

Focus Group Analysis – Community Environment

Concepts	Quotes	Themes
Biking and walking trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sublette has one at the south end of the football field, but it's a small loop that's like .2 of a mile. • It's not marked out as to how far it is and there's no shelter or shade, it's just out in the open. • In Satanta, you could get from the grade school to the high school and stay on the trail. • Around the school it's a half a mile, if you walk it. From the grade school to the high school is about a mile if you curve around the park and do it. They're not marked telling you how much you're doing. • I think the biggest part of that is that the people that don't know where they go or where they're supposed to turn and stuff like that, they just make their own trail and walk in the street when there's not a sidewalk. • Both towns are sadly lacking in sidewalks. • And in Sublette there is no continuous sidewalk from the grade school to the junior high and high school, and if they were to put a sidewalk all the way around the block the high school sets on, that is a mile. • In Sublette the long distance runners run around the town and there's no sidewalk, it's county roads. • And biking, it would be great to have a trail between the two towns. Right now there are no safe bike routes. • I don't know about your roads but ours have deep ditches going around the town so if a big truck comes by, you don't have anywhere to get off that's safe. • I would love to ride in town but so many of the streets have that sandy gravel and you can't trust those, I have wrecked. • Sublette has so many dips. Deep dips. When you are bike riding you have to be a little careful. • In Sublette, there's Main Street has sidewalks, but then you have to cross the highway and the railroad to get up to where the pool and the park is, and kids walk that or ride that all the time and as soon as you cross the highway from the north, it's just out in the street again. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of marked trails for walking, running, and/or biking is an issue in both communities, although there are some options in place that need to be marked and enhanced with activity stations, shade, and benches • Both communities lack sidewalks • There seems to be a desire for a trail connecting Sublette and Satanta that would accommodate walkers, runners, and bicyclists, but there are concerns about proximity to the highway and deep ditches. • There was discussion about building something out at the golf course, which is county property

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- There are not contiguous sidewalks to the rec center on the east side of town. Most of those streets that go over don't have a sidewalk.
- In Ashland they have the walking trail but then like every so often they had a station that says do your pull-ups here or do your sit-ups here or that kind of stuff, which I don't think has been kept up, I mean it's still there, the idea is still there, but nobody has done anything with it, it's falling down.
- They put the disc golf, the Frisbee golf, they put in that in the last couple years or so and I think that's got a few more people.
- I know I always would meet some going north out of town, but pavement wise you are going on roads, the least traveled road probably is the one going straight north out of town. And it has a lot of traffic. No shoulders.
- At Sublette, there is a paved county road that goes east out of town, but there are no shoulders at all, and again it drops off into the ditch so if you meet someone, it's not good.
- Something between Satanta and Sublette would be, for runners, bikers, and serious walkers, that's eight miles. And you could get somewhere. I mean you could intentionally get somewhere.
- The surface of a shared trail should get both towns to agree to it because Sublette would not like having to drive over do it at the golf course, plus I don't know if there are snakes out there.
- If we could do something on the back, that county road or something.
- It's a little hard for Sublette to connect to it. There would have to be something that connected from the road from that TV tower, that red and white tower, across that piece of ground, there's kind of a farm trail.
- I think the added expense besides just doing a trail would be the stations, getting some type of shade out there or stopping station out there, I mean you can carry a water bottle or something but there's no shade, and that's the biggest problem with the school one. The park over here, we at least have some shade in town, but the

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	<p>school in Sublette there's nothing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing that trail within the town needs to be done. • If it was a little more aesthetically pleasing, but some stations around it and markers and maybe a place where there is a loop in the middle. A bench, and some shade probably asphalt is the most economical I would think. • Right, but what if you did partial asphalt and alongside do whatever they do to help runners, you can't run on concrete and asphalt all the time. • Out by the golf course, you could run out there, it is kept mowed grass. Just outside of town here. The nice thing about the golf course is the land would already be there. • I really think something between the towns is the only way you are going to 	
Camping facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm questioning, do they just want a park, an RV hook-up park, or are they wanting a place to go camp? • Well, I can't foresee people coming here to camp. I can see people coming here to visit and need a place to put their campers or whatever. Not here in Haskell County where there's no lakes. • There's a place in Sublette that has hook-ups, and there's one or two out at the hotel. They are not landscaped and they don't have trees and tables and things, but you can hook up. • And if we're trying to attract business with RV sites, the four-way at the Sublette would be a natural, somewhere around that because you have 56 and 83 and people traveling might want to stop for the night. • But if it's, or harvest or fair time, they do fill up then. But if it's camping for recreation I don't see it in Haskell County. • I think camper storage might be a real market because we built a shed for our camper. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because there are no lakes in Haskell County, participants thought camping facilities would probably not be used • There is some need for camper hookups during harvest, fair, and when families visit. • Camper storage is another need
Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think we would have more trouble getting the farmers than the consumers • It's hard because I think when we thought the question, because I probably would have said oh yeah, that sounds good, not knowing probably the logistics of it because 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although consumers are interested in a subscription produce system, it would be very

