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“Imagine: What Canby Can Be.”

CANBY, OR – Floating restaurant? Kids play fountain?

One hundred people showed up Tuesday night to imagine what Canby could be.

“It was a terrific start to a citywide visioning project,” said City Administrator Greg Ellis. “It was a packed room – next time we expect even more participants so we will need a bigger room.”

The project is similar to a process that Ellis initiated in the City of Independence when he served as its City Manager.

“We started with hundreds of ideas and worked them down to themes. From there we selected specific projects and ended up with dreams realized.”

The initial meeting, held at the community room in the new city police station, began with an overview of the visioning process. It followed with break out groups generating as many ideas as possible in 15 minutes.

Those hundreds of sticky notes are now being sorted by staff and organized by various categories such as transportation, arts & culture, parks and recreation, economic development, diversity, small town feel, education, and public safety.

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Among the ideas are an aquatic park, boat ramp, a better I-5 connection, and expanding the theme of Canby being “The Garden Spot.”

“The idea is to imagine as many things as possible, sort them, focus and then develop specific proposals that allow us to seek strategic partners and funding.”

The next step is for smaller groups to take these many great ideas and develop some recommendations for the community to respond to. Stay tuned to a second community meeting in upcoming months. For more information contact Greg Ellis at EllisG@ci.canby.or.us or 503-266-4021.

