

Landmark/Van Dorn Coalition Planning Notes

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Meeting One: Visioning Activity Themes and Results

Summary of the **main themes** that emerged around the vision for a healthier, more equitable, and vibrant future in the Landmark/Van Dorn area.

1. Health and Healthcare Access

- **Affordable, equitable healthcare** for all, including preventive, dental, and mental health services.
- **Culturally competent care** and **trust in providers**, especially for women and multicultural populations.
- **Substance-free spaces** and **support for addiction recovery**.
- **Full-body diagnostics**, clean air and water, and reduced exposure to harmful substances.

2. Mental Health and Wellbeing

- **Mental wellness promotion**, including mindfulness and reducing stigma.
- **Safe spaces for LGBTQ+ youth** and others needing emotional support.
- Emphasis on **hope, dignity, and respect** across all ages and backgrounds.

3. Walkability, Transportation, and Infrastructure

- **Walkable neighborhoods** with smooth sidewalks, safe crossings, and traffic calming (e.g., speed bumps).
- **Reliable, clean public transit**, including free buses and east-west connectivity.
- **People-focused infrastructure** that prioritizes pedestrians over cars.

4. Green and Clean Environments

- **More green spaces**, parks, trees, and community gardens.
- **Clean air and water**, noise reduction, and litter-free public areas.
- **Environmental health** through mosquito control, clean bus stops, and pollution reduction.

5. Housing and Economic Justice

- **Affordable, safe housing** for families, seniors, and diverse income levels.
 - **Tenant rights and voice amplification**, addressing power imbalances with landlords.
 - **Better-paying jobs** not tied to federal employment and **economic justice** for all.
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6. Education and Youth Support

- **Fully staffed schools**, free preschool, and after-school care.
 - **Youth empowerment** through caring adults, social engagement, and strengths-based education.
 - **Affordable summer camps** and spaces for teens to gather safely.
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7. Food Access and Nutrition

- **Affordable, healthy, and local food** through farmers markets, city-sponsored grocers, and walkable grocery access.
 - **Nutrition education** and food free of chemicals and additives.
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8. Community Connection and Belonging

- **Cultural festivals**, block parties, and communal celebrations.
 - **Community centers** and events that foster interaction and inclusion.
 - **Neighbors supporting each other**, with a shared sense of respect and belonging.
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9. Safety and Cleanliness

- **Safe neighborhoods** free from violence, drugs, and environmental hazards.
 - **Clean public spaces**, including dog waste management and trash removal.
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10. Innovation and Technology

- Use of **technology** to support health, community engagement, and access to services.

Full Results

These responses were submitted by small groups during a visioning activity that asked meeting attendees how they envision a healthier, more equitable, and vibrant future in the Landmark/Van Dorn area.

Group	Response
Group 1	culture festivals
Group 1	kinder neighborhoods
Group 1	community engagement
Group 1	feels like a Hallmark Christmas movie
Group 1	more use of color on buildings to live the environment
Group 1	communal spaces for monthly or bi-monthly celebrations
Group 1	seek connection, not just proximity to diversity
Group 1	outdoor cultural events
Group 1	redevelopment of 5001 Eisenhower Ave
Group 1	smoke and substance free spaces
Group 1	more small businesses
Group 1	after school care
Group 1	no trash or dog poop
Group 1	fully staffed schools
Group 1	shared community respect
Group 1	full body MRI
Group 1	recreation centers for kis, adults, and elderly
Group 1	access to healthy leisure activities with low cost to entry
Group 1	citizens of all ages walking, running, and/or biking in safe neighborhood
Group 1	smooth streets - no potholes
Group 1	benefits for small business that source healthy ingredients locally
Group 1	better paying jobs not attached to federal government
Group 1	restaurants
Group 1	I taste fresh, local food from nearby spots
Group 1	affordable health care for all residents
Group 1	each member of the community has equal and equitable access to affordable quality healthcare
Group 1	happy healthy youth

