and Lake.
Retirement community
Retirement Community
Foxwood Springs
Foxwood Springs
Foxwood Springs
Location of Foxwood Springs.
Nice
Senior citizen subdivision/neighborhood
Acreage for horses and affordable here.
Great Police presence
Adult retirement community Morningview
small open city government.
Cass and NOT Jackson County
Cass County
House and mature trees in the area.
Health reasons.
Temporary housing needs.

Q3. How would you describe Raymore? (18 Comments)

Comments:

Anything is within 2-3 miles of city
Growing too fast.
No low rent housing; face of city will change.
Good police protection.
Friendly and Convenient.
Considering Belton due to commercial development.
Growing with no viable amenities/ No more car wash
Comfortable
Retirement Community
Blighted in some areas; Apartments/No Sam's Club busy but pleasant.
Large City with a small town feel
Raymore is a quiet city.
Too much crime increasing/ low income moving in.
All choices except sleepy.
Growing, but a small town atmosphere.
Progressive
Displacing the rural setting

Q4. What three things do you consider to be the greatest strengths of Raymore? (13 Comments)

Comments:

All of the above if possible to check off.
Good park trails.
Low crime.
More senior living housing
Police and Fire Department
Police department.
Police Patrol
Police presence
Quality police and fire protection.
We don't have a downtown; so can't check that.
Location of doctors and hospital
New business are attractive and give a positive feel
Safe and secure

**Q5. What three things do you consider to be the greatest weaknesses of Raymore?
(40 Comments)**

Comments:

Growing too big and too fast.
Growing too fast
Lack of public transportation
Lack of street planning such as 163rd and Lucy Webb.
Rerouting water run off
Too many fast food & not enough stores
Allows smoking in businesses
Making resale values decrease
Need more restaurants & shopping.
Not very many weaknesses here in Raymore.
Ray-Pec School District
Ray-Pec School District
Restaurants choices.
Too much politics.
Parking of commercial vehicles in res. Neighborhoods
Property taxes.
Proximity to Belton and Grandview
Public Pool.
Public Transportation
Raymore is growing too fast.
Real estate taxes too high.
Restaurant choices.
Roads
Rural roads not maintained well & need upgrading.
Sewer system on Falcon St.
Slow react to code enforcement issues; vehicles.
Street resurfacing.
Sub-sidized housing allow rift raft in community
Tax Rates.
Taxes continue to increase.
Too much commercial growth such chain stores.
Transportation to KC
Unjustified building codes.
We need a public swimming pool like Belton.
Would like a Sears, Macy's or Pennys.
Have to go to Lee's Summit, Plaza, or Town Center to shop
Senseless over building of retail spaces with vacant spots
Appears major retail is in Belton instead of Raymore
Try to intitiate a better entrance into the city on west side
Lack of cultural activities/opportunities

**Q6. What is the most important growth challenge facing Raymore in the future?
(14 Comments)**

Comments:

More blending with buildings
Growing too fast and losing small town feel.
Local gov. overstepping its bounds; controlling
Limit low income housing.
Encourage more diverse small businesses
Repair whats existing; curbs and sidewalks
Growth creates lots of problems.
Less automotive, oil and car washes.
TIF/ incentives not fair to existing businesses.
Selecting the type of businesses coming to Raymore
Allowed too many multifamily housing
No building until new infrastructure in first
Keep property taxes manageable.
Don't know

Q8. In the future should focus on strengthening the presence of: (27 Comments)

Comments:

Law enforcement.
Good commercial/retail;No sleezy bars and the like
Managing taxes.
Free medical/ dental clinics
Nothing.
Affordable housing for senior citizens.
Establishing community parks.
We don't need to bring the city here.
Nothing. Love this town!
Be nice to have a Red Lobster in our city.
Community Building for civic clubs.
Library, Splash Pads
Community Pool
Disappointed in the slow growth; more businesses.
Fix existing infrastructure; do not raise taxes
Create nicer buildings with strict bldg appearance
Facilities for County fair and motorsports.
Build a nice greenway that everyone can enjoy.
No bus services out here at all.
No more apartments because of increased crime.
No bus lines; no more multi-family housing.
Shut down duplexes in front of Creekmoor.

Safe and Drug free city.

No more apartments/duplexes; don't pay taxes.

Managing schools. Divide Raymore/Peculiar.

Law enforcement.

Attract large employers.

