

# **PROJECT IDEAS** (YOU SAID IT!)

# FOCUS AREA 1: VIBRANT ECONOMY & SMALL BUSINESS BASE

- A. Actively recruit more small business restaurants, grocery, bank, medical
- B. Main Street & Downtown Development
- C. Uphold codes and work with owners to make properties more polished
- D. Business and directional signage on 99
- E. Keep commercial rents manageable/help existing businesses stay in town
- F. Business promotion/branding/events that drive traffic to business

## FOCUS AREA 2: SAFE & CONNECTED

## A. STREETS, SIDEWALKS, PATHWAYS

- 1. More Sidewalks
  - From Hubbard to Woodburn
  - On walkways to schools
  - Downtown areas
  - On 99E
  - G street sidewalk up to the railroad tracks and over
- 2. Sidewalk Maintenance
  - Fix existing sidewalks
  - Widen sidewalks
  - Safer pedestrian crossings
- 3. Walking Trails & Bike Paths
- 4. Road Maintenance

#### **B. HIGHWAY 99 IMPROVEMENTS**

- 1. Expand lanes on 99W
- 2. Beautification of 99W
- 3. Traffic calming measures
- 4. Business access road parallel to 99E
- 5. Consider a by-pass for 99W now before the city grows
- 6. Better developments between 99 and railroad

## C. LIGHTING & PUBLIC SAFETY

- 1. North Marion police district
- 2. More streetlights
  - Public right of way, the park, west place



# FOCUS AREA 3: INVOLVED, DIVERSE, AND CARING COMMUNITY

- A. Community food bank
- B. Community church
- C. More help for senior citizens like Meals on Wheels
- D. Increase Fire Department presence & volunteer opportunities
- E. Police presence 24/7
- F. Increase Latino representation (we're 40% Latino but not represented)
  - initiatives to welcome and include the perspectives and voices of Latinos in our vision and planning; two-way communication
  - Community partnerships, to embrace our diversity
- G. Build up the value of volunteerism through community action groups and a citywide volunteer portal ex: action teams to help clean up and beautify our town
- H. Explore an after-school initiative that involves community youth and engages with the senior population

# FOCUS AREA 4: A LIVABLE COMMUNITY

#### A. PARKS & GREENSPACE

- 1. More park & greenspace areas
- 2. Enforcement at parks
- 3. Fenced Dog park
- 4. Park on eastside of 99
- 5. Improvements & maintenance like .....
  - Updated toddler play area at Rivenes Park
  - New playgrounds
  - Replace old/diseased trees
  - Preserve greenway more like a park
  - Planters/plantings
  - More trees

#### **B. HEALTH & FOOD ACCESS**

- 1. Farmers market
- 2. Grocery Store

## C. INFRASTRUCTURE / TRANSPORTATION

- 1. Storm water & wastewater
- 2. Make more visible and better coverings for the bus stop.
- 3. More bus transportation
- 4. Quiet zone for trains



#### D. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- 1. Single family neighborhoods
- 2. Limit new residential construction

# FOCUS AREA 5: PLACEMAKING, COMMUNITY PRIDE, & IDENTITY

#### A. IDENTITY & COMMUNITY PRIDE

- 1. Keep and improve historic buildings, homes, district
- 2. Keep the small town feel
- 3. Marketing/Branding
- 4. Improve/enhance historic buildings and homes-- Bring back the historical appearance of the old farming community similar to Orenco Station and/or Sisters
- 5. Downtown- Restore 3rd Street (Front Street)
- 6. Create gateway to town

## **B. COMMUNITY GATHERING & SOCIAL CONNECTIONS**

- 1. Develop library/community/recreation center as central gathering place
- 2. Teen center- places for kids after school, teen community garden
- 3. Theater
- 4. Reader Board for communication

#### C. WAYFINDING/SIGNAGE

- 1. Better signage for all the dead-end streets!
- 2. Business signage
- 3. Hwy 99 signage gateway

#### D. EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- 1. Adopt holiday parade as a city event
- 2. More structured events besides Hop Fest that bring the community together
- 3. Spring/summer/fall events coordinated with the city