

**Focus on Longmont: Share your vision, Create our legacy
Phase 1 Report**

Attachment 1

**Community Conversations and Interviews: Interview Guide,
Data and Stories**

Part 1: Interview Guide

Participant Handout Packet with Interview Guide

Welcome to

**Focus on Longmont:
Share your Vision; Create our Legacy**

Handout #1

WELCOME!!!

Thank you for coming to this Community Conversation for Longmont's citywide strategic plan! This is a groundbreaking project whose purpose is to develop community-supported strategic policies that, if followed, will result in a balance between resources and expenditures that sustain Longmont's capacity to provide desired municipal services as we approach build-out of the Longmont Planning Area. So, what does that mean for you this evening?

The purpose this evening is to:

- *Hear your stories, passions and ideas about the core strengths of Longmont as a city*
- *Connect to others within the Longmont community – people, programs and city government*
- *Share dreams and hopes for the Future of Longmont and the role City government may play in that future.*

Additionally as you participate, you will notice a focus on the role of City government in supporting Longmont at its best...now and in the future. This project is designed to assist City government in being responsive to your needs and concerns – while balancing future budgets.

Agenda for the Evening

Welcoming, Purpose

Expressing Ourselves: Appreciative Interviews (*Handouts #2*)

In closing, please answer, questions #9, #10, and #11.

Timing

There is about 30 minutes allotted to each interview.

25 minutes is for conducting the interview and taking notes

5 minutes is for highlighting (with highlighters) the particular inspiring, compelling and important thoughts and ideas from the interview

Please complete one interview before moving to the other person.

Interview Guide

Interviewer:

Name:

Organization/Community:

Phone number:

Email:

Interviewee:

Name:

Organization/Community:

Phone number:

Email:

Note to Interviewer: Space is provided for you to take notes on the interview. Please note ideas, thoughts, words and phrases that are memorable, inspiring, creative and help us focus on the future of a balanced Longmont.

Opening

1. First, tell me about yourself. Where do you live? How long have you lived, worked or been involved in Longmont? What are you most passionate about, in your work or your life?

Topic A: One Giant Front Porch

Imagine that all of us here in Longmont are sitting together on one giant front porch. It's comfortable, inviting and welcoming with room for all. It's a place to

visit, and to make new friends. We can share ideas here, chew on our challenges, celebrate community accomplishments, and plan new activities to make Longmont even better. We can consider our City services, and how they nurture the community and lifestyle that we value.

2. Think of a time when you participated in an inviting community project or activity here in Longmont. Consider the following:
 - What was the activity?
 - What was it about the activity that made you and others feel welcomed and valued? Be specific.
 - Which city services helped make those experiences possible (i.e., parks and recreation, police, traffic control, community services, etc.)?
3. Suppose there was a single, brand new activity or project that would make our “front porch” even cozier and more enriching. The activity would attract and draw together people who don’t normally connect with one another.
 - What would the activity be?
 - What city services are needed to make it possible?

Topic B: Enhancing our Environmental Legacy

For decades in Longmont, we have recognized the importance of environmental quality to the health and welfare of our community. We have City power, water and waste management departments that help promote conservation and recycling. We appreciate how clean air and water and beautiful natural places are essential to our well being. When Longmont is at its best, we work to balance what we need today with what’s necessary to ensure a bright future for future generations.

4. Tell me about a time when you noticed and appreciated a community’s commitment to a quality natural environment. The community may have been Longmont – or it may have been another city that does an even *better* job than we do here. Consider the following:
 - What was the situation?
 - What were the issues and results?
 - What role did government play (City or other)?
 - If the city partnered with outside providers, who were they?

Topic C: Exciting Living and Business Personality

When a community has an exciting personality, it has a unique and distinct character. People want to live and visit there. Businesses want to locate there.

It has an inviting downtown. There are good jobs to match the workforce. People live and work right in the community. Housing is affordable and there are options to driving one's car. In short, the community's living and business personality is magnetic: it draws people in and makes them want to be a part of it.

5. Tell me about the most exciting community that you know: either Longmont, or elsewhere.
 - What makes it special? Why?
 - If this is a community other than Longmont, how is *our* community similar to the one you've just described?

6. Think about Longmont today and the places where you "hang out." Perhaps there is a particular *place with personality* that you find comforting, interesting, or enriching. It may be a business, a public gathering place, a natural area, or a small space in a large facility.
 - What is the place?
 - Why do you love it?
 - What role do you imagine the City has played in creating or maintaining these special places or facilities?

Topic D: Prospering Together in Longmont

When Longmont is at its best, it is a community that supports its people in reaching their full potential. Young children have a healthy start; and when they enter school they are ready to learn and ready for life. The community champions lifelong learning. People are supported by strong family and community connections. Our economy flourishes. With our basic needs met and access to opportunities, all of us are capable of making our unique contributions. When we prosper together in Longmont, everyone benefits.

7. Think of a time since you've lived in Longmont when you had what you needed to thrive as a person – and as a result, you were able to give to those around you. Describe this experience.
 - What did various people and organizations do to enhance your well being or prosperity? For example, what educational, financial or social support have you received? What specific role did City services play?

 - How did the larger community of Longmont benefit from your well being – your good feelings, faith, financial stability or knowledge?

8. If you could have any three wishes granted to help the people in the entire *greater Longmont community* reach their full potential, what would they be? Consider changes that would help all of us to prosper even more than we do today.

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Closing

Reflecting on all that we've just discussed, what do you most appreciate about the community of Longmont?

- In what ways do City government and services foster those qualities that you most appreciate?
 - How can Longmont create *more* of what you most appreciate?
9. It's ten years from now. Longmont is everything you ever wanted it to be, and more.
- What kinds of businesses call Longmont home?
 - What kinds of jobs are now available? For whom (i.e., "locals," or "out-of-towners," skills, education, etc.)?
 - What shopping, entertainment and cultural opportunities are available in the city – and how are they different from those available in other Front Range communities? In other words, what is Longmont's special *niche*?
 - What services does the City provide? How are they paid for?
 - How does the City partner with local, regional or national organizations supporting the community? How does it partner with businesses? What services do citizen volunteers provide in the community?
 - How is life in Longmont better than it was ten years ago, in 2005?
10. It's been said that most great things begin with but a single step.
- What one small step might *you take* to help create the community of Longmont in the image of your dreams?
 - In that same light, what one small step might the *city government* take? What small shift in or addition to services might Longmont's city government implement to *radically enhance* the quality of life of the Longmont community?

Handout #3

SELF-MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Throughout this evening, small groups will manage their own discussions, data, and time. Here are some useful roles for self-managing the work. Roles can be rotated. Feel free to divide the work as you wish.

- **Discussion Leader**—Assures that each person who wants to speak is heard within the available time. Keeps the group on track.
- **Timekeeper**—Keeps the group aware of the time remaining. Monitors, reports, and signals time remaining to the person who is speaking.
- **Recorder**—Writes the group output on a flip chart using the speaker's words. Ask people to restate long or complex ideas to ensure they are captured.

Handout #4

IDENTIFYING LONGMONT AT ITS BEST

(30 minutes)

Purpose: To appreciate and welcome each other, to learn about experiences, capabilities and resources that makes Longmont great.

- 1 – Self manage, per the guidelines provided.
- 2 – Share what you learned about the person you interviewed and a couple of highlights about who this person is and what inspires them.
- 3 – Share with the group the most inspiring, useful or uplifting story you heard from your partner that demonstrates Longmont at its best
- 4 – ***Once everyone has shared***, on flipchart paper please identify the themes, patterns and ideas you heard that Longmont can build upon.
- 5 – On the ½ sheet of paper, write down one story at your table that best demonstrates the themes captured. Please put down the name of the person whose story it is.

Notes: (for your own use)

Handout #5

IMAGINING THE FUTURE

(10 minutes)

Purpose: To imagine and to capture your ideas about Longmont of the future and the role of City services in supporting that Longmont

1 –Remembering that we are seeking a balance between revenues, city services and citizen expectations, reflect upon images of the most positive Longmont you can imagine. Using the paper on your table, create pictures, metaphors, images, icons and words that represent your picture of this future. Make it bold, bright, provocative and engaging.

2 –If there is still time left after drawing, share what those images, icons, metaphors and words mean to you.

Handout #6

CAPTURING THE IDEAS

(10 minutes)

Purpose: To capture as many of the ideas as we can so they can be included in the thinking and focus of the Summit and on-going dialogues.

Think back over your interview and the stories: all that you heard, learned and concluded. With this as a backdrop, use the index cards that we've provided to complete the sentences below.

Write the number and your answer on an index card. Write one answer per card. Feel free to complete multiple cards for the same sentence fragment.

When you finish your cards, post your responses on the appropriate sticky wall – and then look at what other people have said. Feel free to add new cards, if you wish.

1. Something that makes me proud to be part of Longmont is...

2. A really creative idea I heard for the future of Longmont is ...

3. If city services cost more than available revenue, based on what you heard and reflected upon this evening, some creative ideas for sustaining quality of service delivery at the city are ...

4. The most crucial services that the Longmont city government provides are because...

5. An interesting idea/image I heard about the role of City Government in the future was ...

Handout #7

NEXT STEPS

Thank you for participating in this Community Conversation. We hope that you will continue to be involved in this *Focus on Longmont* project – and that you will encourage friends, neighbors, coworkers and family members to get involved and tell their stories.

If you know of someone who would like to participate in a Community Conversation, please have them contact Michele (303 651 8415) or Sandi (303 651 8634) at the City of Longmont for dates, locations and space availability.

If you want to interview others, pick up an extra interview guide and bring their information to the Summit. Better yet, bring them to the Summit.

We hope that you and your friends will plan on attending our Community Summit, scheduled for April 16 at the Longmont Radisson. It is from 8:30 a.m. (registration) to 5:00 p.m. It will be advertised in Cityline and postcard invitations will go out. You can access more information on www.ci.longmont.co.us or for more details please call Dale (303 651 8355) or Karen (303 651 8633) at the City of Longmont.