Appendix C
Survey Monkey™ Results and Summary

Executive Summary

On-line survey






In order to allow all Raymore residents, business owners, and individuals interested in Raymore the opportunity to provide input into the preparation of the Growth Management Plan the resident survey that was mailed to 1,000 households was posted on-line. The questions in the on-line survey were the same as the mailed survey. A total of 137 individuals completed the on-line survey. *Survey Monkey*™ was utilized to collect the responses and process the results.

Survey results comparison with mailed survey












There were a few noticeable differences between the results of the mailed survey and the results of the on-line survey:

- Responses on the mailed survey were very evenly distributed between the categories provided for how long the responder had been a resident in Raymore. For the on-line survey, responders that had resided in Raymore between 5-10 years was the leader at 32% of the responses, more than doubling responders that had lived in Raymore more than 20 years.
- The primary reason residents that completed the on-line survey chose to live in Raymore was the Raymore-Peculiar School District. For the mailed survey, the school district was the 4th highest reason, falling below housing affordability, safe living environment, and to be near family and friends.
- The top three responses to what three things are considered the greatest strengths and greatest weaknesses of Raymore were the same on both the on-line and mailed surveys.
- Competition with surrounding communities for new businesses and job opportunities was the most important growth challenge for responders to both the on-line and mailed surveys.
- What Raymore’s future should be was different between the on-line and mailed survey responses: Responders of the mailed survey selected “a bedroom community of residential neighborhoods and commercial activity that is connected to the metropolitan area for jobs and entertainment” and the on-line responders selected “a full service city in which I can work, live and play without leaving Raymore.”
- Responders to the mailed survey placed a higher level of agreement with the statement “Raymore should encourage more housing affordability options” than responders to the on-line survey.










1. How long have you been a resident of Raymore?

		Response Percent	Response Count
0 to 5 years		23.5%	32
5 to 10 years		32.4%	44
10 to 20 years		28.7%	39
20+ years		14.0%	19
Not a resident of Raymore		1.5%	2
		answered question	136
		skipped question	1
















2. What was the primary reason you chose to live or conduct business in Raymore?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Raymore-Peculiar School District		19.0%	26
Housing affordability		16.8%	23
Job in Raymore		3.6%	5
Proximity to job		7.3%	10
Safe living environment		13.9%	19
Near family and friends		16.8%	23
Community atmosphere		6.6%	9
Proximity to daily activities/needs		3.6%	5
Parks and recreation amenities		0.0%	0
Born in Raymore		0.7%	1
Community appearance/aesthetics		0.7%	1
Other (please specify)		10.9%	15
answered question			137
skipped question			0















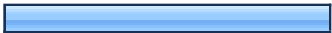


3. How would you describe Raymore?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Vibrant		2.2%	3
Sleepy		5.8%	8
Small Town		10.9%	15
Changing		17.5%	24
Growing		30.7%	42
Suburban		13.1%	18
Rural		2.2%	3
Bedroom Community		10.9%	15
Other (please specify)		6.6%	9
		answered question	137
		skipped question	0









4. What three things do you consider to be the greatest strengths of Raymore?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Parks/Trails/Recreation offerings		19.7%	27
Community activities/events/festivals		8.0%	11
Raymore-Peculiar School District		45.3%	62
Small suburban community feel		41.6%	57
Recent growth		10.2%	14
Convenient commercial/retail offerings		9.5%	13
Job opportunities in Raymore		0.0%	0
Sense of community/Community identity		11.7%	16
Residential neighborhoods		24.8%	34
Geographic proximity to the metropolitan area		54.7%	75
Rural feel - open space		23.4%	32
Approach to managing growth		5.1%	7
Housing choices		8.8%	12
Level of community involvement		0.0%	0
Cost of living		10.2%	14
Convenient entertainment options/venues		0.0%	0
Appearance of community		13.1%	18
Other (please specify)		5.8%	8
answered question			137
skipped question			0




5. What three things do you consider to be the greatest weaknesses of Raymore?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Parks/Trails/Recreation offerings		11.9%	16
Community activities/events/festivals		5.9%	8
Raymore-Peculiar School District		5.2%	7
Small suburban community feel		1.5%	2
Recent growth		14.1%	19
Convenient commercial/retail offerings		37.0%	50
Job opportunities in Raymore		45.2%	61
Sense of community/Community identity		9.6%	13
Residential neighborhoods		0.0%	0
Geographic proximity to the metropolitan area		7.4%	10
Rural feel - open space		0.7%	1
Approach to managing growth		31.1%	42
Housing choices		1.5%	2
Level of community involvement		14.1%	19
Cost of living		17.0%	23
Convenient entertainment options/venues		48.9%	66
Appearance of community		8.1%	11
Other (please specify)		23.0%	31
answered question			135






