



# JeffCo 2030 Report

Metolius, Oregon

Historic Metolius Train Depot | July 8, 2019

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In early summer of 2019, a group of 24 Metolius residents gathered at the historic Metolius Train Depot to participate in a visioning meeting regarding health and wellbeing factors in the community. The visioning meeting was led by members of the JeffCo Connects Community Network. Using a combination of brainstorming and prioritization processes called nominal group technique, each facilitated table worked to identify supports, challenges, and solutions to health and wellbeing issues in Metolius. The following is an ordered compilation of priorities identified, as well as themes that surfaced in the small groups. These ideas will be triangulated and considered as local and county-wide priorities are identified by the network for focused efforts over the next 5 years.

<b>Metolius Priorities by Votes Tallied</b>	
16	Affordable Housing Programs
10	Community Center and Programs
8	More Housing of Different Types
6	Aid for Families in Need
5	Welfare Checks for Elderly and Disabled
5	More Law Enforcement
4	Increase City Hall Involvement
4	No Pesticide Spraying on Windy Days
3	Local Neighbor Helpline
3	Neighborhood Watch Program
3	Buses on Weekends
2	Get Community More Involved
1	Assisted Living Facility
0	Medical and Mental Health Clinic
0	Strong Community Outreach that Builds Community Support
0	Involve Kids in Projects
0	Decent and Safe Transportation For All Community Members

<b>Responses to the question: What do you like about living in your community?</b>
Picturesque setting: Mountain views, The stars at night, Many pretty views
Small town living: Small enough to make a difference, Small town atmosphere, Watching it grow
Environment: Fresh air, Good water, Wildlife, Clean, Sidewalks, Good weather
Train: Historic depot an asset, Train sounds
Parks: Nice parks, Walking/biking path
Friendly people: Neighbors helping neighbors, Easy to meet people, Nice mayor

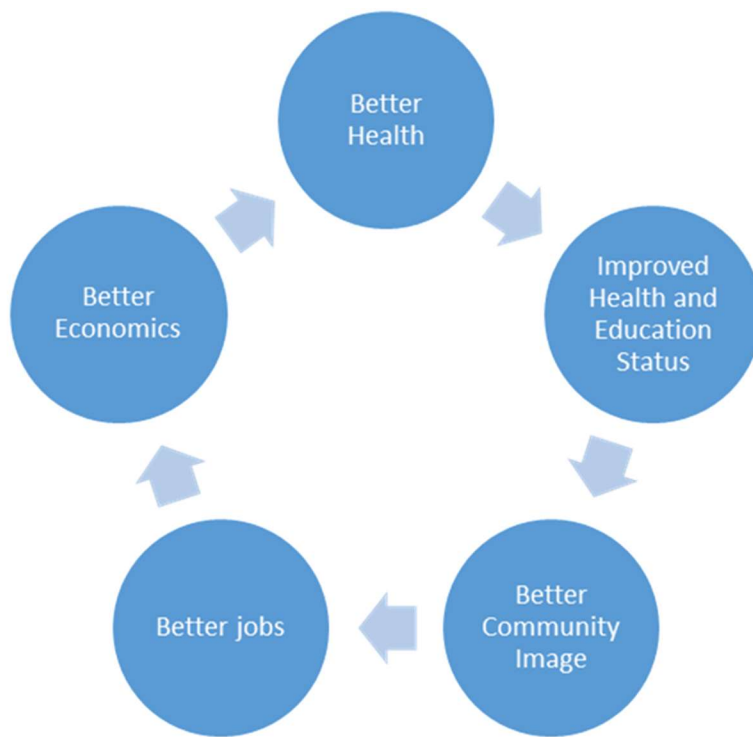
Community connections: Being involved, Making a difference in people's lives, Working together
Agricultural setting: Farm land, Irrigation water
Location: Close to larger towns and bigger cities, Recreation
Quiet: Low traffic
Good school
Good place to raise kids
Good place to retire
Good restaurant: Desert Inn!
Good sewer system