As we engage people throughout our community, Longmont continues to feel *even more* like “One Giant Front Porch.”

Please take this sheet for your records and information.

AGREEMENTS

Please check, sign and date if your answer to any of these is to not give permission. Otherwise, we will assume we have your permission. Thanks.

Statement of Consent:

1. I give my permission for my name to be listed as an interviewee.

Yes No

2. I give my permission for any particularly good stories or quotes to be used in this process. Yes No

3. I give my permission to have my photograph included with my stories or quotes.. Yes No

Signature of Participant: _____

Date: _____

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Part 2: Stories

Highlighted Stories from Interviews and Community Conversations

Interview Data

The following stories were drawn from the many stories shared during the first and second wave of interviews. They highlight the four topics for the interview process: giant front porch, exciting business and living personality, enhancing our environmental legacy and prosperity for all. Many of these stories were shared during the community summit in the slide show presenting Longmont's positive core.

Youth at Art Auction (Malia Thompson)

In the fall of 2004, Old Firehouse Art Center was host to a joint fund-raising art auction for the Friends of the Longmont Youth Center's Assets for Youth program and the St. Vrain Valley Parenting Center. As the Director of the Old Firehouse, I served on the planning committee in order to offer my experience in art auctions. Working in collaboration with these two organizations was an extremely rewarding experience. Not only did I become familiar with each organization's mission and programs, I also met many new people in the Longmont non-profit community.

The event was called the **Young at Art Auction**. Children and youth were invited to submit artwork for the auction. Art Warehouse and The Great Frame Up graciously donated high quality framing for each piece. There was a **Meet the Artist Night** during which each child's contribution was recognized by a Certificate of Participation and awarded a prize. Milk and cookies were served. The children were very proud of their contributions to the fund-raiser. They also enjoyed the recognition they received for their contributions. The following night the live auction took place with great success. All of the art was sold at an average price of approximately \$110. The two organizations raised about \$5000.

I was very honored, on behalf of the Old Firehouse Art Center, to be a part of this community effort. Our facility was donated for the event in order to keep production costs at a minimum and as a way to contribute in-kind to these organizations. Collaborations are an excellent and cost-effective way to accomplish large goals and give back to the community.

Longmont Children's Council (Leann Earl)

Each year as our 3 year old children first walk through the doors at the Longmont Children's Council many times we know that this may be the first time they have ever been in a group or social setting. One of the worst aspects of poverty is the isolation that comes with it – even with the children. Many of our kids speak different languages and so they have very little interaction with each other. However, in as little as a few days it is amazing to see how they begin to flourish – to interact with each using parts of each others language. They break down the barriers quickly and totally and are able to fully and openly share with each other. The power of the human spirit to want to interact and connect with other humans is huge!

Casa de la Esperanza (Michael Reis)

The development of Casa Esperanza – 32 unit farm-worker housing project was a cooperative effort of City Council, Longmont Planning Commission, State and Federal

governments, as well as civic organizations. Originally to provide short-term housing for seasonal farm workers but many have gone from that facility to buying their own homes here. Still an affordable and available housing project.

The Geese Project and Utility Pole (Cheri Friedman)

People from all across the community worked together to make the Geese Galore! Project happen. The project was designed to build awareness and support of art and culture in Longmont through community collaboration. It was “an exhilarating thing to be a part of” and a perfect example of a top rate “front porch community event.” The City worked hand in hand with the community to make the Goose Galore! Project happen. “A City employee took the time to go out with us to every single proposed site for a goose, and helped them make decisions on placement.”

Cheri from the Longmont Theater told me about a city employee’s commitment to personal service. When the Longmont Power Company needed to move a utility pole in the alley behind the theater, an employee of LPC came in person to notify her of the planned outage. They had originally planned to start their work around 10am on a Sunday morning, figuring that this day and time would impact the fewest number of customers. When Cheri explained that they were having a matinee performance at the theater that day at noon, the employee changed the start time for the project and promised Cheri that the power would be back on well before noon. Seeing the concern and worry on Cheri’s face, the employee gave her his cell phone number and explained to her that he would be out in the alley on Sunday working himself and that she could call him anytime she wished. Talking to someone who would actually be there on Sunday doing the work, almost instantly eased all of her worries. Cheri told me that it was these types of experiences, and ones like the very interview we were in the middle of; that set Longmont apart from the many other places that she has lived and worked in.

For me, as a city employee, it was inspiring to hear how those seemingly little Customer Service things make a difference in the day to day life of our citizens that they remember for years.

Baseballs across Borders (Sue Bolton)

A few years ago, a Longmont student named Jenna Borys participated in the Sister Cities Program and traveled to Ciudad Guzman Mexico (Longmont’s Sister City in Mexico) along with other students. During their visit, the Longmont students were invited to join in a baseball game with students from Ciudad Guzman. The kids in Guzman had little to no baseball equipment – bats, balls, and gloves, hardly anything. So upon her return to Longmont, Jenna decided to take the initiative to go out into the Longmont community and request baseball supplies. She worked with the local grocery stores, set out donation boxes at the stores along with posters requesting folks to donate their used baseball equipment. She collected a huge amount of bats, balls and gloves, cleaned the equipment, oiled the gloves and really got them back into good shape. She also knew there could be problems in shipping the equipment to Ciudad Guzman, so she coordinated with Sue Bolton, who was and still is the President of Longmont’s Sister Cities Association, to have the next contingent of exchange students deliver the baseball equipment. So the kids carried many large bags full of baseball equipment onto their flight. Upon arrival in Ciudad Guzman they were able to present their gifts to the Mayor who was very thankful. Jenna has since graduated from Skyline High School and is attending college in the Puget Sound area. She has returned to be a chaperon for a recent trip to Ciudad Guzman and is planning to spend a year studying in Oaxaca,

Mexico in order to improve her fluency in Spanish. Jenna is an example of an individual seeing a need and taking the initiative to make a difference!

The Tower of Compassion (Jim Kanemoto)

Jim Kanemoto grew up in Longmont and was here during World War II, when the United States was at war with Japan. Even though there was international strife, he said that the people of Longmont were good to the Kanemotos and that as a Japanese-American, he was amazed at the kindness and friendship he found in Longmont.

In 1969, the Kanemotos took an anniversary trip to Japan. They were fascinated by the architecture of the pagodas. After returning to Longmont, Jim decided to build a pagoda in the park he had donated to the community. The 60-foot, 5 story pagoda was named the Tower of Compassion to honor the compassion the Kanemotos experienced in Longmont. Jim's dream is that Longmont become the City of Compassion,

Farmer's Market Downtown (Edwina Salazar)

Edwina spoke of a time when she ran into 10 or so folks that she knows during a visit to the Farmer's Market downtown. The market draws a great diversity of people together along with providing a wonderful variety of produce that is locally grown. She remembers seeing the children with their wagons and skate boards playing with each other while their parents mingled and shopped or simply took time to sit and rest. People are able to come to the market without driving because it is held downtown – creating a meeting place that brings together community members from “east” and “west” Longmont.

Front Range Community College (Shyrel Hosseini)

Bringing the Front Range Community College (FRCC) Campus to Longmont. It involved a spirit that I had never experienced before. A group of Longmont community leaders approached us about establishing a campus in Longmont. They asked, “How much space do you need?” “How much money do you need to renovate?” When we answered these questions, they said, “Okay, we'll have it pulled together by the end of the week.” And they did! We even had the Mayor of Longmont hanging pictures in the lobby! The community truly wanted and embraced FRCC. Everywhere I went in the community, Longmont residents introduced themselves when they found out who I was and they proceeded to tell me the kind of educational programs they thought would be important to offer at our new Longmont campus. Longmont consumes education in a whole different way than other communities I've experienced. The community appreciates the value of education; they remember a time when education impacted their lives. The guidance and support that FRCC received from the Longmont community was evolutionary experience.

Shyrel was also inspired by the incredible turn-out at the community open house, when the FRCC campus opened in Longmont. There were people from all walks of life...so many families and so many seniors who mirror our community values of lifelong learning. Shyrel cited the creation of the Senior Net program—a collaboration among

the City of Longmont, FRCC and IBM—as a very exciting “front porch” activity. Senior Net is a computer lab/training program for older adults—FRCC houses the computer lab and maintains the computers; retired IBM staff provides the training; and the Longmont Senior Center handles the class registration. Shyrel said that she sees the Senior Net participants everywhere in the community. They are so involved and active.

Economic Development Association Formation (Larry Jensen)

The formation of the Economic Development Association was a public/private partnership, where members from the Chamber of Commerce came together with City Staff to create a new group. This group was started to provide liasions to businesses who wanted to move to Longmont, but needed help understanding the City and City policies. The City Manager at the time decided that Longmont needed a more diverse and solid tax base, and the Chamber of Commerce decided that Longmont needed additional jobs. The parnership that created the EDAL, now the Longmont Area Economic Council, was a meeting of the minds, where businesses and City staff came together to see what Longmont needed, and then went after those businesses, providing outreach and marketing to inquiring businesses and then assistance and kinship when they relocated. Companies like AMGEN and Adaptec (Maxtor) came to Longmont as a direct result of this alliance.

Tortilla Factory (Ron Stewart)

Ron spent Christmas Eve at the 9th and Lashley Tortilla Factory. There were 50 people in line and he was the only non-Latino. He had a wonderful time but he wondered how much of this community even knows of the Tortilla Factory or shops here.

Shop with a Cop (Don Heath)

As a member of the Breakfast Optimist Club, Don participated in organizing and orchestrating the “Shop with a Cop” event. Twenty-two 5th graders were identified by their teachers as needy and were paired with 22 officers. They had breakfast together, were given \$100 to spend at Walmart on Christmas gifts for themselves and their families, and then wrapped presents together.