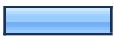


6. What is the most important growth challenge facing Raymore in the future?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Competition with surrounding communities for new businesses and job opportunities		31.9%	43
Managing growth and development appropriately		28.9%	39
Providing what people want while keeping costs manageable		10.4%	14
Developing a sense of identity and future direction		5.2%	7
Maintaining a quality community atmosphere		12.6%	17
Impact of outside economic forces on Raymore		1.5%	2
Preparing a sustainability plan for the City		3.0%	4
Other (please specify)		6.7%	9
		answered question	135
		skipped question	2



7. Raymore's future should be as....

		Response Percent	Response Count
a small town in a rural setting		10.3%	14
a bedroom community of residential neighborhoods and commercial activity that is connected to the metropolitan area for jobs and entertainment		42.6%	58
a full-service city in which I can work, live and play without leaving Raymore		47.1%	64
		answered question	136
		skipped question	1



8. In the future Raymore should focus on strengthening the presence of:

		Response Percent	Response Count
residential living options (housing types)		6.7%	9
higher education opportunities (college and/or technical)		11.1%	15
facilities for community use		38.5%	52
office and clean industry development		23.0%	31
commercial/retail development		43.0%	58
mobility and connectivity improvements for getting around Raymore (i.e. walking, biking, driving, transit)		15.6%	21
transportation improvements for going to other metro locations (i.e. auto, transit)		9.6%	13
Other (please specify)		14.1%	19
		answered question	135
		skipped question	2



9. Raymore should do whatever it can to continue to grow.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		53.0%	70
Disagree		47.0%	62
		answered question	132
		skipped question	5

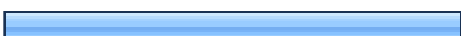

10. Developing land inside of the current City limits is more important than annexation.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		69.4%	93
Disagree		30.6%	41
answered question			134
skipped question			3



11. Providing more opportunities for professional and technical jobs in Raymore should take priority over additional commercial and retail jobs.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		47.8%	64
Disagree		52.2%	70
answered question			134
skipped question			3



12. Commercial growth should be dispersed throughout the community.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		68.7%	90
Disagree		31.3%	41
answered question			131
skipped question			6



13. I like Raymore just the way it is and want it to stay this way in the future.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		19.5%	26
Disagree		80.5%	107
answered question			133
skipped question			4



14. We need more retail and entertainment choices in Raymore.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		82.1%	110
Disagree		17.9%	24
answered question			134
skipped question			3

15. Raymore's physical growth has been for the better.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		72.9%	97
Disagree		27.1%	36
answered question			133
skipped question			4




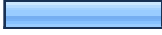







16. Maintaining the services and facilities the City provides is more important than adding new services and facilities.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		64.4%	85
Disagree		35.6%	47
		answered question	132
		skipped question	5

17. Level of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Rating Average	Response Count
Raymore needs more commercial development	35.0% (48)	39.4% (54)	13.1% (18)	10.9% (15)	1.5% (2)	3.56	137
Raymore needs more large retail stores	22.6% (31)	35.8% (49)	19.0% (26)	16.1% (22)	6.6% (9)	2.95	137
Raymore needs more industrial development	16.1% (22)	29.2% (40)	26.3% (36)	20.4% (28)	8.0% (11)	2.46	137
Raymore should encourage more housing affordability options	3.6% (5)	15.3% (21)	25.5% (35)	32.1% (44)	23.4% (32)	1.67	137
Raymore needs more employment opportunities	20.6% (28)	41.2% (56)	27.9% (38)	8.1% (11)	2.2% (3)	2.86	136
Raymore should encourage more diverse housing style choices	3.7% (5)	17.6% (24)	26.5% (36)	31.6% (43)	20.6% (28)	1.73	136
Sustainability of the environment should be at the core in all decisions made for Raymore's future	25.0% (34)	36.8% (50)	23.5% (32)	9.6% (13)	5.1% (7)	2.96	136
The overall road network in Raymore meets the needs of its citizens	10.2% (14)	48.2% (66)	19.0% (26)	21.2% (29)	1.5% (2)	2.88	137
Raymore should adopt standards that will make commercial and industrial areas more aesthetically pleasing	21.2% (29)	52.6% (72)	22.6% (31)	2.2% (3)	1.5% (2)	3.22	137
The preservation of open space, stream corridors and natural areas is important to me	39.4% (54)	43.1% (59)	14.6% (20)	2.2% (3)	0.7% (1)	3.74	137
answered question							137
skipped question							0