<b>Responses to the question: What things challenge health and wellbeing in this community?</b>
Transportation: Limited public transportation, Lack of awareness of transportation options, Other transportation resources (OHP rides, etc.)
Elder issues: Heat, Snow removal, Not enough in-home care resources
Economy: Low income community, Lack of jobs, poverty
Environmental issues related to agricultural practices: Smoke, dust/allergens, Bees and other insects, Spray pesticide application
Social isolation: Elderly, Veterans
Housing: Rental prices increasing, Limited affordable housing, Many living in RV's in long-term mobile home parks
Crime: Crime of all types
Drug Use/Addiction
Lack of mental health care resources and support
Traffic: Speeding, Fumes from vehicles
Obesity: Limited food resources and shopping options, Exercise classes, Athletic activities
Medical care: No clinic, No staff, Need to drive to surrounding towns
Blight: Weeds, Goat heads, Junk buildings, Junk cars, Side-walks not always maintained
No post office currently
Personal motivation

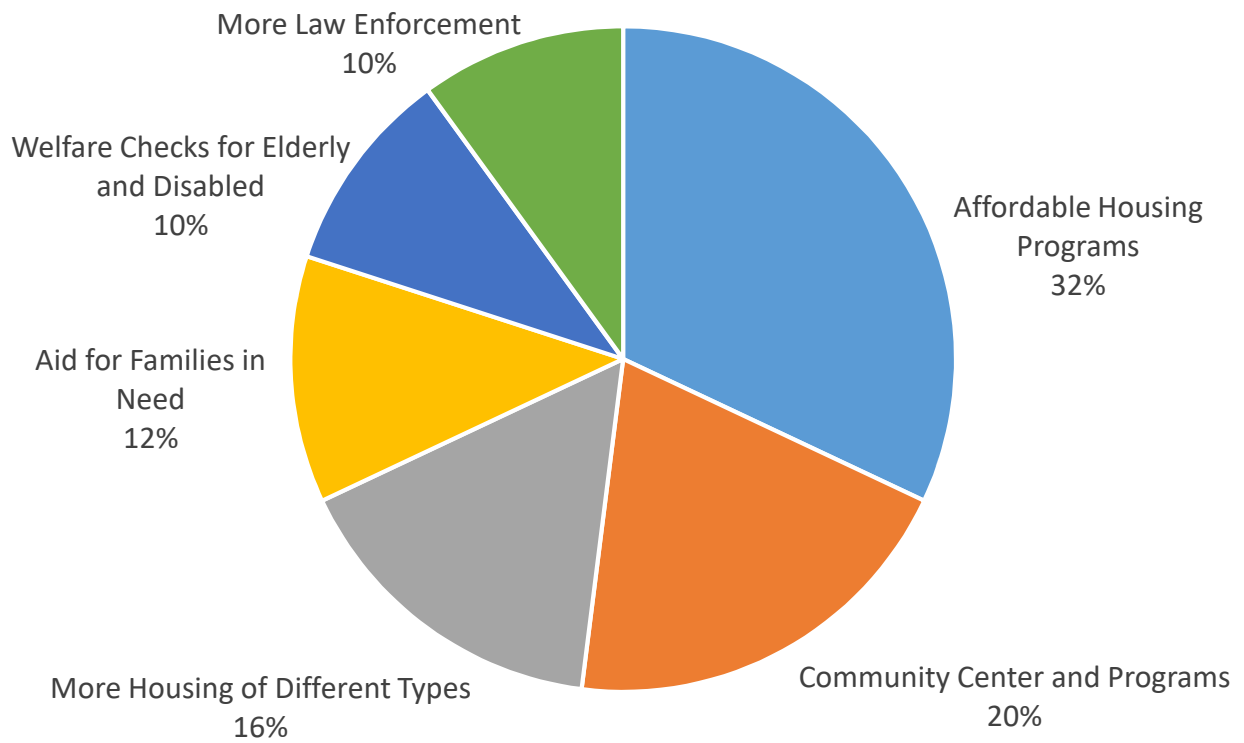
<b>Metolius Solutions Affinity Groups</b>	
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School/Community Engagement	Involved kids/schools in community projects; Increase school interactions with citizens
Activities	Night walks; Game nights; Pet walks; Craft nights; Comedy night; Free exercise classes; Walking and biking groups
Food Resources	NeighborImpact food truck; Veggie Rx; Nutrition classes; Bigger store

Housing	Affordable housing development; More housing of different types; Assisted living
Transportation	Buses on weekends; Modes of transport that meet the needs of all community members
Environment	Smoke management for field burning; No pesticide use on windy days
Health Services	Mobile health clinic including mammograms and dental; More home visitation; Mental health
Beautification	More sidewalks; Expansion of walking paths; Code enforcement; Increase free “limb” days (clean-up); Work crews for community service
Neighborliness	Neighborhood Watch Program; Local neighbor helpline with volunteers; Welfare checks on elderly and disabled all year around
Law Enforcement	Increase police force
City Hall Involvement	Communications; Website; Newsletter; Strong community outreach that builds community support, gets community more involved
N/A	Depot as Community Center
N/A	Aid for Families in Need
N/A	Rally Points
N/A	More People!