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Group 1	more healthy grocery stores that are affordable
Group 1	shops in walkable distance for essentials
Group 1	more trees and green spaces
Group 1	more trees and parks
Group 1	increased walkability
Group 1	more parks and green spaces, cleaner
Group 1	community health and healthcare resources - community knows what they are, relevant, easy to access, updated and current
Group 1	technology has a role in creating and maintaining a healthy community
Group 1	identify the root causes with people staying or not being healthy
Group 2	city sponsored grocers and farmers markets
Group 2	seasonal mosquito aerosol control from invasive species
Group 2	more walking and biking paths and green spaces
Group 2	parks offer engaging, interactive art and physical activity
Group 2	prescription drug disposal events and centers
Group 2	no marijuana
Group 2	access to healthcare (preventive services)
Group 2	access to transportation
Group 2	less people with chronic illness
Group 2	women have health care that is based on women's needs - not on resources developed for men's chemistries
Group 2	mindfulness and mental habits that foster self confidence and positive development are standard in school activities
Group 2	more clean green spaces
Group 2	safe and clean rec spaces
Group 2	walkable neighborhoods (clean, safe, well lit)
Group 2	more physical activity in schools
Group 2	safe and clean
Group 2	green area within 2 mile radius
Group 2	smiling faces and families walking together
Group 2	everyone is making a contribution and feels like a valuable member of the community
Group 2	neighbors know and support one another
Group 2	more connection in neighborhoods

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Group 2	everyone has a safe place to sleep
Group 2	schools focus on young people's gifts and strengths rather than "standard" skills
Group 2	free or reduced price dentist
Group 2	mental wellness promotion (treatment and prevention
Group 3	full body scifi medical diagnostic walk through chambers - free visits
Group 3	clean air, no smog, fresh breeze coming off the trees and flowers
Group 3	filtered clean air in homes and buildings
Group 3	fully staffed schools
Group 3	silent or quiet trains with rubber tires
Group 3	no sonic boom aircraft over the potomac
Group 3	more summer camp programs that are affordable and match hours parents work
Group 3	teen and tween school holiday/break camps to provide activities outside of school
Group 3	improved grades in schools through better access to sports like we see here tonight
Group 3	shared respect and regard for all community members
Group 3	people laughing and congregating in gatherings of diverse individuals
Group 3	being able to hang out and shake hands without fear of communicable disease or xenophobia
Group 3	food that is affordable, tasty and without chemicals
Group 3	residents are able to make a conscious choice about what they put in their bodies, both at grocery store and restaurants
Group 3	water free of PFCs, heavy metals, microplastics, and other invisible particulates
Group 3	affordable, safe housing
Group 3	amplified tenant voice
Group 3	increase in walk-in services at Mark Center Drive
Group 3	less stigma around mental health and substance use problems
Group 3	privacy
Group 3	safe, walkable neighborhoods for all
Group 3	more green spaces for gatherings
Group 4	everyone has primary care
Group 4	more small business
Group 4	free preschool
Group 4	child care and high quality education is available and affordable to all who need or want it

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Group 4	individuals and families are supported in their recovery from addiction
Group 4	free resources: food, activities, childcare
Group 4	safe places for LGBTQ+ youth
Group 4	affordable housing for families
Group 4	all families have access to their basic needs - economic justice
Group 4	free after school care
Group 4	all youth have caring adults in their life
Group 4	youth have los of opportunities to engage socially and have fun
Group 4	spaces where teens can hang out
Group 4	smoke and substance free spaces
Group 4	access to mental healthcare
Group 4	educations centers for kids and teens
Group 4	Unite Us
Group 4	more resources given through schools and recreation centers
Group 4	adults treat youth with respect, dignity, and love
Group 4	fresh air
Group 4	no trash or dog poop
Group 4	green spaces
Group 4	wide, smooth sidewalks
Group 4	low cost healthcare with or without insurance
Group 4	places for young people - parks
Group 5	more green spaces accessible via walking and transiit
Group 5	walking safely around the neighborhood
Group 5	more speed bumps to slow down impatient drivers
Group 5	continue with free busses
Group 5	walkable communities with access to schools, recreation, nature, markets, etc.
Group 5	walkable
Group 5	diversity within apartment buildings and neighborhoods
Group 5	families and seniors living in proximity
Group 5	free healthcare or free clinic
Group 5	large office buildings converted into apartment with in-building health clinics and specialists
Group 5	accessible mental health clinics