18. What is the best way for you to receive information about the Growth Management plan update?

		Response Percent	Response Count
e-mail		73.5%	100
newsletters		16.9%	23
brochures		1.5%	2
Raymore Review		23.5%	32
City website		32.4%	44
Public TV access channels		5.9%	8
Local newspaper		7.4%	10
Twitter		1.5%	2
Facebook		16.2%	22
Community Voice		0.7%	1
Other (please specify)		2.9%	4
answered question			136
skipped question			1

Q2. What was the primary reason you chose to live or conduct business in Raymore?

1	Found the right house at the right price in an area that had almost everything my wife and I were looking for.	Jul 31, 2012 12:08 AM
2	Initially moved to Raymore for the school district, but realized after a couple of years it didn't meet the hype.	Jul 30, 2012 1:56 PM
3	Relocated in retirement to Foxwood Springs	Jul 27, 2012 10:42 PM
4	church was in Raymore	Jul 25, 2012 11:26 AM
5	housing quality and proximity to job	Jul 23, 2012 8:38 AM
6	Desire for an affordable acreage property on which to build.	Jul 22, 2012 9:00 PM
7	We wanted to live in a higher class neighborhood where homeowners took good care of their property etc. We selected Westbrook in Creekmoor.	Jul 22, 2012 3:49 PM
8	It was a small community with good schools.	Jul 21, 2012 8:04 PM
9	Foxwood Springs	Jul 21, 2012 7:31 PM
10	needed to build a handicap accessable home in the area. Moved closer to city from Peculiar due to family member's health concerns.	Jul 20, 2012 6:58 PM
11	houses on acreage were available	Jul 20, 2012 2:40 PM
12	We had our own private lake	Jul 20, 2012 11:46 AM
13	Golf community developed by Cooper	Jul 20, 2012 11:04 AM
14	Escape from Jackson County	Jul 20, 2012 9:42 AM
15	Small community in 1984 and there were full grown trees in the neighborhood	Jul 20, 2012 9:41 AM

Q3. How would you describe Raymore?

1	At a period in time when it needs to decide what it's future will be, what kind of a community will it become.	Jul 31, 2012 12:08 AM
2	non-discrept. We need an identity!	Jul 30, 2012 1:56 PM
3	becomming more urbanized with urban problems of costly vandalis, petty crimes, etc.	Jul 27, 2012 10:42 PM
4	Changing, but not necessarily for the best	Jul 23, 2012 10:49 AM
5	I am afraid crime is beginning to move in. Losing the appealing small town, family based home.	Jul 23, 2012 8:15 AM
6	Use to be small town, now sever growing pains, shooting itself in the foot with some decissions made.	Jul 20, 2012 2:40 PM
7	And not for the good!	Jul 20, 2012 11:46 AM
8	A community being overrun with low-income, muti-family residential units.	Jul 20, 2012 11:35 AM
9	I would use several of the above: growing, suburban, changing, and bedroom community .	Jul 20, 2012 10:19 AM

Q4. What three things do you consider to be the greatest strengths of Raymore?

1	Trails are great and invite comunity, going green, family feel to the neighborhoods.	Aug 1, 2012 9:18 PM
2	safe living environment	Jul 30, 2012 1:56 PM
3	New mayor and council are working together and better consider City Staff input.	Jul 28, 2012 3:14 PM
4	New Vision Church of the Nazarene; as well as other churches for people to choose from.	Jul 25, 2012 12:08 PM
5	Starting to go down hill	Jul 21, 2012 8:38 AM
6	Friendliness of the people !	Jul 20, 2012 3:38 PM
7	Nit what it once was, not what it was when I moved here. No longer what I want.	Jul 20, 2012 2:40 PM
8	Low crime.	Jul 20, 2012 1:35 PM

Q5. What three things do you consider to be the greatest weaknesses of Raymore?

