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## Wabasso Strategic Planning Session — Meeting Notes

November 6, 2019

6pm—8pm

### Draft Vision Statement from Wade McKittrick:

Wabasso is a safe, family friendly community that provides strong economic, social and educational opportunities.

### Past Successes

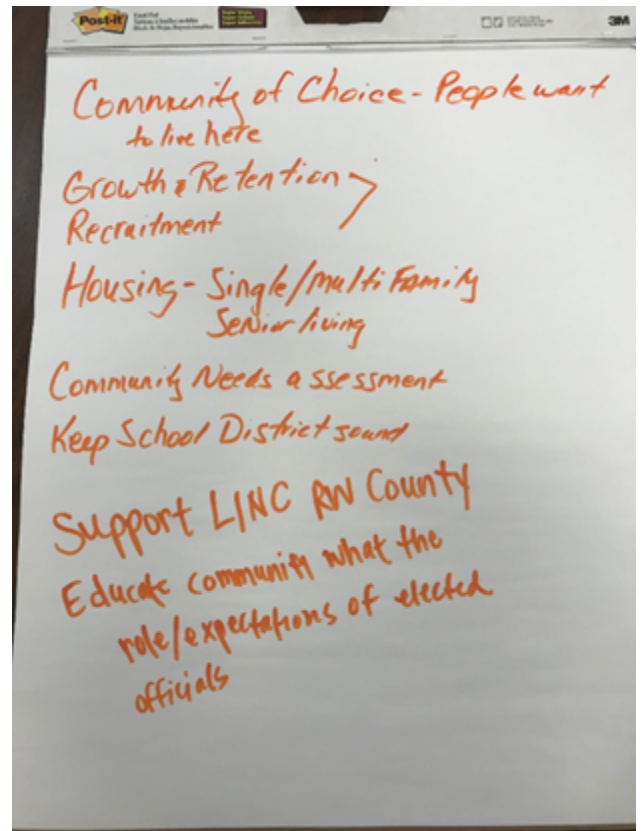
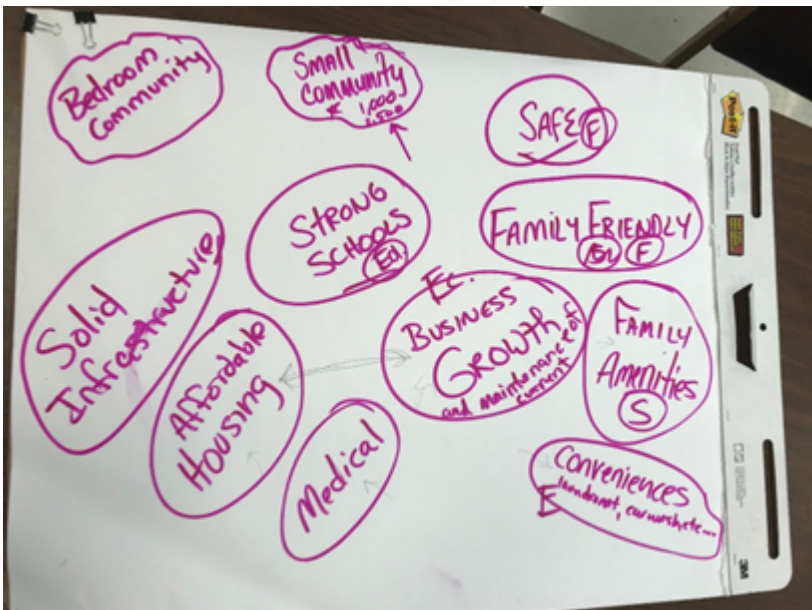
Participants briefly mentioned having success with a baseball field project and a sewer project. The comment was made that if Wabasso had applied the same thinking and goal setting to the current 4-plex building project, it would be done by now.

### Current Challenges

Participants identified the following challenges: 1) Housing, 2) Succession Planning, 3) Filling trade jobs and 4) Attracting 30-40 year-old back home.

### Future Vision

Each group designed a visual for their 5-10 year vision for the future.



## Goals/Action Plan

In the limited time available, each group (without consulting each other) chose one goal to flesh out into a full action plan. Housing was addressed in both groups. (See the draft plans below.)



GOAL 1: 4 new housing units - 2025

ACTION STEPS	RANK (1-Low, 5-High)	RESPONSIBLE PARTNERS	TIMELINE	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	OUTCOME
Identify location	1		done		location is identified
Identify the type of housing	3			conducting assessment	completed assessment
Identify funding sources		RW County EPA SWMHP / City SDA			
develop RFP?					
purchase land	2		done		land is purchased

NOTES/COMMENTS (Could address resources needed, opportunities, challenges, etc.)

RESOURCES:  
 - USDA Rural Development  
 - SW MN Housing Partnership  
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GOAL 1: Increase affordable housing by 6 units by <sup>Oct.</sup> ~~Dec.~~ 1, 2020

ACTION STEPS	RANK (1-Low, 5-High)	RESPONSIBLE PARTNERS	TIMELINE	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	OUTCOME
Allocating funds	4				
Design	1				
Cost	3				
const firm	2				
Develop <sup>amr</sup> <del>amr</del> <sup>pan to</sup> <del>pan to</del> <sup>fuel land</sup> <del>fuel land</del>	5				

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## Next Steps

At the end everyone shared one takeaway and what they would like the next step to be. The consensus was that key stakeholders in the community need to be identified and that Wabasso should then begin the full strategic planning process with those stakeholders and community members. Everyone wanted more people involved.

This group all agreed that housing was priority #1, but they wanted to know. . . what is priority #2 and #3? How will Wabasso cultivate the next generation of civic leaders?

## More Information

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