

## ASPIRATIONS-Dem Town Committee

### Facelift

- Buildings
- Downtown

### Bring in business

- Shops open (available)

### More events

- At Fairground
- Father's Day

Safe, engaging place for young people

Funding for library & staffing

### Seniors

- Meal program?

## ASPIRATIONS-Dept. Heads

Full time services all departments – library, town hall, ODIS, etc.

Improved school system

Look at demographics

- More success in achieving goals
- What are priorities of different age groups

Home buying for young folks – as older housing stock turns over

- Bring in younger people and gain more involvement

Get new wastewater treatment plant built

Facts change perception

Change public perception

Maintain buildings

Increase investigative help

School resource officer

### PERSISTENCE

Make building upkeep a priority

Recognize, advocate for necessities

Accentuate the positive

Break negativity bad habit

Let's be persistent about what we do

Don't give up

Elected officials take leadership – pound the drum

More public participation

Educated public

ID related services & work together to maximize effects (e.g. library/senior center/veterans cooperative programming)

Community Preservation Act

Rezoning for developable commercial land

Bring Vietnam Moving Wall to Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Fairgrounds (2019?)

Movies

Improved morale for staff  
Full time senior center  
Full time Parks & Rec

#### ASPIRATIONS-Fincom

Keep kids going to school in Spencer  
Increase hours for town hall, library and senior center  
Full time fire department  
Minimum of 2 additional police  
Add highway workers  
Increase business tax base  
Green spaces with benches  
Town common  
More downtown benches  
Reach out to property owners of empty buildings – sell or rehab  
More citizen participation in town government  
Insufficient financial resources to meet town needs  
More information about town needs and how town ???  
More community pride and togetherness  
Not “Us V. Them” All US  
More people downtown as a gathering place  
Repurpose Mechanic St. buildings  
More community and business sponsored events – taste of Spencer, block parties, Christmas Stroll  
Map of downtown to encourage visits to businesses  
Chamber of Commerce/info booth/business organization  
Maintain rural character  
More openness to businesses  
Find ???  
4<sup>th</sup> fireworks

#### ASPIRATIONS – Boards & Committees

Form non-profit corporation to facilitate grant applications  
Dog park  
End school choice  
Prouty-senior ? rooms  
Want to increase enrollment at SEBRSD  
Other ways to get resources  
Agricultural school program in town  
Rebranding of town – positive image – why come to Spencer? Retain rural character  
Near technology  
Reach out town programming  
Schools link with colleges  
Long-term financial security for today, for tomorrow  
Transportation

Light assembly and distribution businesses  
Identifying appropriate businesses to come in to town with minimal impact  
Expansion of job base and job opportunities  
Dedicated matching funds for available grants  
Incentives & tax breaks for businesses to locate in town  
Horse race tracks  
Creation

#### ASPIRATIONS - Public Forum August 28, 2017

Keep more kids in town schools  
Maintain facilities better  
Maintain services

#### ASPIRATIONS Public Forum September 7, 2017

Bring school kids back to town  
Improve facilities  
Ensure well-maintained roads  
Support “third places” - community spaces  
Open library on weekends  
Repurpose historic buildings  
Educate townsfolk on economic needs and service requirements  
Change perception of Spencer (make it more positive)  
Create, sustain internships for HS & college kids to supplement town work force  
Maximize use of HS community service requirements  
Identify appropriate projects for community service and find appropriate resources to carry them out, e.g. Eagle Scouts  
Identify appropriate funding sources  
Conduct formal fundraising where appropriate (buildings, activities, not operations)  
Improve quality of life, including recreation & services  
Involve community in investing to make improvements  
Inspire, encourage local companies’ participation  
Initiate “think tank”

#### ASPIRATIONS Schools September 21, 2017

Schools continue to improve – stay on cutting edge  
Commitment from school department (to be clear on funding needs)  
Town wide commitment to support town services, school department  
Transparency – open communication between/among departments, school/town  
Sustainable adequate funding  
A more informed community, parent base  
Realize potential  
Bring kids back from school choice  
More programs at high school – Pathways, career  
Keep up good work already going on (including roads, etc.)  
Restore reputation within town (bring positive attitude back)

Fresh blood

ASPIRATIONS- Gaudette-Kirk Post American Legion September 26, 2017

Town we can be proud of

Engaged community

School system more positive public image

Bring students back to schools

Maintain town roads

More community events

    Fireworks

Celebrate the town

Spencer Fairgrounds

    Generate money for towns and schools

    Use for more events

Town common