1	high fire and real estate taxes	Aug 5, 2012 11:50 PM
2	No dog park near Raymore	Aug 1, 2012 9:18 PM
3	-Need more bike paths and trails that are safely connected. Raymore lags behind many other metropolitan communities in this area. -City government has a negative reputation. Seem to not work towards common goal & focused on personal agendas	Aug 1, 2012 3:55 PM
4	58 highway, that is traffic.	Jul 31, 2012 12:08 AM
5	Losing our full service post office which is so important to businesses as well as residents.	Jul 28, 2012 3:14 PM
6	Lack of commercial/industrial businesses and the tax base associated with them.	Jul 25, 2012 11:26 AM
7	Dynamic church options	Jul 24, 2012 9:29 AM
8	The choices of restaurants, other than fastfood.	Jul 23, 2012 10:32 AM
9	We need to have more minorities working for the city or Raymore (schools, police department, fire department, ect.). I am very disappointed that there are none. I have contacted the NAACP to help the City of Raymore in this matter. Maybe they can give great insight to help resolve this issue.	Jul 23, 2012 10:05 AM
10	Lack of city government leadership	Jul 23, 2012 10:02 AM
11	Crime	Jul 23, 2012 8:15 AM
12	Recent Criminal Activities Unprofessional Activites of Council & City Hall	Jul 22, 2012 7:25 PM
13	lack of fireworks code enforcement political cliks	Jul 21, 2012 7:31 PM
14	New businesses being built	Jul 21, 2012 5:48 PM
15	The inability of the economic director to be able to bring into Raymore the type of good set down eating facilities that the people living here desire. New blood needs to be in that position to go out and work hard at drawing good tax income business to our city.	Jul 21, 2012 2:10 PM
16	too many car washes	Jul 21, 2012 8:38 AM
17	It is losing its small suburban community feel.	Jul 21, 2012 7:33 AM
18	Level of parks and rec not to up to par with other communities.	Jul 21, 2012 7:07 AM
19	I don't think that Raymore has done a good job of planning for growth. We don't have much on the Raymore side except for Price Chopper meaning that it is necessary to drive to Belton and sit through congestion on highway 58.	Jul 21, 2012 6:40 AM
20	Unprofessional government representatives	Jul 20, 2012 8:55 PM
21	Beautification throughout Raymore....Fountains? Also, would be great to have a community center for seniors like Gamber Center in Lees Summit	Jul 20, 2012 8:22 PM

Q5. What three things do you consider to be the greatest weaknesses of Raymore?

22	While I totally realize the value of a good education and feel that Ray-Pec can provide that, I am disappointed that the growth rate of the schools increased that portion of our property taxes to such a large degree. Don't feel that our rapid building promoted industry enough to offset this. We ended up a "bedroom community" of Kansas City and can't seem to get done building schools vs. building opportunities for economic growth.	Jul 20, 2012 6:58 PM
23	Nothing	Jul 20, 2012 4:43 PM
24	Too soon to tell	Jul 20, 2012 3:38 PM
25	The extreme amount of multi-family living units for a community this size.	Jul 20, 2012 2:59 PM
26	Taxes	Jul 20, 2012 2:40 PM
27	Getting to big, more crime.	Jul 20, 2012 1:43 PM
28	Traffic congestion and lack of alternative routes to access major highways.	Jul 20, 2012 1:43 PM
29	No Senior Center	Jul 20, 2012 1:35 PM
30	Need to bring in new business'. Less government housing and low rent duplex/apartments. We are starting to get the crimes of the surrounding cities due to the low housing developments. DO NOT BRING THE KC METRO BUS SYSTEM TO THE CITY OR WE WILL BE AN INNER CITY!	Jul 20, 2012 9:51 AM
31	Seems like there has been a growth in crime seen in the neighborhoods, houses being broke into, cars, etc. The safety of the area was the reason we moved here 12 years ago, now its like where we came from : (Jul 20, 2012 9:46 AM

Q6. What is the most important growth challenge facing Raymore in the future?