Creating Community on the Eastside (Joyce Jensen)

Joyce moved to the historic eastside neighborhood and bought a foreclosed rental house. She appreciated watching the neighborhood become good with families moving in and the restoration of old houses and when Columbine became a neighborhood school, and kids walked to school. She is proud to live there and to fight for the community she believes in.

Youth Dance Club (Melanie Fisher)

I was struck by Melanie's high motivation. She personally knows adversity, including poverty. She became engaged with peers to develop an organization with improvement goals through the city Youth Services agency. By serving on the Youth Council, she was able to help found the Youth Dance Club and was instrumental in lobbying the city to support it. She personally staffed the facility for 12 months and sacrificed for the betterment of area youth. She continues to be active in Youth Activities at multiple levels.

Burritos for Fire Fighters (Craig Morales)

Craig is a small restaurant operator. When forest fires threatened the foothills in the summer of 2003, Craig took hundreds of burritos to the fire lines and distributed them to fire personnel. He felt that was his small contribution to make a stronger community.

Ace Hardware (Dan Gust)

Dan spent the early years of his career in the IT industry; however, after working for a series of employers, he and his wife made the decision to go into business for themselves. At the time they started their business (Ace Hardware), in the back of their minds, they hoped one day both of their children might one day join them working side by side. Fast forward 20 plus years and today, their daughter has joined the family business. In the near future, they hope to have their son also join in the business.

YMCA (Dave Webster)

Dave shared during our interview centered on the support he received from the local YMCA through the after school programs made available when he was a child. The YMCA provided an avenue/outlet for his creativity.

A Welcoming Community (Murthy Rallapalli)

Muti has been in the community about 5 years and he ran for public office. He felt very welcomed in all the election process and received supportive advice that was very helpful. He felt very included and intends to run again.

Bohn Farm Block Party (Clarissa Edelen)

Clarissa's neighborhood, Bohn Farm, in 2004 felt the need to be more inclusive of their Latino neighbors regarding traditional summer block party. So they organized a Fiesta including food, music and other activities like a salsa cookoff with emphasis on Latino culture. City provided the permits, blocking streets, and a fire truck. Well attended by all demographics of the 480 households. Neighborhood also has a newsletter in both English and Spanish, printed by City funds.

Peruvian Shepherd (Terry Box)

Terry lives adjacent to open space where sheep are “hired” to graze in summer. One summer, the shepherd was from Peru. Terry struck up a friendship with him in spite of the language differences. For several weeks the shepherd shared dinner every evening with the Box family. Terry is energized by cross-cultural opportunities which he believes can be rich in our community – Buddhist temple, Latino community, Sister City projects.

Water Quality (Eric Doering)

This story concerns a time when the City’s water (or wastewater) treatment plant had a problem and was not meeting federal levels for appropriate discharge. He said there were many things that could have happened at that point, but the staff, led by the city manager, was up front and took responsibility for the issue. In response, City Council stood behind the staff and did not hide the facts from the citizenry. This was especially important because it not only shows the commitment to clean water for residents of Longmont, but it showed the integrity and the honesty of the staff. It was a quality of Longmont at its best – learning from mistakes, being accountable and honest and communicating openly with residents.

125th Anniversary (Dale Bernard)

The whole community was involved in the 125th anniversary of Longmont. The newspaper had many articles on the history of Longmont. They buried a time capsule. Book groups focused on the history. The Historical Society gave presentations to groups as well as classes for teachers. Library exhibits. Even the garbage trucks had logos. Everyone had a role. It was such a success because everyone in Longmont, regardless of age or status had something they could do and they saw where they fit in.

Equal Access to Facilities and Services (Esther Blazon)

About 10 years ago, a group of citizens spearheaded by Pat Lopez, including Latino and Anglo residents of all parts of Longmont, raised concerns about the disparity in maintenance of parks, roads, and other city facilities in East Longmont when compared to other parts of town. The Police Department joined with neighborhood groups to work toward upgrading facilities and making them safer and more attractive. The city responded to citizen efforts, and for example, improved Kensington Park, made it cleaner and more like the Cinco de Mayo celebration. As a result families felt safe and comfortable taking their children there to play; my children were taught that all residents were entitled to equal access to good park facilities; and the residents felt that city government had paid attention to their needs and concerns.

Realty Check Expo (John Cody)

The Realty Check Expo was a very good experience. The collaboration brought in 40 companies and 1000 kids. It was held at the local mall and gives local high school students the opportunity to meet different companies and find out what types of careers are available as well as what they need to do to prepare for such a career. The companies not only put in their time and energy but they also sponsored much of the cost for the event. A key piece to making this event a success was the relationship and partnership between LAEC and the schools.

Community Conversation Data

At each Community Conversation, participants shared and discussed stories in small groups. Each group was asked to highlight one or two stories that was most inspiration or best captured the discussion at the table. The following is the summary of the stories selected by the different tables at each Community Conversation.

MARCH 1, 2005

Story One

Elementary kids should take field trips to landfills to illustrate how much “trash” is actually recyclable.

Story Two

When Margaret’s son was growing up, they would dress him in his costume and walk along in the parade. When Paula and Terry moved to Longmont from Aurora, their two daughters joined in the Boulder County Fair parade and walked with Governor Romer.

The fact that the various city departments, community organizations, volunteers, etc. came together year after year and let small town folks get together is a testament to community involvement.

Story Three

The library illustrates community, downtown and values and we need to support it.

Story Four

To increase the quality of life in Longmont there needs to be an environmentally friendly, family-focused community involvement such as, horseback riding as a family at the fairgrounds which is a safe and fun environment—other fun events could be hockey, hiking, theatre, swimming, bowling, volleyball and golf.

Story Five

The Geese Galore project was family-oriented and based totally in Longmont representing family values. It brought the community together as families looked for all of the geese. Even the vandalism brought the community together in outrage against the destruction.

Story Six

Cecelia’s Story—the event that stands out for Cecelia was her participation in the city’s Arbor Day event. Her experience there encompasses all (most) of the themes discussed at our table – with a focus on family and the community – an environmental theme, and an opportunity to meet others in the community.

MARCH 8, 2005

Story One

Longmont is part of a case study for managing trails with wildlife in mind. The largest roosting site in NE Colorado is in Eastern Longmont. The plan is to build a trail with viewing area.

Story Two

Mary Ann went to college at 53 and started teaching at 55!

MARCH 10, 2005

Story One

When Ken was first raising his family in Longmont, he and his wife thought the City needed a bigger pool and more soccer fields. Ken became involved with the Parks and Recreation Board and six years later, Longmont has a beautiful Recreation Center and soccer fields at Sandstone Ranch. Because the City partnered seriously with residents and citizens seriously participated, Ken has been able to realize his dreams.

Story Two

Twenty-five years ago, my daughter ran away from home. The Longmont Police Department was more than helpful. The detective assigned to the case was Calvin. Not only was he helpful and professional, he came by the house every day, comforting our family and keeping us informed. I will never forget Cal, ever in my whole life.

Story Three

Viki has lived her entire life in Longmont and her mother was also born in Longmont. She raised her children and her children and grandchildren who still love in this area. When Viki graduated from high school, there were 8,000 people in Longmont. This community has grown tenfold since that time. Viki has served on the City Council and the Library Board.

Bret has moved to Longmont in the past two years to raise his young family here He has become involved in the community through the Trout Unlimited Club.

These two individuals met and interviewed one another – the long-time resident and the relative newcomer coming together at this Community Conversation.

MARCH 12, 2005

Story One

Twenty years ago, when we moved here, the city was an ideal location because of its size and its proximity to two universities. Those were two things we were looking for and the community had enough to offer that we never considered moving from Longmont.

Story Two

My son, who lives in Massachusetts, is impressed by the broad range and quality of services the City provides. He pays nearly three times the property taxes I do and receives minimal services.

Story Three

Free University provides unique type of activity/service that balances doing stuff vs. buying stuff!

Story Four

Choice as opposed to circumstances forcing or driving Terry to live here: he and his wife made a list and selected Longmont.

Story Five

We have stayed in Longmont since 1983 because the city is personal and responsive. For example, our "block" went to the City Council after spots of graffiti and disturbances. Two weeks later, the City put up more lights on our street to help prevent these problems.

Story Six

Pride in the fact that Longmont maintains control over City Services and the quality of those services.

MARCH 14, 2005**Story One**

Jerry moved here in 1934. He has been able to raise four children here. Longmont provided a good Christian school, and activities for him to participate in. Jerry has enjoyed the ability to have a good job. He participates in adult sporting leagues and in the local politics. Jerry also enjoyed the security and peacefulness that his town provides.

Story Two

Shelly lives in a neighborhood where people look out for each other. When she was at work one day there was a strong wind that pulled off her screen door. Neighbors took her (Shelly's) door to a safe part of her yard and let her know when she got home. Plus, a family across the street doesn't speak English and they let her borrow their ladder for over three months. Great neighborhood that looks out for each other!

Story Three

We all like what the Fort Collins had done to maintain the open space feel, huge parks, huge biking/walking trails connecting from East to West.

MARCH 15, 2005**Story One**

Design of the Recreation Center – Public Meeting: card game where 10 groups designed their own Rec. Center with an \$8 million dollar budget. At the end, all groups presented what their center would include. Almost every group designed the center that the City ended up building.

Story Two

Our center (back approximately 10 years ago) was falling short of funds each year. Golf tournament was started and first year raised \$7,000. The tournament now raises approximately \$200,000 each year for our center.

Story Three

Kezia's Story: Policy Department (lady officer) visited Civics Class at Longmont High School where she illustrated some aspects of poverty and homelessness in the community. Generated positive responses among student (class project) just before Christmas, selected students visited businesses throughout the community to collect personal care items for the Outreach United Resources (OUR Center). There was surprising generosity and good will among almost all businesses. The donations amounted to over \$1,000.00. The staff and residents of the OUR Center were delighted and truly impressed by the students' efforts.

