



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** June 12, 2017

**To:** Bonner/Milltown Community Council

**From:** Andrew Hagemeyer, Kate Washington

**RE:** Visioning Workshop

On Thursday June 1, the Bonner/Milltown Community Council and CAPS staff held two visioning sessions to gather public input that CAPS staff and the Bonner/Milltown Community Council will use in drafting a vision statement. Our estimate is 36 people attended the two workshops. At these workshops, CAPS staff broke the room down into groups, and asked the participants a series of questions. The individual participants discussed their responses with their table, and as a table they crafted a response that was representative of the views at the table and reported that back to the larger room. CAPS staff wrote these responses down and this memo lists the table responses stated back to the room.

### **What is the top reason you live, do business or own property in the Bonner/Milltown area?**

- Scenic
- Affordable
- Less populated than Missoula
- Access
- More sun/fresh air
- School/quality
- Wildland rural interface
- It's not Missoula
- Deep roots
- Rural feel. Close but not in Missoula
  - Close to natural resources
  - Affordable

### **Imagining the Bonner/Milltown area at its best, what will it look like in 20 years?**

- No amphitheater – it's impact
- Clean water and air
- Assistance meeting basic needs
  - Infrastructure etc.
- Increase community anchor points
  - Parks, shops art
- Protect natural beauty and connections to outdoors
  - Infrastructure
- Don't want to look like Reserve Street
  - Thoughtful planning

- High School
- Keep it local – artisan entrepreneurs
  - Thoughtful development
- Native species
- Stay rural
- Diverse community – all ages
- Walkable – small shops and local businesses
- Local jobs – mill site hire locally
- More access to recreation
- Like the housing – unique
  - Affordable
  - Senior assisted living
- No change
- Light clean industrial
- Gateway to the Blackfoot
- Finish Gwen’s trail

**What values do you think people in the Bonner/Milltown area have that are different than Missoula and what values do you think people share with Missoula?**

- Share
  - Love of outdoors
  - Idealistic – availability
  - Go griz!
  - Urban vs rural
  - Dislike road conditions and roundabouts
  - Emphasis on outdoor recreation and trails
- Differ
  - Inside vs outside the “mix”
    - Fuels different self-expression and independence
  - More practical\thoughtful [Bonner/Milltown]
  - Thoughtful community vs “willy-nilly”
  - Diversity of affordability
  - Road maintenance is better [Bonner/Milltown]
  - Slow and quiet
  - Lower taxes and less government
  - Blue-collar and industrial heritage
  - Simple lifestyle
  - Views

**List one thing you would like to see improve in the area, and one thing you think is the area’s greatest asset?**

- Improve/change
  - Community involvement and gathering place
  - Preserve history and museum
  - Infrastructure improvements to create economy we want
  - Bike access to Missoula
  - Access to Woody Mountain and natural resources
  - Open parks, allow dogs on leashes
  - Noise pollution
  - Junk cars and trailers W. Riverside
  - More local services/competition for Town Pump
  - Recreation access

- Safety for walkers
- Assets
  - Natural resources
  - River, Natural resources, emergency services
  - Heritage and history, accessing confluence of many great things
  - The people
  - Access to open space
  - Rural and historic feel
  - Cleaner air
  - Best views
  - Bonner School and spirit
  - People
  - Quality of life

6-1-2017 Visioning Workshop Table Responses