1	lack of actual town space, such as a downtown area... city is made up of housing and businesses... no "town" area for events to be held... right now its recreation park or the city hall bldg	Aug 9, 2012 1:00 PM
2	This is the suburbs and should be sold as so. Increased trails was great. add dog park. maybe more playgrounds in green spaces to continue drawing in the younger people starting families.	Aug 1, 2012 9:18 PM
3	You have current board member who adamantly opposed to any change in Raymore. They must change before Raymore can grow.	Jul 23, 2012 8:20 AM
4	Improving the school district. Specifically at the middle school and high school levels.	Jul 22, 2012 10:14 PM
5	Keeping the small town atmosphere and crime down. Households not apartments.	Jul 22, 2012 7:25 PM
6	City taking the attitude that items aren't as important as they are and ignoring the will of the people especially the city council	Jul 21, 2012 7:33 AM
7	It is to late to save the Raymore of its hey-day. No it might as well grow uncontrollably	Jul 20, 2012 2:40 PM
8	getting businesses to come here but not to give away all the new taxes that they would bring by giving TIFs, plus controlling growth so that the roads, water system etc can handle it.	Jul 20, 2012 10:35 AM
9	All of the above. You guys have a lot of work to do....	Jul 20, 2012 9:45 AM

Q8. In the future Raymore should focus on strengthening the presence of:

1	Continue to build on the availability of trails and green spaces and make these more family friendly. Great skate park addition!	Aug 1, 2012 9:18 PM
2	Need to focus on retail (Big Box) and food services development, not manufacturing/industrial, office space or "business parks."	Aug 1, 2012 3:55 PM
3	Strong feeling of security via a superb police force. Leawood Kansas as an example.	Jul 24, 2012 9:29 AM
4	Development which does not rely on TIF's or other concessions to developers.	Jul 24, 2012 7:58 AM
5	We should keep our focus on our school districts competitive edge with other surrounding school districts.	Jul 23, 2012 10:05 AM
6	For questions 9 through 16 another option would have been helpful - "Need more information to make an informed opinion"	Jul 23, 2012 10:02 AM
7	quality single family homes - this has been what has brought money to Raymore vs apartment dwellers which seems to consume services	Jul 23, 2012 8:38 AM
8	stay away from low income housing...will only bring in more crime.	Jul 23, 2012 8:15 AM
9	school improvement	Jul 22, 2012 10:14 PM
10	Minimizing multi-family residential housing and adding taxable clean industry and retail sales tax revenue generating businesses without increasing sales tax rates.	Jul 22, 2012 9:00 PM
11	schools	Jul 21, 2012 8:04 PM
12	This will seem highly focused in one area, but I feel that after shouldering a heavy burden in school taxes and doing a whole lot of stuff for our kids, such as a skating park and many recreational opportunities, why don't we have a meals on wheels service for our older folks that really need it. After all, they are paying the high taxes for the kids and building schools. Another point, why aren't we considered in system for Longview Community College like Belton is? (I tried to check higher education opp. but then couldn't get to write in this "other" space.) One other issue to me is, we just really don't need one more fast food restaurant but we really do need a couple of quality restaurants.	Jul 20, 2012 6:58 PM
13	Quit building smaller homes and focus on the larger homes to protect the property values of the current residents	Jul 20, 2012 4:42 PM
14	Available options for retired/handicapped residents (transportation, medical care, and being welcome wherever they go.	Jul 20, 2012 2:59 PM
15	More police	Jul 20, 2012 1:43 PM
16	Providing a Senior Center for the citizens (baby boomers, especially) that are looking and asking for a place to go and meet and visit.	Jul 20, 2012 1:35 PM
17	Walk-able mixed-use areas that will act as centers of activity for the entire community. A dedicated farmers market structure.	Jul 20, 2012 11:35 AM

Q8. In the future Raymore should focus on strengthening the presence of:

18	DO NOT BRING THE KC METRO BUS SYSTEM TO THE CITY OR WE WILL BE AN INNER CITY!	Jul 20, 2012 9:51 AM
19	Maintaining solvency. That will bring asset to Raymore. Spending, just to spend on something is foolish and wasteful. An example of wasteful spending would be a Community Center like Belton's. Raymore doesn't need one. Belton's is close and as convenient as a duplicate in Raymore.	Jul 20, 2012 9:42 AM

Q18. What is the best way for you to receive information about the Growth Management plan update?

1	Mgwalter78@yahoo.com	Jul 22, 2012 7:33 PM
2	email-----fstrust@aol.com	Jul 22, 2012 3:49 PM
3	interest KCPT, FSTV,note survey is biased	Jul 21, 2012 7:31 PM
4	Google Plus	Jul 20, 2012 10:19 AM