

Following are the preliminary results of the online Comprehensive Plan survey. The first purpose of the survey tool was to gauge public reaction to several questions related to public services. This is not a scientific survey, but more of an opinion poll. The second, and perhaps more important purpose, was to prompt narrative responses to the questions related to what actions Peoria should take in each of these nine topic areas over the next 15- 20 years .

A more detailed report, and the release of the narrative responses will come at a later date.

The Score response questions can be interpreted as follows: a score of 1 represents "Very Satisfied," "Very Likely," or "Very Important," a score of 10 represents "Not Satisfied," "Not Likely," or "Not Important."

A total of 1236 surveys were started, with 924 (75%) completed. A total of 6317 narrative responses were submitted in response to the various open ended questions in the survey.

If on average, a respondent spent 15 minutes on the survey, this equals 309 hours of "public comment" related to the Comprehensive Plan. This level of participation is far in excess of what could have been achieved through traditional public meetings alone.

Services in Order of Importance	Score
Public Safety	2.94
Education	3.87
Economic Development & Jobs	4.13
Infrastructure	4.29
Public Health & Human Services	5.64
Affordable Housing & Neighborhoods	5.65
Recreation, Parks, & Open Space	5.76
Land Use	6.62
Open & Accessible Government	6.99
Social Services	7.28

Level of Satisfaction with Current Services	Score
Public Safety	3.98
Public Health & Human Services	4.13
Recreation, Parks, & Open Space	4.37
Open & Accessible Government	4.88
Social Services	4.88
Infrastructure	5.17
Economic Development & Jobs	5.66
Land Use	5.69
Affordable Housing & Neighborhoods	5.96
Education	7.1

Overall Satisfaction Questions	Score
How Satisfied are you with Peoria as a Place to Live?	4.2
How Likely would you be to Recommend Peoria as a Place to Live?	4.3

Response from Council District	Number	Percent
First	58	5%
Second	234	21%
Third	160	14%
Fourth	141	12%
Fifth	336	29%
Don't Know	4	0%
Don't live in Peoria	206	18%

Response from Zip Code	Number	Percent
61602	31	3%
61603	93	8%
61604	233	20%
61605	20	2%
61606	84	7%
61614	294	25%
61615	192	16%
61525	39	3%
61528	14	1%
Other	165	14%

Total Number of Narrative Responses (details to be released at a later date)	Number
Public Safety	721
Education	479
Economic Development & Jobs	404
Infrastructure	440
Public Health & Human Services	293
Affordable Housing & Neighborhoods	773
Recreation, Parks, & Open Space	380
Land Use	518
Open & Accessible Government	486
Most Important Action	751
Why Would You Not Want to Live Within Walking Distance from Downtown	605
How Could Access to City Government be Improved	86
Ideal Neighborhood question	39
Always required in new development question	36
"Other" Overall satisfaction question	40
"Other" Public Safety question	33
"Other" Housing & Neighborhoods question	60
"Other" Open and Accessible Government question	38
"Other" Infrastructure question	27
"Other" Education question	44
"Other" Economic Development and Jobs question	20
"Other" Recreation, Culture, and Open Space question	26
"Other" Public Health and Human Services question	18
Total	6317

How Important is the Availability of the following Services within Walking Distance from your Home	Score
Parks	3.65
Grocery Store	4.06
School	4.25
Drug Store / Pharmacies	4.65
Bus Stops	5.29
Restaurants	5.4
Work	5.96

Items by Level of Importance to Your Ideal Neighborhood	Score
Safety	1.39
Good Public Infrastructure	1.83
Good Local Schools	1.93
Resale Value of Housing	1.94
Well Maintained Houses and Yards	1.99
High Levels of Home Ownership	2.35
Pedestrian Connectivity	2.53
Proximity to Parks, Open Space, and Trails	3.15
Mature Trees & Landscaping	3.24
Proximity to a Fire House	3.3
Housing Affordability	3.34
Established Neighborhood Associations	4.01
Proximity to Retail	4.68
Population Diversity	4.86
Low Population Density	4.88
Proximity to Employment	5.08
High Population Density	6.74