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Group 5	places for kids to play to learn and thrive
Group 5	pedestrian centric walkable spaces
Group 5	safe, well lit go places
Group 5	more reliable public transit going east to west on Duke St., reducing smog and noise pollution
Group 5	expansion of parks and playgrounds
Group 5	more community pools
Group 5	entertainment
Group 5	more people outside of their homes
Group 5	robust volunteer opportunities for schools and seniors
Group 5	affordable youth programming
Group 5	free mammograms
Group 5	farmers markets
Group 5	accessible food for everyone
Group 5	diabetes and nutrition education accessible and informative and fun
Group 5	no trash and clean bus stops
Group 5	more community gardens
Group 5	green space
Group 5	more green spaces
Group 5	litter free natural areas
Group 6	people feel a sense of hope about the future
Group 6	access to affordable, high quality care
Group 6	everything I need is close - 2 miles by foot, 5 miles by car
Group 6	no noise pollution, more sounds of joy and laughter
Group 6	reduce noise pollution
Group 6	accessible preventive care
Group 6	high trust in providers for multicultural populations
Group 6	more awareness regarding women related health issues, mammograms, early childhood deficiencies
Group 6	language accessible care
Group 6	dental care for all
Group 6	high mental health
Group 7	walking pathway

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Group 7	art in the street
Group 7	happy people walking
Group 7	electric cars
Group 7	more places for kids to be around their home
Group 7	community specific events, the neighborhood feels more together
Group 7	block party on Yoakum ave.
Group 7	community center on Edsall Rd. that fosters community interactions
Group 7	get rid of dealership and collision center
Group 7	small businesses and restaurants full of diversity and delicious gastronomy
Group 7	walkability
Group 7	kids walking and biking and not feeling unsafe from cars
Group 7	public transit that is convenient
Group 7	limiting parking and prioritizing people focused infrastructure
Group 7	homes at a variety of price points and sizes
Addtl	shared respect and regard
Addtl	community gatherings
Addtl	healthy food and water
Addtl	fully staffed schools
Addtl	clean air
Addtl	full body scanners
Addtl	quiet trains
Addtl	neighborhood safety
Addtl	address stigma for mental health and substance abuse
Addtl	affordable housing
Addtl	more green spaces
Addtl	privacy
Addtl	power imbalance between renters and property management companies
Addtl	amplify tenant voices
Addtl	no marijuana
Addtl	strengths based school curriculum
Addtl	equitable medical care
Addtl	mindfulness in mental health
Addtl	decrease cost of dentist

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Addtl	safe place to sleep
Addtl	walkable neighborhood
Addtl	seasonal mosquito control
Addtl	friendly neighborhoods and friends being kind to each other
Addtl	smooth streets
Addtl	greenery and walkable environment
Addtl	missing elements - young people not having decent jobs
Addtl	walkability
Addtl	traffic safety
Addtl	womens health
Addtl	clean bus stops
Addtl	accessible community pools
Addtl	more community pools
Addtl	shared respect
Addtl	fully staffed schools
Addtl	clean air
Addtl	affordable summer camps that match work hours
Addtl	amplified tenant voice
Addtl	less stigma around mental health
Addtl	less people with chronic illness
Addtl	city sponsored grocers
Addtl	free or reduced price dentistry
Addtl	technology
Addtl	leisure activities for all ages
Addtl	Youth/teens have spaces to hang out, caring adults, safe spaces for LGBTQ, adults hear youth and respect voice, opportunities to engage
Addtl	Families have affordable housing, free after school care, primary care, mental health care, substance and smoke free spaces, and support for recovery from addiction
Addtl	fresh air
Addtl	green spaces
Addtl	wide sidewalks
Addtl	more small business
Addtl	walking paths and green spaces

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Addtl	spaces for youth
Addtl	small businesses
Addtl	community event and spaces
Addtl	accessibility
Addtl	health and wellness*
Addtl	people-focused infrastructure*
Addtl	trust in providers for multicultural populations*
Addtl	after school care*
Addtl	no potholes
Addtl	better paying jobs
Addtl	local food
Addtl	culture festivals
Addtl	affordable, healthy food
Addtl	walk to grocers
Addtl	quiet
Addtl	block parties
Addtl	people-focused infrastructure