Story Four

Tracy – Rhythm On the River – Helping kids fish story...

Story Five

The Lohr/McIntosh Agricultural Center

My family homesteaded in this area. My great, great grandfather passed the homestead down to my third cousin. Before Neil died, he entered into an agreement with BOCO Parks and sold his farm to the county. He donated \$250,000 of the proceeds back to the county.

The Center is a working museum with many cultural classes, a garden, chickens, pigs, etc. A trail will be installed and tied into Lake McIntosh. The cultural center offers art, entertainment, culture and recreation.

MARCH 16, 2005

Story One

As a member of Longmont's Fire Department, a story of coming together for the Longmont Holiday Parade told of how all city agencies and departments came together in planning, routing, and executing the parade—including the fire station's participation of decorating an engine with Christmas lights. Everyone including families of officers attended and enjoyed the event. It had a great, cozy, hometown atmosphere and community participation.

Story Two

Karen has been a volunteer for the Tamales & Talk program designed to bring Latinos and non-Latinos together. People are asked to host a meal of tamales or potluck at their house and invite their friends to discuss issues about Longmont. Karen enjoyed the opportunity to talk to people she wouldn't normally get to meet.

"I find that I can help by just talking to one person about the community and building a relationship with them. I have strong relationships with people I can simply call on for anything like you would a sister or a brother. Tamales and Talk brings people together that would normally be scared to make the first move to get together."

Story Three

Rex's first day in Longmont, he and his wife went to City Hall to get his electricity turned on. Sixteen years later he still appreciates how happy and welcoming the people working there that day. It was a genuine desire to help him and to do a good job.

MARCH 21, 2005

Story One

Suellen talked about moving to Longmont in 1992 with twin one-year-old infants and only one car in the family. She was able to get around town by walking or on her bike. She talked about getting to work, taking her twins to the library and other places in town without the need to have a second car.

Story Two

Dream for the future – jobs for the future based on vocational training for many different skills developed with help from adult mentors from the community—like the Cibola program.

Story Three

Mike feels that a neighborhood activity and parade on the Fourth of July really brought the neighborhood together. They invited the police and fire departments. This was funded through a neighborhood Group Leaders' grant. The parade included decorated bikes, scooters, go-carts, boats, antique cars and kids—also, included sever (100) people. This NGLA grant facilitated bringing everyone (117 homes) together.

Story Four

Marilyn created a group called Sewing for Others. It was a small group that lead to friendships and also to help those less fortunate...the group creates knitted or crocheted hats for newborn babies and lap robes, and walker bags for Longmont nursing homes.

Story Five

Getting volunteers to get information on people who have disabilities in case of an emergency. Their information would be in a data base so if there was a situation, it would give personal information on that person.

Getting volunteers to be another set of eyes for the police department to either radar speeding cars or assisting people that need the police department.

Story Six

In August of 2004, a chaperone from the Sister Cities program visited from Chino, Japan. We took her to the county fair where she rode a ride and became sick. "I took her to see the doctor (where I work) and she was overwhelmed by the care and concern she received not just from the doctor and nurse, but by all people she came into contact with. She even wrote thank you notes to the nurse and doctor. This story shows the best of Longmont and the sense of community it offers.

MARCH 24, 2005

Story One

William never planned to live in Longmont. In moving from L.A. to Miami, he had a stopover in Denver and called friends in Longmont. They invited him to come up to Longmont, so he did! His luggage, however, went on to Miami. William liked Longmont; it was a more friendly town, so he decided to stay here. He needed clothes for a job interview, so he visited the OUR Center. He ended up working at the OUR Center where he has been for the last two years.

Story Two

Zahid has lived and worked all over the world. He came to Longmont and believes that we have a world-class environment—not only natural environment, but also economically and culturally, and we need to know how we got here and how to preserve it (the environment).

Story Three

Longmont in the 50's was only "Main Street." The Saturday night activity for Cathy's family was to walk down Main Street and window shop the closed stores. There was a safe feeling as the police would know your name and were mentoring. At 11:00 o'clock they would say, "Cathy, don't you think it's time to go home?" And, they knew where I lived and my parents.

Story Four

Ddaya came to visit her brother in U.S. (Longmont) for six months. She then decided to take some classes at Front Range. Front Range helped her get her visa. She stayed and took more courses, but didn't have enough funds. She was connected to a teacher, a Latino woman, who mentored her, helped her find work in a technical field, and helped her continue classes. Daya graduated and has begun her master's degree—a six-month visit turned into three years due because of the effort of key people from Front Range caring. Longmont is now home to Daya.

Story Five

Paul found some old photos in a garage at 6th Avenue and Main Street. He gave these to the museum. Employees researched and displayed them. Paul feels that the city cares about the past and that is the future for the city. The city employees care about the past and want the city's future to be caring and compassionate about its future.

MARCH 28, 2005 – ENGLISH**Story One**

Bonnie has lived in Longmont since 1967 where her house used to be, she was told would be open space. The owner had arranged for his land to be a working small farm for community. His plans were open space, some type of far, petting zoo. At some point the land was sold and was annexed by city and is being developed. Her vision for the future is to have open space, agriculture areas, and places for children to lay and learn about farming and animals.

Story Two

Leila—when young, she was a single mom. She went to college with her kids, earned two masters and a doctoral degree. She opens her home to the homeless and disabled and is helping create "Haven of Hope".

MARCH 28, 2005 – SPANISH

Story One

At the Spanish Community Conversation on March 28th, Amalia expressed her gratitude for the warm and welcoming environment at the Senior Center. When her husband passed away, she was all alone. She decided to go to the Senior Center but as a Spanish speaker who had never been in the Center before, she was worried about what she would find there. Amalia was amazed at how quickly both staff and other ladies at the Center became like family to her.

MARCH 29, 2005

Story One

Alejandra and Sarah are part of a group through the City Youth Services called Abriendo Puertas (opening doors). At age thirteen and sixteen they are taking it upon themselves to create youth activities. They fundraise through book drives to places like the Art Center. They organized the Easter Egg Hunt for the Youth Center. They have organized a booth at Cinco de Mayo with information on the Faith Center with organized activities to fundraise. This year their goal is to go to Washington, D.C. to visit the national government. It's our belief that the youth of our community are the most inspiring. This group gives these girls a place to feel safe and bond with each other and feel that they truly belong to the community where they live.

Story Two

Courageous Leadership – I was a hippie passing through town, an economic refugee from Boulder (almost 30 years ago). This town won my heart because of the courageous leadership I've seen over and over again. The latest example is the SVVSD Supt. of Schools. No one would have faulted him if he had "moved on" but he stayed and is weathering the storm with courageous leadership.

Story Three

Tricia Story – The Holiday Basket Program began 27 years ago by a handful of teachers that were trying to provide holiday food for some of their students that did not have anything. Today, this program has grown to provide thousands of baskets and gifts and utilizes hundreds of volunteers. Businesses and organizations recruit community involvement, donations, marketing and distribution. The importance of this story is how it reflects Longmont's strong commitment to community taking care of each other and the giving of time and energy to improve citizens' lives. The Holiday Basket Program exemplifies Longmont's ability to integrate between non-profits, businesses, churches and schools.

Story Four

Jim was a farmer in 1919, moved to Longmont when he was two. Started market—started manufacturing an irrigation device. Started commercial housing developments in the 1960's. Involved in Governor's Trade Mission to Japan to get businesses to come to Longmont. Built Japanese Pagoda in park in 1972. Named a park Kanemoto Park. One of the four fathers of Longmont.

MARCH 30, 2005

Story One

Dina—I truly felt a part of the community when my son's Cub Scout pack had the opportunity to participate in Longmont's Parade of Lights this past December (2004). They created their own float and felt so special riding down the middle of Main Street waving to all the other "Longmonters." It was a great occasion that brought the whole community together. I will always carry that image of his huge smile with the giant Lego (the float's theme) plopped on his head. I have to admit, I felt a little "royal" walking alongside the float and waving to "the people."

Story Two

All of us are transplants to Colorado and while our specific reasons for coming to Longmont differ, the general things that keep us in Longmont are the same: we value the sense of community that Longmont cultivates and the ability for people on many different levels to get involved. Climate, family environment, engagement of independent organizations (small business, non profit, etc.) are all characteristics that Longmont provides and values and are germane to keeping us rooted in Longmont.

Story Three

In the summer of 2004, the city of Longmont's recreation department called Life Bridge Christian Church. The director at Sunset Pool wanted to host a carnival and fun day at the pool on July 4th for kids and families. They didn't have the budget, volunteers or know-how to facilitate it, but they knew people from Life Bridge had done carnivals before. When all was said and done, the city recreation department put on a great family event at Sunset Pool for very little cost because they were willing to partner with Life Bridge—who provided games and volunteers. Another organization helped with providing music and food. It was a well-rounded event that could only have happened through strategic partnerships with the city, faith-based groups, businesses and other civic organizations.

Story Four

Alan helped coordinate a church softball league with the city of Longmont. Through coordination of the Parks and Recreation Department we were able to draw players (Church members and non-church goers) to a safe environment to play ball and bring their families and friends. They can meet people, fellowship and play ball in a community environment. This is all possible due to a long-lived relationship with the City.

Story Five

Cooperative effort between S.V.V.S.D. and city staff to restore Dry Creek to its natural state. This was part of the development of Silver Creek High School and resulted in an interesting and attractive greenway. The wildlife has returned to this area because of this. All involved were proud of the time and money that was dedicated to this project. This project exemplifies some of the pride and concern for environment that helps make Longmont unique. (Richard White)

Karen moved to Longmont, CO in 2002 (January) right after 9/11. She was very close to the epicenter of the twin towers, seeing the burning building, and having to walk many, many blocks to safety. As soon as she arrived home she announced to her husband that she was leaving for Colorado. Colorado became her destination of the heart after

visiting Boulder for a reunion of her husband's band 25 years after they were famous in Boulder. During that brief visit, Karen discovered Longmont—entranced by the feeling of hometown American, the place where prosperity, security, peace, tranquility open space are a part of an everyday experience. Being first and foremost an immigrant from another country (Karen was born in Germany) she realized the life-long dream of every newcomer to this country—to live a free life in the harmony of a “hometown” – to her Longmont represented it and 9/11 brought into focus the importance of making a dream come true. Serendipity made it possible to transform a life compelled by danger and sorry to find be “at home” to grow old gracefully in this great town of Longmont.

