



“What Do You Think” Kendall Whittier Task Force? May 2, 2007

On May 2, [Martha Schultz](#) and [Jim Coles](#) met with the Kendall Whittier Task Force. The Kendall Whittier Task Force is a nearly 20 year old citizen organization which meets bi-weekly and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents of Council District 4, generally focusing on the area from 11th Street to the MKT Rail Road and Harvard Avenue to Utica Avenue.

Here’s what they had to say.

What does Tulsa most need to achieve?

1. Higher Education
 - a. Create a “Tulsa State University”
2. All education needs to be in nation’s top 10%
3. Reduce suburban development
4. Make Tulsa more green
 - a. More native species of grasses and trees
 - b. Sustainable
 - c. Green architecture
5. Downtown needs to become a retail center again
6. Vibrant economy, that draws and retains young adults in Tulsa
7. Cleaner air
 - a. Meets EPA standards
 - b. No refinery smells
8. Improve quality of streets
9. Water in the river
10. Clean up older parts of town
11. Reuse older buildings if possible

12. Pedestrian friendly design
13. Bike friendly
14. Revamp transportation system (public transportation) to support changing needs of the community
15. Tulsa Design Vernacular – Distinctive character of public spaces
16. Twice as many police as minimum required
17. Make sidewalk requirements for all developments and new developments
18. Evaluation of government
 - a. Collaboration between levels of local government and neighboring communities
19. Increase home ownership

What are Tulsa's most valuable or important assets?

20. Philanthropy
21. Water Resources
 - a. Production to provide volume to other communities
 - b. We have this now
22. The Arkansas River
23. Multi-cultural aspects of the community
24. Affordable housing
25. Neighborhoods and people
26. Excellent highway access
27. Parks
28. Native American population
29. Higher Education
30. Opportunity
 - a. Direct funds to fine arts
31. Libraries
32. Top notch museums
33. Remarkable trees
34. Churches/religious communities
- 35.** Trained police and fire department

What are Tulsa's most critical issues, problems, or concerns?

36. Transportation system

- a. Public transit – all modes
 - b. Quality of streets
37. Public education
 38. Gangs
 39. Crime
 40. Health Care
 41. Air quality
 42. Economy
 43. Homeless population/poverty
 44. Mental Health
 45. Energy
 46. Trust – between citizens and city government
 47. Police - levels of manpower
 48. Better/more accurate and timely public information
 49. Entrepreneurial spirit needs to increase