BENNET, NEBRASKA TOWN HALL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2005, 7:30 P.M.
BENNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARTICIPANT REPORT

In planning for Bennet’s future, those who attended (around 75 people showed up) the Bennet Town Hall Meeting were asked to answer three questions:

1. Why my family and I choose to live in the Bennet community?
2. Where do I work (in the community or outside of the community)?
3. What would it take to make Bennet a “Town of the Future”?

The answers are as follows

WHY I HAVE CHOSEN TO LIVE IN BENNET:
- People are good, honest….for the peace and quiet
- Peace and quiet (7 more answered this question)
- Because of the people - & quiet
- See nature (deer, coyotes etc) (3)
- Raise children (3)
- Good school system (5)
- Lived here a longtime. Volunteer and donated land.
- Hometown – grew up here
- Get to know your neighbors (2)
- Strong values
- Safety
- Affordable housing
- Firm grasp on values
- It is “rural”
- I can have a big yard
- Small town
- Like the “Waltons”
- Relationships
- Stability of people
- Friendships
Where I work:
   Of those that answered, 65% said they worked outside of the community, and 35% stated they worked within the community (or were retired from jobs within the community).

What would it take to make Bennet a “Community of the Future” (and what would you do to make it one?)

- A place where children would want to grow
- Plan together as a community
- People care about their town – involvement
- Support local businesses
- Be pro-active
- Keep in touch with our own businesses and neighbors. Keep positive
- Great school system.
- Encourage local commerce
- Establish a vision and have community support
- Involvement of people
- Great people in the community
- People pull together – and they want it to happen and will work together on all projects
- People who care – have a vision and share effort
- Community involvement
- Community pride – stick together
- Good people
- People that you see here tonight (have interest) – (2)
- Understand the values of small towns
- Grow carefully – have a plan for children
- Role modeling for the little people (children)
- People care about town and kids
- Support of the community
- Two-parent families live here
- Foundation set up in town
- Take care of the beautiful land and natural environment
- Quality of people – quality of life
- Participation of the people
- Preserving values and environment
- Grow with a purpose – keep small town values
- Continue small town atmosphere
- Volunteering
- Capitalize on location – Lincoln and Highway 2
- Grow on our own terms
- A new Parish (church) plan for this region (1600 new homes in Parish)
- Advancement of the commercial side and more pride in our homes will continue
- Relationships of people
- Rural – big areas – open
- How fast do we grow? How will the school grow?
- Everyone will pull together
- Pride in the community and planning with a broad look for the future
- People care
- “Home” atmosphere