April 6, 2005

Story One

A group of people all moved to Longmont at different times. Each was introduced to one another at a City of Longmont event. The stories they shared covered the same topics. Community spirit – each of them in their own unique way described a community that was open and friendly. Because each of these people were from somewhere else, the free city events and programs and the proximity of Longmont to other communities made getting out so much more fun. The enthusiasm for being active is shared by everyone at the table which allows each of us to meet other folks. In Longmont, everyone being from somewhere else, brings a new diversity that is refreshing and makes Longmont the unique and wonderful community it is.

Story Two

Husband and wife life story: Live in California for several years and ready to move. We did a blinded survey and Boulder County matched on the lists. When looking around Boulder County, found Lake McIntosh. Purchased a house but still going back to California for work as unsure if we are going to stay. Sitting on the back porch, heard and saw a hundred geese but in between there were white patches ...rare white pelican. Husband looked at me. I looked at him and said simultaneously, “we’re staying.”

Story Three

A retired school counselor tells of cooperation between city business people and high school students. 1. Rotary clubs providing scholarships, 2. Y.E.S. program (youth employment services), 3. Community professionals coming in to speak to high school students about various professions.

Story Four

Silvia created the Ballet Mestizo Folklorico de Longmont – a grassroots organization that allow children to learn from their cultural heritage and create pride, at the same time volunteer for places like the Senior Center where these children entertain the elders. They are a self-supported group.

Attachment 1
Focus on Longmont: Share your vision, Create our Legacy
Phase 1 Report

Part 3: Data

Stories - Topic	Positive Core Quotes and Comments	City's Role	Ideas for the Future	Future Images	Source
			Long-documented need for investment into needs of youth; recreation, pregnancy, drugs		Website Posting
			Improved and higher level educational institution, college or university.		Website Posting
			Establish Town Hall type of meetings so there can be more meaningful conversation between citizens and leaders.		Website Posting
			Glad Longmont has its own electricity and water. Try to get heat - not Xcel.		Website Posting
			Hang on to free parking. Whatever we do to raise the funds that we need to keep our community happy and healthy, let's steer clear of pay parking.		Website Posting
			Let's ask each church to adopt and support a school. Let's ask many businesses to adopt and support a school and a park and a department of the hospital or the library.	The city shares large facilities with the schools; and the schools open their doors to public use after school hours. The library is also the TVHS library. The rec center is also partly the swimming pool of the high school.	Website Posting
			Don't unionize public servants.		Website Posting

Stories - Topic	Positive Core Quotes and Comments	City's Role	Ideas for the Future	Future Images	Source
			Let's use schools for education of adults at night and for year round school for elementary and middle school children.		Website Posting
			Fully implement a system of street lighting.		Website Posting
			Look at what Boca Grande, Fla. has done in linking the community with a golf cart path linking the docks, market, parks, downtown, schools, etc. Even on your way to work is like a mini vacation. The carts reduce pollution, gas consumption, road kill, noise, deadly accidents, and increase down revenue. (you pay a town tax to register for the path every year). Promote as Longmont being "linked to the links", The "course with the course" , a city with a path. The city where every day feels like a vacation - safe, clean, friendly and innovative.		Website Posting
			Beautify the corridors with landscape features so that people feel connected to the neighborhoods.		Post CC Interview
			Youth advocacy for community collaborations to impact alcohol and substance abuse in Longmont area youth. Creativity and enforcement of law to decrease teen injury, deaths.		Post CC Interview

Stories - Topic	Positive Core Quotes and Comments	City's Role	Ideas for the Future	Future Images	Source
			City should sponsor a full functional cultural center.		Post CC Interview
	Quiet and low crime		Expand Old Town Main Street		Interview
Burritos for Fire Fighters	Really mellow city, large enough for outstanding business opportunities yet small enough for residents to know each other.		The more each person supports other people, the more we all prosper	"Longmont of the future will be a place of equal opportunity for everyone with no barriers based on race, gender, wealth or ethnicity."	Interview
	Small enough to drive across in 10-15 minutes		Support young parents		Interview
	Small town with big city amenities		Planned living communities for families		Interview
	Take an active role in creating successful funding models for public/private support.		We all need to work toward creating a community where people from all cultures stay connected and create community, while also being able to keep our unique cultures.		Interview
	Tax is not a bad word.		Must keep our "small town community feel" by getting ALL new residents involved.		Interview
	That Longmont is its own town and not just a suburb.		Labor Day event for the Working Class		Interview
Getting around without a second car	The beautiful library	Guardian of the unique in Longmont. Embracing diversity vs. homogenizing	Economic development manager to recruit future business and act as a liaison with current business		Interview
	The City is known for its investment in our children and people.				Interview
	The city is trying to adopt a more green attitude - more accessible recycling and walking trails.	Incubator for families creating their own community with government help	Partner with St Vrain Valley School District for summer reading program		Interview

Stories - Topic	Positive Core Quotes and Comments	City's Role	Ideas for the Future	Future Images	Source
	The city provides so many opportunities to be involved: volunteers with police, neighborhood groups, citizen's police academy, agency information meetings.		Getting volunteers to get information on people who have disabilities in case of an emergency. Their information would be in a data base so if there was a situation, it would give personal information on that person.		Interview
	The city still feels like a small town where I can be part of a community in which I can make a difference.		Charge out of towners		Interview
	The city's commitment to ensuring good service to the community's diverse population (culture, age, interests)	Multicultural small groups - to learn about each other	Devise a sliding scale for service payments according to income		Interview
Cecilia's Arbor Day Event	The community involvement and support for older citizens.	Increase opportunities for mixing of diverse cultures.	Become a leader in state for solar energy and green building		Interview
The Goose Galore! Project	The community is growing and there is a genuine concern from city officials to manage the growth.		Construct a band shell in the center of Roosevelt Park where citizens can enjoy concerts		Interview
	The current park plan is great. We have wonderful trails for families to enjoy.		Partner with large business to host special events that provide revenue, and something of value like supporting a cause		Interview
City response to graffiti	The fact that Longmont believes in managing itself, as opposed to contracting out its services.	More involvement with downtown - don't leave it up to LDDA	Micro-financing		Interview
	The greenway would not have happened without City staff taking the lead.		Provide a broad range of job opportunities that are not subject to the ups and downs of the economy.		Interview

Stories - Topic	Positive Core Quotes and Comments	City's Role	Ideas for the Future	Future Images	Source
	The Latino Coalition Task Force was great because "we got a better understanding of the frame of reference where people are coming from in terms of their children."	Leaders of the community should provide residents only what they need not what they want."	Celebrate our diversity.	A community known for its family life; a place of opportunity for economic and cultural prosperity for people from all walks of life.	Interview
	The location - proximity to the mountains		Focusing on core service delivery, and outsourcing non-essential services.		Interview
	The Longmont mountain view nurtures my soul.		Continue as a regional player, not an island.		Interview
Longmont United Hospital	The Longmont Senior Center offers more varieties of activities than any other local senior center.		In Stockholm, Sweden, the city subsidizes local sports associations that are then responsible for maintaining city parks, reducing city bureaucracy.	Retirement community - less demand on city services	Interview
	The openness of city government to community input	Bring in private investors to help fund a community center that emphasizes family activities	Have businesses that produce goods by re-using someone else's castaways		Interview
	The services provided to all citizens are free or reasonable rates.	Have diversity in the city government	Boost downtown activities after hours		Interview
	The voice of our youth can be heard.		Wireless access citywide		Interview
	Vibrant community dedicated to making this a better place to live		Nationally visible community-wide event		Interview
	We have a community center.		Another community garden in the area of Bohn Farm.	Longmont has become known as a regional magnet that focuses on unique opportunities in the art environment.	Interview

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Longmont Children's Council	We need to broaden the base to carry the load.		Community-wide communication, clearinghouse to foster partnerships.		Interview
	We need to make this an affordable and comfortable community for all				Interview
	We should weave a quilt of the history of this town and its unique and rich texture.		Capital training center for some Olympic training event, perhaps equestrian or synchronized swimming. Possibly an auxiliary to Colorado Springs.		Interview
	Well run. Never had a problem with anything. All requests for service answered.		Stop growth to alleviate school problems.		Interview
	You can shop in Longmont without going to a chain place.		"Act as a society, not an entity"		Interview
	Youth Involvement in Dance Club	"Things can always be worse; cherish what you have now."	"Words without action is nothing"		Interview
			Team up with a national organization and do a huge all industry, all citizen theme (American Lung Association)		Interview
		"City needs to stop acting like government and start as community and capacity builders."	Truly partner with business community in ways to benefit all, instead of going after money, incorporate effective, efficient methods into city programs.		Interview
		By the people -- for the people	A large music/art/culinary festival		Interview
		City Council membership to better reflect the community it represents (diversity)	A sports complex is coming to town.		Interview

Stories - Topic	Positive Core Quotes and Comments	City's Role	Ideas for the Future	Future Images	Source
		Juvenile employment system			Interview
		Planning/zoning must set direction for what happens throughout the city however the city should look to private entities to pick up the slack on events sponsored throughout our community.	Housing developments that create environments which encourage neighbor interactions.		Interview
			Expansion of Council to two more from the neighborhood (eliminate at large)	A government that financially supported the care and education of Longmont's youngest children.	Interview
				All of Longmont's outstanding facilities are tied together by bike and pedestrian trails that never require one to cross a street.	Interview
				An interconnected bike trail system.	Interview
			Community event that is meaningful, vital, commercially innovative, more than a weekend.	City focuses on basic services: fire, water, electric, police, maintaining greenways and city property.	Interview

