

City of Monticello, Utah
SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY GENERAL PLAN SURVEY
No. Survey Responses: 219 • Percent of City represented: 12%

SUMMARY OF REASONS TO LIKE MONTICELLO

- 38% appreciate the small, close-knit, quiet and safe feel of the community
- It is easy to get to outdoor recreation and the setting is beautiful
- City has good parks, trails, golf course, and Loyd's Lake
- City hosts public programs and events and people are supportive of them

SUMMARY OF WHAT MONTICELLO NEEDS

- 30% or more want more businesses in Monticello
- 11% want an affordable recreation center
- Improve community pride and invite everyone
- 6% want more and upgraded City parks, trails, and playgrounds
- More activities for all age groups, but especially teens
- City pool open year-long
- Water supply

SUMMARY OF MONTICELLO'S GROWTH OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS

- 78% believe the City will have more housing and businesses, expanded educational facilities, and will look better
- 52% believe that future growth requires both more businesses and a greater quantity and variety of housing
- Downtown will have numerous business and be pedestrian friendly
- A recreation center will anchor a variety of programs and events with both indoor and outdoor experiences

SUMMARY OF CITY-HOSTED PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

- 60% participated in City-hosted events
- 30% participated in City-hosted activities
- Most opportunities reached all age groups and many income brackets
- The most attended event was Pioneer Day
- The most attended activities were youth sports

SUMMARY OF CITY SERVICES RANKING

- Respondents acknowledged the connectedness of all City services
- Economic Development was the top ranked service
- City Parks & Trails ranked second
- Youth Recreation ranked third
- The lowest ranked service was Code Enforcement

SUMMARY OF SATISFACTION WITH CITY SERVICES

- 75% are satisfied with the services
- 34% said street and sidewalk maintenance needs to be a higher priority
- 16% want assurance that the City has sufficient water

SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE

- 55% do not attend or listen to the meetings
- 36% attended or listened to 1-4 meetings each year
- Most common reasons for not attending were too busy, lack of interest, or unaware of meeting schedule

SUMMARY OF PREFERRED COMMUNICATION METHODS

- 73.1% preferred more than one method
- 61.6% used the newspaper in combination with an electronic media
- 26.9% used only a single method
- 24.7% used email and social media (Facebook)
- 9.6% used the City website and local postings at the library, post office, and City office

SUMMARY OF CITY TRANSPARENCY

- 59.9% believe the City is transparent
- 24.6% believe the City needs to improve its transparency
- 16.2% want more frequent updates on decisions and projects

SUMMARY OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

- 62% believe Monticello has a housing shortage
- 32% believe local housing is over priced
- 53% believe private developers are the best way forward
- 44% believe the City should adjust zoning codes and fees

HIGHLIGHTS OF ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Current City administration, council, and volunteers are doing a great job
- Remember that people live here because it is small, quiet, and safe
- Hurry up with economic development and housing before we become a ghost town
- Develop a stronger sense of community
- There is always room for improvement

TAKE AWAYS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

- 54% appreciate ease of access within with City
- 25% want repairs and upgrades to existing streets and sidewalks
- Emphasize pedestrian and bicycle use of City streets
- Make safer crossings on US-191 and US-491
- Plan carefully for future development to retain connectedness and safety
- Work with UDOT on uniform street lights and traffic calming devices

TAKE AWAYS FOR LAND USE ELEMENT

- Business expansion should not jeopardize the small town feel of Monticello
- Expand areas designated for residential use
- Allow a greater variety of housing for purchase and rent
- Simplify and minimize zoning and building requirements

TAKE AWAYS FOR MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ELEMENT

- Use as many options as possible but keep citizen needs at the heart of plans
- Include incentives in ordinances
- Reduce fees where possible
- Streamline zoning and building rules to reduce barriers and speed up construction

TAKE AWAYS FOR WATER USE & PRESERVATION ELEMENT

- 9.5% made comments about water
- Only one comment about water and yards
- No one referred to existing ordinances affecting drainage, flooding, and water sources
- Small number of responses may indicate a need for education and outreach
- Residential landscaping options for low-water use will need greater emphasis

TAKE AWAYS FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

- Expand the number and variety of locally owned businesses
- Assure housing development keeps pace with business growth
- Stimulate business-to-business communications and cooperative marketing
- Business growth needs to respect the character of the community

TAKE AWAYS FOR PARKS & RECREATION ELEMENT

- Explore financing for a recreation center
- Improve and expand trail system
- Upgrade and maintain playground equipment
- Provide recreation activities year-round
- Provide activities suitable for each age group (youngsters, children, teens, adults)
- Include activities for non-athletes

TAKE AWAYS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES & FACILITIES ELEMENT

- Plan for future growth and increased demand
- Review and adjust fees for services
- Coordinate with county sheriff for increased presence in City
- Provide more information to public on these services

TAKE AWAYS FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION

- Revise zoning ordinances to include wind turbines for home use
- Update City energy conservation plans for its buildings and vehicle fleet
- Investigate how the City can encourage energy efficient construction

TAKE AWAYS FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC

- Place a high priority on keeping the City website current
- Display agenda on Facebook in addition to the town cloud link
- Continue the multi-media methods of communicating with the public
- Gather and keep current lists of email addresses for people wanting to be contacted via email
- Consider adding processes like building permits, financial accountability, etc., to the "101" courses offered occasionally by the City and invite the public to participate

TAKE AWAYS FOR CITY ADMINISTRATION

- Provide information about implementation of City Council decisions
- Help residents better understand tracking of City revenues and expenditures
- Consider how City Council decisions will affect our small, quiet, and safe community
- Develop long-term plans for growth and the expansion of city facilities