



Growth Summit '23 Work Session Report

Overview

April 12th, 175 participants joined us for the 2023 Growth Summit sponsored by Glacier Bank. We posed a number of questions during a work session to determine next steps for engaging our community in an active manner to plan for and build a community vision to support the existing growth policies set by the City/County to ensure Kalispell remains true to its roots, ensures a safe and welcoming community that honors its heritage, and affords all residents an opportunity for social, economic, and personal growth regardless of their age or origin. Here are the results of the 24 table reports.

Is it time to course correct?

Our initial Growth Sentiment Study in November of 2022 revealed much confusion about existing policies and a deep divide amongst our residents around the conversation of growth and newcomers. We asked is it time to course correct?

Is it time to course correct? 24 tables indicated

YES

Is it time for a Community Visioning or Growth PR Campaign? 24 tables indicated

YES

22 said Visioning and 2 said combo or precursor to one-or-the other.

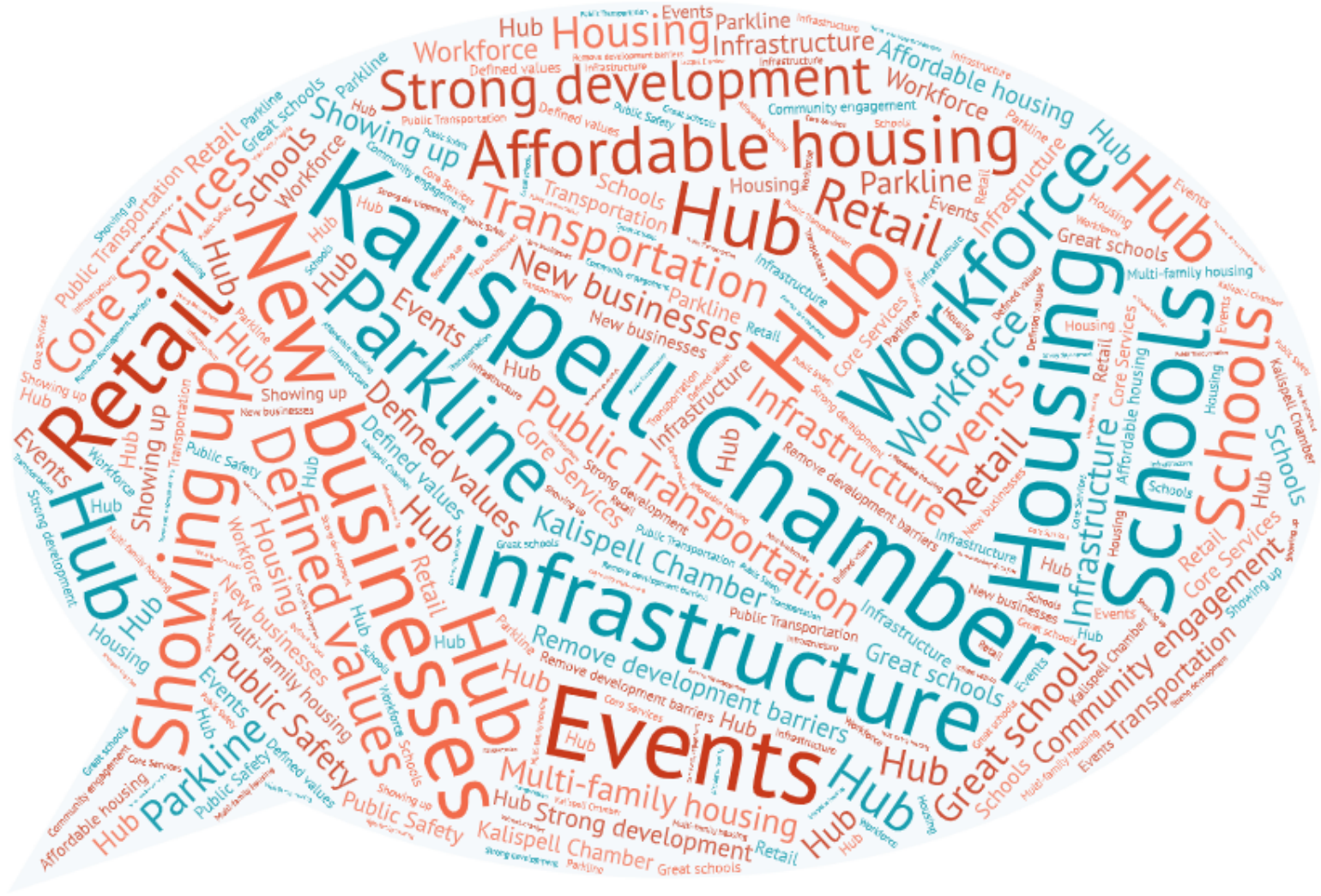
What are Kalispell's Strengths?



What are Kalispell's Challenges?



How do we Move the Needle?



Next Steps...

The Kalispell Chamber board of directors and staff will work together over the next few months to map a plan and get to work! For those of you that indicated you were ready to lead the way with us, you will be hearing from us shortly. THANK YOU for your honest, reflective, and thoughtful participation. Kalispell will remain a fabulous community with all of your help, vision and participation.