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				<p>City of Longmont is a partner not only financially but fostering development and relationship with business. Urban renewal and cultural opportunities lead to a strong sense of community with uniqueness. Higher level of participation. Quality of life benchmarks and a social service support network.</p>	Interview
				<p>Combine Fort Collins' train system with Loveland's art colony around our great facilities including Roosevelt, Sandstone and the greenway.</p>	Interview
				<p>Elegant shopping centers</p>	Interview
				<p>Enhancing an developing art, recreation and festival events that will make Longmont the destination center for both residents and tourists.</p>	Interview
			<p>Extend the open space sales tax to do more with Longmont open space.</p>	<p>Every child gets the special attention needed to prosper in Longmont.</p>	Interview

Stories - Topic	Positive Core Quotes and Comments	City's Role	Ideas for the Future	Future Images	Source
			Create a Japanese Garden in City Park	Every child is valued by adults in our community.	Interview
			An extreme makeover for neighborhoods. Start with Spangler with school as center and work together with city planning, landlords, housing authority, etc.	Front Range CC becomes an important center for preparing people for ever-changing job market in a flexible economy. An adaptable work force.	Interview
				Good jobs locally so there is no commute.	Interview
			Have a Harvest Festival at all the mills - bring in lots of people, music.	Growth with character.	Interview
			Look at Loveland's use of Hwy 287.	Hi Tech clean businesses. University extension or a mini campus. Cultural/civic center. Hover becomes a second Main Street. City services are paid for by taxes.	Interview
			More information in CityLine, newspaper, etc. on how to help seniors	In a great city, birds and animals are a part of what makes it livable.	Interview
				Longmont controls and maintains all of our own services.	Interview

Stories - Topic	Positive Core Quotes and Comments	City's Role	Ideas for the Future	Future Images	Source
			Create "river walk" between Hover and Main-- integrating shopping and entertainment with nature.	Longmont is a community that values friendship, caring and cooperative spirit and the government sponsors service projects that mirror these values.	Interview
			City should create a way for community to have a voice in business development decisions. Involve more Latino storefront owners in planning.	Longmont is a community where people from all cultures can authentically integrate while maintaining their own unique culture.	Interview
				Longmont is a place where people have educational opportunities to redefine themselves.	Interview
			Re-establish the local radio station	Longmont is a truly accessible City for all community members to participate in our common prosperity.	Interview
Tiny Tim preschool facility (everyone could contribute)			Have "European style plazas" for hanging out and people watching and walking.	Longmont is like a city built in a forest; there is a synergy between the built environment and natural environment."	Interview
				Longmont personally invites people to be involved.	Interview

Stories - Topic	Positive Core Quotes and Comments	City's Role	Ideas for the Future	Future Images	Source
				Longmont residents can prosper through a combination of self-responsibility (self) and opportunity (offered by government).	Interview
			Create a "cross-over" event within the community where all people are welcomed and included.	Longmont's downtown area is home to funky, small, locally-owned businesses.	Interview
			In Stockholm, citizens band together to buy land for small neighborhood parks.	More than 1/2 of businesses owned locally.	Interview
			Revamp low income housing program to give people a foothold into building equity	Policies that create opportunities	Interview
				Self sufficient in water resources with strict conservation.	Interview
Baseballs for Guzman			Locally grown healthy food and vegetables	Sisters City neighborhood park with cherry blossoms, and other multi-cultural attributes that speak to Longmont's commitment to diversity and that different cultures are truly valued.	Interview
				Support parents with knowledge and skills when they are raising teenagers.	Interview

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			City supporting attracting good jobs	Tapping into people's spiritual side to help them reach their full potential.	Interview
Facilities in East Longmont			Maintain the small town atmosphere, support small businesses, possibly with an "incubator" system of technical assistance.	Teach volunteerism as a value to our children.	Interview
Positive view of Law Enforcement			Continue having happy outdoor events -- and add really good ice cream with toppings!	The Cleanest City in Colorado!	Interview
			Partner with the County to redevelop the Fairgrounds and link to the pond.	We created special places for "ordinary" public structures.	Interview
Equal Access to facilities			Provide meaningful jobs for young people, both paid and volunteer.		Interview
Formation of LEDA					Interview
Foster Care			Many citizens in Longmont go about their daily lives contributing to Longmont's successes but they are rarely asked their opinions about what is good or bad about the city. We need to find a way to listen to them.		Interview
Kanemoto Park					Interview
Peruvian Shepard					Interview
			Take on the challenge to improve the St. Vrain Creek environment with better water flow.		Interview

Stories - Topic	Positive Core Quotes and Comments	City's Role	Ideas for the Future	Future Images	Source
Young Family at Parks and Holiday Parade			Make Downtown Longmont and Twin Peaks Mall have GOOD Feng-Shui!		Interview
Youth Art Auction			A cultural commission to act as liaison between public and City as well as address issues like marketing, budgets, and overall cohesion of the arts and culture in Longmont. Something similar to Boulder Arts Commission.		Interview
			Highlight churches because they are full of givers who do so much for the community.		Interview
			Space Needle restaurant on I-25 and 66 on the way to Estes Park.		Interview
			Require new large businesses to build underground parking structures.		Interview
			Utilize Channel 3 with schools, businesses and the city.		Interview
			Set aside a day a year as "Neighborhood Party Day" or "Block Party Weekend."		Interview
			Triple A farm club baseball team.		Interview
			City employee to calendar and schedule use of all public places.		Interview
			City support for a Welcome Wagon		Interview
			Multi-use for buildings like how Spirit of Peace Catholic and Westview Presbyterian Church share space.		Interview

Stories - Topic	Positive Core Quotes and Comments	City's Role	Ideas for the Future	Future Images	Source
			Link together commerce, shopping, schools, business to be self sustaining.		Interview
			FRCC offers experiences like CU's International Affairs conferences and Shakespeare Festivals.		Interview
			Bring churches together for the common good.		Interview
			Use ceramic cups at a gathering to encourage people to stay.		Interview
			Walk of Remembrance: A place with memorial trees and markers.		Interview
			Viable, affordable transportation system for seniors.		Interview
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			Volunteers should have a large role in decision making as well as providing direct services.		Interview
			Consistency and continuity in city services marketed to Latinos.		Interview
			Requiring citizens to vote on future development, as is required in Erie.		Interview
			Communicate to all citizens, not just special interest groups		Interview
			Make our public places available for the community use at no cost.		Interview
			Set percentage of local products and services to be used in newly annexed developments.		Interview

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			To promote prosperity for all, City's role is publicize ways people can help others and keep lists of merchants willing to help. Provide community recognition for service.		Interview
			Create opportunities for Latino and Anglo communities to come together around common interests (youth activities, such as Boxing Club.)		Interview
			Enhance local government's role in small business support.		Interview
			Promote a backyard habitat program so people can improve their yards for wildlife.		Interview
			Honor Native American history		Interview
			Tutor recent immigrants in American culture - recycling, etc.		Interview
			Longmont should develop its own image - remain unique to itself and not try to be like anywhere else.		Interview
			Recruit companies that will be good corporate citizens		Interview
			Keep public schools strong and equal for all.		Interview
			Need homeless shelter for men.		Interview
			Help foster a more positive image of the public schools.		Interview
			More dialogue between the faith community and non-profits providing social services on appropriate roles for all.		Interview

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			Longmont Heritage Center linked with the museum that is a destination for locals and tourists.		Interview
			Neighborhood Day at Golden Ponds where businesses, civic and government groups collaborate and invite neighborhoods to have a day together.		Interview
			Locate pet friendly mini-markets within neighborhoods.		Interview
			Revenue sharing between neighboring communities		Interview
			Relocate airport		Interview
			Own Dragon Board races at Macintosh		Interview
			Environmentally friendly, family-focused community involvement		Interview
			Invest in Longmont campaign - invest time, talent, and treasure		Interview
			Chuck wagon dinner display of ranch equipment, activities for children, cowboy music, square dancing, etc		Interview
			Living wage ordinance		Interview
			Revenue creation - incentives for unique businesses to come to Longmont		Interview
			Revenue sharing with surrounding communities		Interview
			Use email and internet to reduce mailing costs		Interview
			Be proactive in obtaining water for future growth and as a revenue source		Interview

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			Partnerships to defray costs		Interview
			Pick up trash every two weeks		Interview
			Revamp trash system to be like Loveland's		Interview
			More activities for youth to give them a connection and a feeling of belonging		Interview
			Be more entrepreneurial about finding money for providing city services.		Interview
			Tap into the creative ideas of citizens and help them bring projects/ideas to fruition.		Interview
			Incentives for homeowners to upgrade sprinkler systems		Interview
			Profit-making festivities downtown		Interview
			Partner with private enterprise to grow culture/recreation facilities		Interview
			Create "city community" areas throughout neighborhoods, which would draw people into those neighborhoods.		Interview
			Partner with neighboring localities for economies of scale		Interview
			Find an activity other communities are well at and make Longmont the Best in Class at it.		Interview
			Casting (sculpture) center to attract artists to Longmont - put us on the map!		Interview
			Cultural Center		Interview

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			Establish a rainy day fund when the growth/economy is good to sustain the city during recessions		Interview
			Create amenities to make Longmont a destination for visitors		Interview
			Create volunteer groups to actively manage and maintain community facilities		Interview
			Home phone and internet service to everyone in Longmont.		Interview
			Ask for corporate donations to fund initial investment and use city funds to help maintain them.		Interview
			Invest now in energy efficient plants and services. Wind farm, bio fuel, hydrogen cars.		Interview
			Use revenue from city services that are self-supporting to help cover costs of other needed services		Interview
			Charge folks who live on outskirts of city higher fees to use city-sponsored services		Interview
			Raise taxes if needed to not lose what we have		Interview
			City should provide basic services. If the money is not there to provide services that only enhance quality of life options, then they should not provide it.		Interview
			Make more effective commercialization of infrastructure		Interview

