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Statement	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Comments
The City needs to achieve significant improvement to the housing in older neighborhoods by whatever means are reasonable & necessary	✓			We are years late and stuck with too many historic ones
People value pedestrian mobility and want improved or expanded sidewalks and trail systems.		✓		wonderful idea but we cannot afford huge projects
The city needs to become a more interesting place; local shops and dining opportunities, unique places, surprises.			✓	Look around! we have too many with little to set them apart - might keep things that might
Oak Ridge puts great value on public education.	✓			lots play that time every day but not spend a lot
Our green spaces, waterways, & natural environment are an important part of what makes us Oak Ridge.		✓		We have a history of using churches and old habitually die hard.
Oak Ridge needs a clear central gathering place (i.e. "downtown") - a space with public and private elements for celebrations, dining and play.		✓		DOE and our politicians do not agree -
Your suggestion: Shorten the wish list!				include our strengths like ORRL that appeal to a broad audience
Your suggestion:				For more because of Rowing
Your suggestion: change the 'look' along major roadways				

Timeline for 2019

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Oak Ridge needs a clear central gathering place (i.e. "downtown") - a space with public and private elements for celebrations, dining and play.	✓			
Oak Ridge has a unique history & its most important elements need to be preserved & made more visible.		✓		
Your suggestion: <i>Main street needs less parking lot more "park-like" spaces</i>				
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People value pedestrian mobility and want improved or expanded sidewalks and trail systems.		★		
The city needs to become a more interesting place; local shops and dining opportunities, unique places, surprises.				
Oak Ridge puts great value on public education.	★			
Our green spaces, waterways, & natural environment are an important part of what makes us Oak Ridge.				
Oak Ridge needs a clear central gathering place (i.e. "downtown") - a space with public and private elements for celebrations, dining and play.	★	★	★	Most definitely!
Oak Ridge has a unique history & its most important elements need to be preserved & made more visible.				
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The city needs to become a more interesting place; local shops and dining opportunities, unique places, surprises.	X			Make O.R. attractive to 25-45 yr olds. We spend so much \$ to educate our children for them to go to college & when live in West Knoxville.
Oak Ridge puts great value on public education.	X			
Our green spaces, waterways, & natural environment are an important part of what makes us Oak Ridge.			X	
Oak Ridge needs a clear central gathering place (i.e. "downtown") - a space with public and private elements for celebrations, dining and play.	X			
Oak Ridge has a unique history & its most important elements need to be preserved & made more visible.			X	
Your suggestion: We need nightlife activities for young adults i.e. Jazz club, winebar, Fine dining cuisine	X			The only reason I returned to O.R. was for my child to receive quality education. The City is more like a retirement center and most young professional adults don't want to live here.
Your suggestion:				
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Oak Ridge has a unique history & its most important elements need to be preserved & made more visible.			✓	
Your suggestion: We need more care & attention to neighborhoods & cleanliness (ie. litter on streets)				
Your suggestion: would love to find a way to slow cars down in our neighborhood				
Your suggestion:				

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People value pedestrian mobility and want improved or expanded sidewalks and trail systems.		✓		We have no sidewalks in our subdivision
The city needs to become a more interesting place; local shops and dining opportunities, unique places, surprises.		✓		
Oak Ridge puts great value on public education.	✓			
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Oak Ridge needs a clear central gathering place (i.e. "downtown") - a space with public and private elements for celebrations, dining and play.		✓		
Oak Ridge has a unique history & its most important elements need to be preserved & made more visible.		✓		
Your suggestion:				Continue to recruit well paying employers to the area so more people will want to stay here.
Your suggestion:				Find more ways for citizens to be involved in the future of the city

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People value pedestrian mobility and want improved or expanded sidewalks and trail systems.	X			Trails are a unique feature of Oak Ridge
The city needs to become a more interesting place; local shops and dining opportunities, unique places, surprises.		X		Consider what makes Oak Ridge unique beyond history & science activities
Oak Ridge puts great value on public education.	X			
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Oak Ridge needs a clear central gathering place (i.e. "downtown") - a space with public and private elements for celebrations, dining and play.		X		
Oak Ridge has a unique history & its most important elements need to be preserved & made more visible.		X		
Your suggestion:				Overall, consider marketing what makes Oak Ridge unique beyond history & science. These are important but have limited affect on a person's daily life. The close proximity to Park's shopping, outdoors, for example, are unique and relevant to a family's daily life
Your suggestion:				

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Oak Ridge puts great value on public education.				TRVE
Our green spaces, waterways, & natural environment are an important part of what makes us Oak Ridge.	✓			
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Oak Ridge has a unique history & its most important elements need to be preserved & made more visible.	X			This belongs to our past, who spend money
Your suggestion:				
Promote the history				Visitor Center is not doing much if trying to promote our history
Your suggestion:				