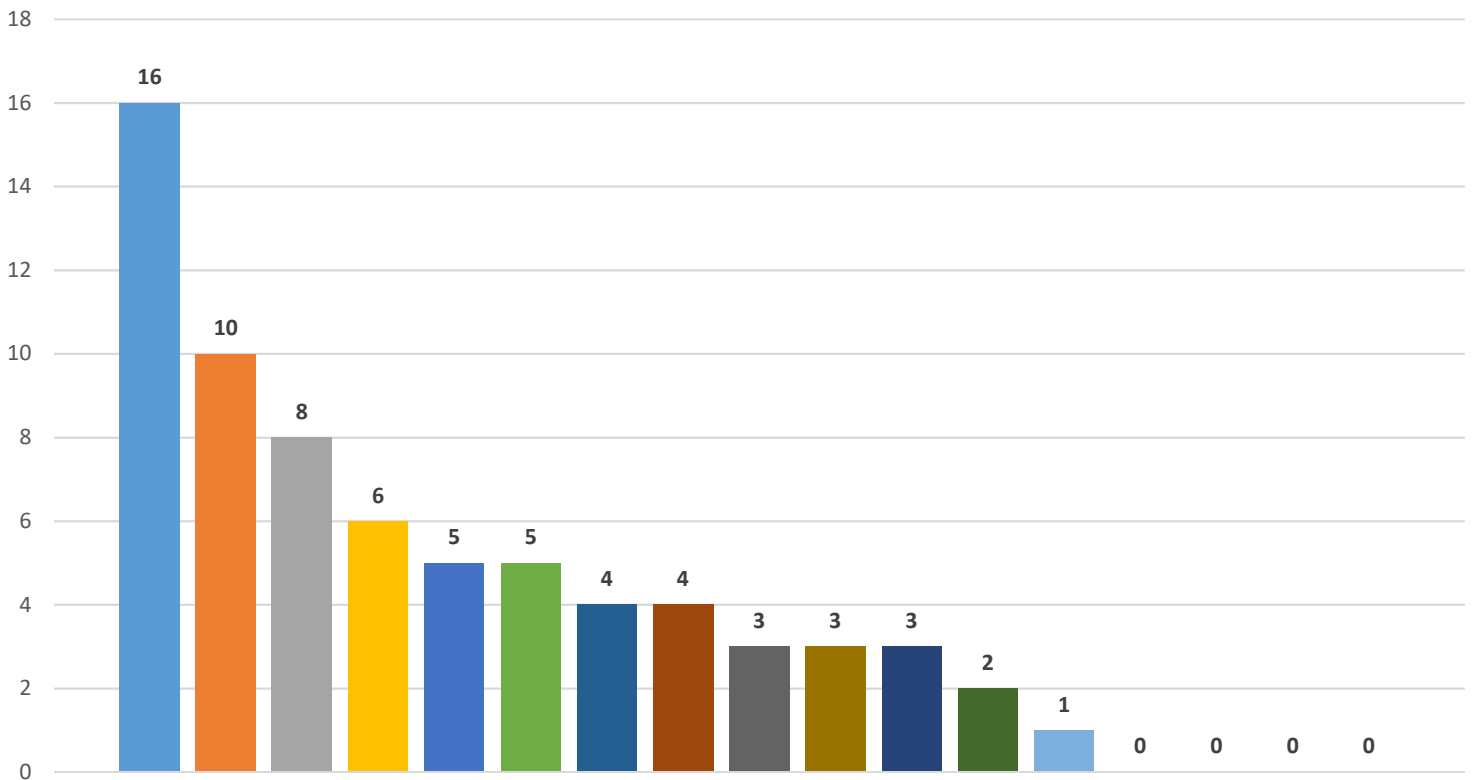
These themes and priorities will be utilized in community-wide and county-wide prioritization as the JeffCo Connects Community Network completes their visioning process in the Fall of 2019. These data will be triangulated with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s County Health Rankings and other local and regional assessments to formulate a project plan and develop funding strategies to accomplish those targets. A huge “Thank you” to everyone who participated in the Metolius meeting!



## Metolius Top Priorities



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# Metolius Priorities Key

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