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			Jobs for the future based on vocational training for many different skills developed with help from adult mentors from the community -- like the Cibola program.		Interview
			Getting volunteers to be another set of eyes for the police department		Interview
			Providing and valuing education for all		Interview
			Give children all the attention and education they need.		Interview
			Justice for all our community.		Interview
			Supporting the Free University and the concept of "freedom to learn" with innovative teaching and classes.		Interview
			Work with Latino community to truly move beyond problem solving to true and full participation and interaction within the City Hall by all.		Interview
			Expand FRCC to a 4 year institution.		Interview
			Develop a strong mentoring program in partnership with the school district so that every child that needs or wants a mentor has one that truly cares about their academic success.		Interview

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			We need more innovation in the area of conservation, reuse and our ability to reach out to the under-served populations in the City.		Interview
			Relocate undesirable businesses - turkey plant.		Interview
			Enhance industrial areas to make them more desirable.		Interview
			Extend/enhance biking paths/trails to facilitate friendly interaction		Interview
			Enhance partnering between city and local businesses.		Interview
			Enhance services available to teens and senior citizens.		Interview
			Make available adequate housing for all regardless of income level.		Interview
			Increase pure office space, open air shopping, retail opportunities.		Interview
			Continue to partner with business to maintain an acceptable balance between old and new.		Interview
			Youth activities - establish balance between City and church services.		Interview
			Improve transportation system		Interview
			Create a "calendar" of services so programs, services, are not duplicated between private organizations and the city.		Interview

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			Reducing and controlling the growth rate = growth does not pay for itself.		Interview
			Incentives for good business to increase revenue.		Interview
			Recruit institution of higher learning to Longmont.		Interview
			Infrastructure that support well-being; access to healthcare, neighborhoods and schools that are inclusive.		Interview
			Develop connectedness throughout the community, schools, youth, business, environment, transportation, human services.		Interview
			As restaurant owner, priorities are help for small business, affordable housing and intergration of Latino community.		Interview
			Keep open spaces and parks and continue to build more		Interview
			Give incentives for locally owned businesses and restaurants		Interview
			Fairness for all the children in Longmont (education, activities, sports, medical and dental attention)		Interview
			Chamber of Commerce needs to include corporations, not just small business owners		Interview

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			A commuter train to Boulder and Denver and an expanded airport runway for corporate jets will attract more tech businesses.		Interview
			The City needs to begin immediately to become all city wireless by starting on Main Street, then the Hover 119 area. This will attract students and professionals as well as out of town business support.		Interview
			Institution of higher learning such as Regis University Branch or University of Phoenix.		Interview
			Have 1 meeting a month on a Saturday and a forum where Council can respond back to people.		Interview
			Special parking for hybrids; no SUV parking on corners.		Interview
			Everybody should have access to a community organic garden.		Interview
			Community clothing production.		Interview
			An appropriate "front porch" activity should bring all ethnic groups and Longmont's varied cultures together for a large annual celebration of the roots of the community. City should be the catalyst for the event.		Interview

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		Government is the facilitator and partner in bringing diverse interests together to promote and accomplish the vision of the future.		Young people of different cultures are able to see and achieve a future as a professional in healthcare at Longmont United Hospital.	Interview
		Listen to the people but govern on a macro level	The city as a whole must balance large businesses that create jobs and provide resources for infrastructure with the opportunities for small businesses.		Interview
	Decide what our core services, are, stick to them and continue to do them well.		City-Business partnership to sponsor a Multi-Cultural Festival. A big multi ethnic part held downtown.		Interview
			Change from a City that manages Development, to a City that manages Re-Development.		Interview
			Partner more with business and the citizens on the remaining portions of the St. Vrain Greenway project.		Interview
	Promote the expansion of FRCC in our community.	Look at Conservation Land Foundations where private donors make land available for parks and other natural spaces for public use.	Continue to support creative mixed use developments with innovative designs like Prospect.		Email
	Having a number of "cool" places that are unique to Longmont, both public and private (Golden Ponds, Rogers Grove, Cheese Importers, New museum	Promote non-city funded services via community newsletter, welcome packet, to enhance what's available	The REACH program where the city diverts one man's trash from going to the landfill to make it another man's treasure		CC Pilot

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	Healthy, happy children are our future.		Consider consolidating services between city, county, and school district		CC Pilot
	High quality and look of all residential communities		Enhance access to technology for all.		CC Pilot
	How client-oriented/responsive the city is if I have an issue	More involvement with St. Vrain school district	Creating a pedestrian-only area of downtown without closing Main Street to traffic		CC Pilot
	How the community can come together especially during a crisis		City Council with members from E, W, N and South		CC Pilot
	I am proud that we have an abundant supply of water and we educate to use it wisely.	Partner city government with the faith community, businesses, etc. to work together to make Longmont unique and special.	Require developers to pay wildlife mitigation fees to be used for wildlife habitat.		CC Pilot
	I feel that I am a member of the community and that through my community involvement I am contributing in a meaningful manner.		Ask the citizens what they would be willing to live without if services cost more than revenues.		CC Pilot
	I feel virtuous when I shop downtown, because I know my money is reinvested locally."			Corporations actively give back to the community.	CC Pilot
	In Longmont, people are the government.				CC Pilot
	Library services are outstanding. Great meeting place, a safe/friendly atmosphere where citizens can engage in meaningful conversation.		Do a better job highlighting Longmont's benefits to attract viable/sustainable businesses.	Quantifiable uniqueness for Longmont which will be attractive to the rest of the world.	CC Pilot

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	Listening to its residents and workers' wants, needs, ideas, passions, and interests for the future.		A driving CD of the city focusing on our history		CC Pilot
	Longmont approaches its environmental commitment without an "attitude."		Create more opportunities for all of us to interface with people who have different cultural backgrounds from us and to learn about each other's cultures.		CC Pilot
	Longmont community has a tremendous spirit of volunteerism. Someone's idea about how to assist people in need can transform into a successful, impact program in short order.		Enhance post-secondary education and/or community college opportunities for all, especially Latino families.	Entertainment centers offer shopping and other retail in creative ways that offer options for all ages at all times of the day and evening.	CC Pilot
	Longmont has sophisticated "uptown" attitude with well traveled, open minded, accepting people.		Build on partnership between private enterprise and government		CC Pilot
Tortilla Factory	Longmont has the best curbside recycling program anywhere!		Pocket parks a must.		CC Pilot
	Longmont is the only municipality in Boulder County that has city/trash/recycling services		More venues for good music		CC Pilot
	Longmont now has "all the pieces to give a person a full life, if they take advantage of them."				CC Pilot
	Longmont's open arms		More small parks in newer part of town.		CC Pilot

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	More Front Porch clubs. In his neighborhood, every summer, someone in the neighborhood is on the front porch with refreshments and the neighborhood gathers.				CC Pilot
	My son is impressed by the broad range and quality of services the City provides. Where he lives in Massachusetts, he pays nearly three times the property taxes and receives minimal services.		New technology for automation, cutting edge ideas. Spend now to save later.		CC Pilot
Reality Check Expo	Of local governments, Longmont is the best - open, supportive, reacts to challenges, fair and honest with the private, public and non-profit sector,. Leadership is seen as important and efforts to reach out and involve are visible.		Foster leadership at all levels, community, business, government.	Advance technological and national companies. Because convenience and time saving are important, the goods and services we need are found here in the community.	CC Pilot
Rec Center Design	Open mindedness	Provide health care for all residents - imagine that/ Oh my gosh!	More education and continuing education for adults, seniors, youth		CC Pilot
	OUR center is a good example of a community project that is locally generated and supported and that gives people this opportunity for volunteer involvement.			Longmont provides housing and facilities for successful aging and living with health problems and disabilities.	CC Pilot
	Our history and heritage		Link all the different greenway paths so there is a "ring of gateways" all around and through Longmont		CC Pilot

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	Paper's motto: "Start in your community to make the world a better place."		Sponsor Leadership Longmont class and involve young Latinos to bring them into the mainstream community.	Equal opportunity for everyone so they can reach their potential. Remain strong in Human and Cultural services.	CC Pilot
	Parks and recreation services and how well they are maintained.		Golf tournaments		CC Pilot
	People do not have to leave this community to find things to do and ways to create community.			That Longmont is open past 6:00 p.m.	CC Pilot
	Positive examples of City role: Ambulance service, city provided organization and sponsorship; recycling, wonderful job of urging people to participate and telling them how to participate (effectiveness and economics well understood)				CC Pilot
	Faith in the city leaders and knowing that his city has accepted him and that he can contribute is important."		Draw on Longmont history to create our niche.	Our main energy source should be solar power and other renewable energy sources.	CC March 8
Tamale & Talk	Friendliness and sincerity of citizens including city government/services.		A new Longmont Center for the Performing Arts facilities		CC March 8
	Fun community with lots of events	Staying out of Social Services and let the non-profits do their "thing"	Enhance volunteer's involvement and focus on youth mentoring		CC March 8
	Government should be a catalyst and facilitator, and then move out of the way.		We need to foster a stronger relationship between government and business that will enhance open and frank discussions about trade-offs in business development.		CC March 8