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	<p>you fill the survey out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think what I like about that, I mean it is a good idea but I was thinking more of like it's a farmers' market like every other Saturday type deal. • It wouldn't maybe have to be farmers right here but if we could get the cooperative effort to where it was picked up somewhere and then brought here. Kind of like the peaches that come that you have to be in line for. 	<p>difficult to recruit local farmers to participate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perhaps arrangements could be made with producers in eastern Colorado to provide a CSA
Farmers' market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were talking about the farmers' market, and doing something like that and we talked about a community garden and that could work in conjunction with like the farmers' market to where you didn't have a subscription or just go when you want to and buy stuff. • I think getting the FFA and the 4H involved is a good idea and I know 4H is always looking for community service projects. • I think there is some possibility of getting somebody like Hubers or someone to bring a better variety to the farmers' market, or something than just the little bit of locally grown, our farmers' market is more baked goods and things. • Our farmers could be selling a lot more things like grain-fed all-natural beef honey, jams, handmade soaps, it would be a small way but to get people used to buying directly from them instead of going to the store. • I think a lot of people want the natural fed things, and just not have to go to the store for it but to feel like there's some connection that's local. I think even if Cattle Empire sold beef there it would go in a market like that. • The grocery stores probably wouldn't like it very well. And that's the other thing, I know they have always been very good with us as far as, at the school if I asked her for something and I don't want to take away from her being a small town, but is it something that with her could we promote selling it, section in her store. • She does some of that right now with sausages and stuff. There's some local vendors that put stuff in her freezers. I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a farmers' market in Sublette, but there are not a lot of fresh produce options offered there • Many ideas to enhance and expand the current farmers' market were discussed, including sale of grain-fed, all natural, locally raised beef, local honey, etc. • There were concerns expressed that the farmers' market not become competition for the local grocery store •

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	<p>think some of that stuff she has to freeze because she doesn't want the cost of it going bad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think the fresh fruits and vegetables are less of a threat to the store than maybe the meats and things unless it's maybe the grass fed type thing. Because home grown cucumbers are totally different than store bought cucumbers. • The farmers' markets in western Kansas don't take SNAP, they're not that organized, it's strictly a place that somebody can set up, whether it's the hardware store parking lot in Garden City or the park in Sublette, you set up your own little stall and you are responsible for bringing your own table. 	
Food & Farm Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maybe the extension office could work on that. She is willing to do whatever people will be involved in. • But if we could keep people involved in it, then I would be willing to help out and do this, and I think everybody at this table would. But when you put all this work together and you have two people show up, it's like why. • I would just hate for us to get something good going on and have 20 vendors come this weekend and then somebody posts on Facebook, oh, I got sick from the farmers' market. • That's what I was wondering if there's different regulations because it's not being shipped out for production. • Eat at your own risk, they know they are getting it grown. It's like going to a church dinner • That is something maybe a council like that through the extension office would be good because then they would know they're certain things, jams and jellies are pretty safe because of the high sugar content so you're not going to have as much problem with food contaminant, where if it's tomatoes now and they are not processed properly, canned tomatoes, then you're really at risk. When we were growing up they were so acidic it was safe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The idea of a food and farm council didn't seem to resonate with the focus group participants • The Extension Office might be the appropriate convener of a food and farm council • The food and farm council might start with developing guidelines for the farmers' market
Other concerns/priorities: The	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think, we were talking a little bit about the rec and just how we can maybe advertise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rec Centers in Sublette and fitness

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<p>rec & fitness centers</p>	<p>that a little bit more and get more people involved and maybe even like additions onto the rec.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the first of the year it seems like we have signed up one or two new members every week. There's about I think 250 cards and I'm just about to order another 50, it's not that we have that many current members, but we have had that many members over time • So there's 24/7 access on the security cameras for me and she has the same app so she can do it, but then the other thing is if you don't feel comfortable just call 911 there at the county and they can come down. • We have that big parking lot right there and probably six or seven years ago we talked about building it, before we had this a year and a half ago, but doing a gym, you get 15 kids in there just shooting hoops all the time, a place where it's maybe free babysitting for the parents and that's why they're down there, but we would like to have something like that for kids to go to or something, but also you want it to where people are going to take care of it. • My thought process is where they keep their equipment find a different site for that would be easier because taking away the parking is not ideal • Then you have to have somebody there at all times to watch kids. • Daycare is another thing, people say well I would like to get a membership but I have my kid and I can't do it. We can only do so much, but if there was a facility close by or there that could do a daycare while they're working out. • In Sublette we have a full time person, but we got started early enough the money was there, and that was the key. • There's two buildings, the one on the south side is the one that has all the equipment and everything. It's the fitness center now. • You can't just have grant money to build the building because now you have to have somebody on staff • Is that sustainable through the memberships and the fees? No. They have 	<p>center in Satanta are tremendous community assets that are enjoyed by a lot of community members at very reasonable costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this time, there is no help for families who cannot afford the cost of memberships, thus limiting their access • Sublette has expanded their facilities through grants and they also receive county funds to supplement membership fees, and that makes it possible to have full-time staff.
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	<p>tax money coming in to it, but the fees definitely help, but you have to have the tax money, you can't sustain it on the memberships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I think having a membership fee for something like this is good because people are more likely to continually use it once they have paid their money than if it's free.• Is either one of them set up so there's a sliding fee scale for the people in our communities that cannot afford \$20 a month? We have a lot of those families.• If we are really going to try to improve the health of our communities we probably need to try to reach out to everyone.• For full court basketball, what's the legalities of the school doing it. It would almost have to be an employee of the school that has to open the gym.• If they're a family membership they can go in at 16, but if they wanted their own membership they have to be 18.• To use the rec, kids have to be 16 to 18 you have to be with their parents or somebody older. Liability issues.	