

Summary of results (themes) for Question #1

Concerns about safety in streets – need stop signs or speed bumps
Lack of businesses and job opportunities for youth – possibly even offices that might be open 2 – or so days a week....satellite businesses
Lack of community involvement =-- to get to know people living on the outside of town (including getting to know youth)....Not enough acceptance and welcoming of newcomers. Lack of volunteers for activities.
Need more things to do in Firth community – especially for youth (activities to do with church – but if you don't go to church – then nothing to do)..
Lack of vision and planning – including no comprehensive plan and planned growth. Not enough room for town to grow.
○ Losing prime ag land to acreages – again to do with planning

Attractiveness of town – but tires need to be cleaned up. There needs to be an entrance signs – to let you know you are in town.

Dark at night – not enough light on streets

Pets running around town – no control

No diversity on town board --- and favoritism from board to some people – and others can't make headway

- Business owners who live outside of town boundaries – have nothing to say...Village Board members do not know business owners.

Concern over large number of tires stored in open areas (health concerns and appearance)

Summary of results (themes) for Question #2

- Small, clean village –with pride. A lot of trees and paved streets and not a lot of trash.
- Beautiful natural environment.
- School –very big asset – people move to Firth because of schools
- Churches
- Good Fire and rescue unit
- Close knit and caring – when natural disaster – people checked on elderly to see if they are OK
- Good nursing home – even young people want grandparents to live close by
- Financially sound – tax base and other financial assets for charitable giving.
- Educated – intelligent – capable people live in town
- Bedroom community to Lincoln – an asset because they are growing
- Friendly – safe – and peaceful
- Town celebrations such as 4th of July and Firth days
- Village board doing a good job in keeping town in good condition – playground equipment, roads in good condition, clean etc.
- Businesses such as Countryside Co-op and Nebraska Tire -- employ a lot of people
- A lot of lakes and activities for families

Summary of results (themes) for Question # 3

Need to embrace change—Change and growth will come -- might as well get our arms around it and plan for it.

Need younger people involved in planning for the future

Development needs to be platted out – need to think about organized planned growth – be forward thinking – growth will be good for businesses – there will be less farmland – land will be in development

Need communication with the surrounding area outside of town limits.

Keep town friendly and safe

Need leadership that looks toward the future and has a vision. Town board needs to be open minded -- I'm afraid that the information gathered during Listening Sessions will fall on deaf ears – and nothing will happen

Need strong businesses community

Would like new businesses in the community and would like the extra jobs for young people and those who do not want to drive to Lincoln to work

possibly fast food (people will need to support business)

medical facility with Drs, dentist, eye doctor etc. coming a few times a week – possibly can bring people in from other nearby towns (central like Norris school is central)

Assisted Living

We have Community association – possibly need Business Association

Need to engage new families that move into the area – and a place for them to meet – possibly swimming pool or recreation center, community building, and expand the park-- something for the kids to do

Fix up town – good infrastructure (sidewalks and roads) keep houses looking nice

Keep small town atmosphere and safe place to live

Additional help with infrastructure – such as fire department

Publicize the benefits of Firth – and have a method to communicate with town residents and nearby residents....signage, Website, email etc.