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	Clean and safe city, well planned	Help balance old and new -- avoid a clash of cultures.	Longmont free university providing opportunities to learn life enhancement skills and knowledge		CC March 21
	Commitment to Community	Provide environmental education	Build a community/family gathering place		CC March 21
	Commitment to make the community a better place to work, live and play		Cover all city buildings to solar energy and conservation		CC March 21
	Community caring for the less fortunate		Foster reconciling community celebration with the stories and histories of various generations and ethnic groups		CC March 21
	Cooperation between different groups to enhance life here.		Floating bond issues		CC March 21
Looking out for each other	Creative, family-oriented, friendly, active, environmentally conscious town	Provide jobs for teens throughout the city	Provide jobs/interns for teens to give back to the community		CC March 21
	Downtown is the meeting place for east and west to come together."			Longmont will have established relationships and be known at the state and regional level as a leader in the area of affordable housing and that this is accomplished partly through a strong partnership and business culture where businesses sees their obligation and benefit of supporting the community's housing needs.	CC March 21

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	Electric co-op is good - we should keep it local.	When City staff talks with community, talk about livable wages - maybe mandates.	Everyone that works in the town gets fair compensation, revenue sharing. Mandatory unions for all labor employees.		CC March 21
	Facilitate having performing arts venue showcasing local artistic and musical talents built and operated. Take a strong leadership role in promoting the arts and making them more visible in the community.	The City can offer a 'hidden hand' in promoting and supporting the non-profit sector and fostering the volunteer spirit.	Support efforts for enhanced Latino parent involvement with the schools.		CC March 21
	Be know as the town with the "Slow Down Attitude" Lower all city speed limits to 10 mph.		Add art animation, aerospace and gymnastics to recreation. classes		CC March 16
AAUW and Newcomer's Club	Big City Attitude with Small City Feeling		Have a Latino City Council Member		CC March 16
OUR Center - Students at Longmont High and Golf Tournament	Caring enough to create this forum.	Keep the city safe for nighttime activity.	Fun-plex for kids		CC March 16
	City should "renew a covenant of what community is about."		Would like to see civic celebration of various peoples who have moved to Longmont and contributed since its founding.		CC March 16
	City tries to foster independent restaurants like Tim's Thai, Tortugas as well as cultural activities like the Music Gallery	Facilitation: Continued community conversations	Foundation to fund some services like Miami Dade County Florida		CC March 16

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YMCA	"We must do everything possible to enhance Longmont's small town feel so everyone feels as if they can make a difference."		Enhance signature events to create togetherness.		CC March 15
	"We must have strong schools along with higher education to allow local residents to grow and compete if Longmont is to exist as a self sustaining community in the years ahead."		Community based health service access. Reasonable, cost effective medical services.		CC March 15
	"You only need a couple of people with an idea and a 'can do' spirit to make a difference in the community."	Look at Twin Cities: Public/private partnership to promote a variety of environment, arts and cultural amenities. "5%" club where companies can voluntarily contribute 5% of their pre-tax profits to help the City build and maintain parks, biking and walking trails and a variety of other amenities.	City should take leadership role in promoting and organizing car pooling during infrastructure improvements.		CC March 15
Daughter running away	A community that is a wonderful blend of extended generations and new transplants.	City savings funds to upfront installation of parks in new neighborhoods - not waiting for years to include new neighborhoods.	Make the river a central part of the community		CC March 15
	Almost every major community action is based on considerations for its primary resource, the people who make up the community	To leverage the creativity and talent of its residents to discover new ways to provide services.	Open-air mall that is closed to auto/truck traffic.		CC March 15

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	Be better at being Boulder than Boulder."		Longmont and Boulder should find projects they can work together on to promote the welfare of both communities.		CC March 15
	"The whole town knew who I was and everyone in Longmont looked out for my well being."				CC March 14
	"There is an attitude of acceptance and friendliness and community here."				CC March 14
	"Three things to be excellent at should be the guiding principal of this process."		Continuing education for retired people. Younger students should have opportunities to learn trade skills.		CC March 14
	"To build a better world, start in your own community."				CC March 14
125th Anniversary Celebration	"We all need a sense of place. We are at our best when we come together."			Lifelong learning in formal and informal settings.	CC March 14
Farmer's Market	"We loved to hear the roosters crowing in the morning on the Yeager Farm in the middle of the city."			"A Longmontster Bus that is standing room only."	CC March 14
	"Longmont's hidden jewel is its people. Our residents are very talented, independent and possess and incredible 'can do' spirit.	Look at Twin Cities: Public/private partnership to promote a variety of environment, arts and cultural amenities. "5%" club where companies can voluntarily contribute 5% of their pre-tax profits to help the City build and maintain parks, biking and walking paths	Enhance public transportation options.		CC March 12

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FRCC	"Longmont's sustainable future: open space...open minds...open people."	City government doesn't necessarily have to have a role when there is strong community support for programs like OUR Center and A Woman's Work. The City could have a facilitative, indirect and/or direct roles where needed.	Create more niches for young people.	open space and open views open our heads!	CC March 12
	"Most city staff has been top-notch - planning ,water..."		No blue grass required in HOAs and xeriscape in city parks.		CC March 12
	"Once you feel a part of something, and once you 'own' it, it is tough to leave."		Button Rock Dam should create energy. Should be incentive for solar power.		CC March 12
	"One thing I like about Longmont is that I do not feel physically crowded, hurried, or rushed here."			If services are needed, people will support higher taxes.	CC March 12
	"People are in tune with what it takes to make a good community" in Longmont.				CC March 12
Goose Project and Utility Pole	"People here want other people to succeed."		Centralized citywide calendar on the city website to highlight all events - civic, music, cultural, business, school, etc. not just city sponsored.		CC March 12
	"People on the front porch have to be more understanding"			City as cooperative and helpful, understanding and humane	CC March 12
	"Place community before self....and you will be rewarded in many ways you wouldn't have dreamed of."		Make block grants available to individual homeowners to beautify properties along public streets.		CC March 12

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Shop with a Cop	"Places are special because they are local. We need to seek out places with local personalities."			A balance between economic concerns and open space.	CC March 12
	"Pride without Pride fullness"				CC March 12
	"Strong neighborhoods build strong communities."		Raise fees at the Rec Center for people who can afford to pay to subsidize low income people.	Longmont is a tourist destination. There is outdoor dining with patios, a downtown movie theater and lots of shopping. The city only provides essential services and partners with private and non-profits for other services.	CC March 12
	"Invest time and money to look outside of who we are and to go beyond where we are today."		Hope to a nationally known major association		CC March 10
	"It's like fishing. It's the bait you use that counts."		Use high quality service and top quality products to lure people downtown. Craftsmanship. Easily accessible.	Develop symbiotic relationships between businesses so that one business leads to co-located ancillary businesses.	CC March 10
Fox Run Prospering	"Longmont citizens realize the environment is what makes the city great."			All neighborhoods have more value than when they were built and there are no bad neighborhoods.	CC March 10

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	"Longmont is a city that cares and when the city cares it is at its best."		Make Technology the cornerstone of our economy. Sponsor conferences and conventions.	Not motorized vehicles in town - traffic loop around the city for vehicles.	CC March 10
	"Longmont is a place where people can sit on a Sunday afternoon and just be glad they're here."			Public involvement that meets people where they are and when finished, people say "It's just what I wanted."	CC March 10
	"Longmont is a very clean city and Longmont's commitment to recycling and reduction of waste is extraordinary."		More accessible and affordable conference center/performance spaces for all to enjoy	Public transportation connects Longmont internally and with other communities.	CC March 10
	"Longmont is like the midwest of Boulder County -- It still feels like a small town; there are parades; there is a strong sense of civic pride; and people are connected."			Longmont offers a full range of retail options to the community.	CC March 10
Ace Hardware	"Longmont must remain a community where any individual feels they can make a difference!"		Non-fossil fuel powered community.		CC March 10
	"Longmont's diversity programs are leading the rest of the state."		Better transportation - as in not having to drive - would make him hang out in Longmont more.		CC March 10
	"Bringing together all people throughout the community will help increase and value cultural diversity."				CC March 1
Bohn Farm Block Party	"Can't have too many parks -- the jewel in our crown."		Improve Longmont's shopping image - survey what we want.		CC March 1

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	"Communication is the foundation of everything. Trust and communication go hand in hand."		Advertise Longmont as mountain gateway.	Be a pollution free city - Inside the city, main form of transportation should be electric vehicles.	CC March 1
	"Continue the discussion of the diversity of Longmont as a strength not a polarizing issue."			City planners are asking themselves: Is this where I want to live, raise a family and grow old if we build in this manner.	CC March 1
	"Don't wait until a person is dead to honor them."		Honor those who give to the community.		CC March 1
	"I like the smell of sugar beets in the fall."		Old fashioned soda fountain in downtown		CC March 1
	"If people have suggestions, put them in charge. The City doesn't have to do everything."		If Longmont City government becomes less authoritarian, takes more chances, and becomes more creative and uncontrolling, individuals' creativity will thrive to deal with the community's issues.	African drumming outside of Small Circle Imports on Francis Street	CC March 1
Casa Esperanza	"I'm changed every morning I come to work...creating connections to implement a common vision."			Cultural tolerance will abound.	CC March 1
	"In Longmont, the goal of people is not so much to make money."		Government must help the private sector bring about the downtown transformation.		CC March 1

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	<p>" My parents were visiting from out of town during this year's Hometown Holiday Parade, and my mother asked me if I was the Mayor of Longmont because it seemed like I knew so many people and everyone came up to say "hi" and talk to me!</p>				<p>CC April 6</p>
	<p>"American business has the responsibility for helping Americans realize the American dream in real and tangible ways."</p>		<p>A center for performing arts for Northern Colorado that would attract national and international venues.</p>	<p>Our city needs to be constantly benchmarking who is the best and how we raise the bar for ourselves.</p>	<p>CC April 6</p>
	<p>"Being a good neighbor, friendly and polite to everyone, is catching and self-perpetuating."</p>		<p>Intellectual life is important; partner with FRCC more to inspire life long learning.</p>	<p>A focal point of Longmont could be a fine arts center and auditorium, with lots of parking, that could draw people into the town center. Combine this with a continuing education facility.</p>	<p>CC April 6</p>