Would You Like to Live within Walking Distance from Downtown and the Riverfront?	Number	Percent
Yes	363	35%
No	670	65%

Do You Feel that You Have Adequate Access to City Government and Services?	Number	Percent
Yes	832	86%
No	140	14%

In What Type of Neighborhood Would You Prefer to Live?	Number	Percent
Single Family Only	628	63%
Single Family & Duplex/Townhouse	135	14%
Single Family, Duplex/Townhouse, & Apartments	28	3%
Mixed Use (all types of residential plus commercial)	200	20%

Reported Age of Respondents	Number	Percent
Under 17	0	0%
17 - 30	80	12%
30 - 40	149	23%
40 - 50	151	23%
50 - 60	164	25%
Over 60	100	16%

Reported Household Income of Respondents	Number	Percent
Less than \$25,000	17	3%
\$25,001 - \$50,000	109	17%
\$50,001 - \$75,000	132	21%
\$75,000 - \$100,000	148	24%
Over \$100,000	219	35%

Reported Race of Respondents	Number	Percent
White	593	93%
Black	29	5%
Asian	8	1%
Native American	2	0%
Other	5	1%

Reported Ethnicity of Respondents	Number	Percent
Hispanic	6	1%
Non-Hispanic	604	99%

Reported Sex of Respondents	Number	Percent
Male	305	48%
Female	328	52%

The survey respondents were asked to rank the top 4 Goals in each topic area. The list of Goals came directly from the Public Workshops held from May through August of 2007.

Each table below lists the top four goals in terms of combined total votes in first, second, third, and fourth position. The bolded goal received the most first place votes.

Public Safety	Total Votes
Develop pro-active public safety strategies (stop crime before it happens)	814
Create more positive opportunities for youth	641
Provide adequate funding and staffing for public safety departments	594
Better collaboration between public & private safety entities on the federal, state, local, and neighborhood level	594

Housing & Neighborhoods	Total Votes
Work with neighborhood associations to improve quality of life	620
Enforce City housing codes	618
Use City planning function to make neighborhoods attractive places to live	564
Develop strong neighborhood associations	531

Open and Accessible Government	Total Votes
Elected City officials are responsive, effective, accountable, and respect the community's vision	793
Fiscally responsible government	737
Improve City services	711
Competent, well trained City staff	627

Infrastructure	Total Votes
Provide reliable utility services	630
Make neighborhood infrastructure safer and more attractive	623
Maintain and expand roads, streets, and sidewalks	543
Provide sidewalks and trails	419

Education	Total Votes
Increase student achievement to meet or exceed academic standards	521
Get the schools, City, and community to work together	487
Make more vocational education available	397
Support systems that meet the educational needs of the community	380

Economic Development & Jobs	Total Votes
Develop Peoria's image as a desirable place to do business	475
Encourage economic development in our under utilized areas (old shopping centers)	461
Create an atmosphere conducive to business development	443
Support small business	386

Recreation, Culture, and Open Space	Total Votes
Improve the Illinois River and Peoria Lakes for habitat, recreation, and transportation	731
Preserve, and protect natural, cultural, and historic resources for future generations	721
Provide inclusive, diverse, inviting, and inspiring recreational and cultural activities and opportunities	602
Foster year round arts and entertainment activities	547

Public Health and Human Services	Total Votes
Provide youth services that guide children toward good behavior	676
Easy access to human services (counseling, treatment, emergency housing, etc.)	598
Provide adequate financial and other resources for health and human services	497
Reduce acute and chronic health conditions (smoking, obesity, high blood pressure, etc.)	389

In addition to the release of the narrative responses, City staff will sort and analyze the data by zip code and Council District in order to get a better picture of the goals in different sections of Peoria. This information will also be released in the coming months.

Please contact the Department of Planning & Growth Management at (309) 494-8600 or planning@ci.peoria.il.us for further information on the survey or the Comprehensive Plan process.