OPEN HOUSE
November 20, 2019 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

VIEW EXHIBITS
ASK QUESTIONS
LEAVE COMMENTS

WHAT’S ON DISPLAY
The resulting vacant land from the demolition of the existing Downtown Olathe Courthouse at the corner of Santa Fe and Kansas Avenue will become a new space known as the “Johnson County Square”.

The County is meeting with a new Steering Committee and the public to develop improvement concepts that reflect a family-oriented, all ages approach to programming the space.

Additionally, the concepts build upon previous planning efforts, such as the Envision Olathe Downtown Plan (2003), Streetscape Master Plan and Downtown Design Guidelines (2003), Downtown Active Transportation Plan (2017), Olathe’s Bike Share Implementation Strategy (2018), and more.

The outcome will be a phased approach to programming the Johnson County Square.
As part of the “Kick-off” phase of this project, three pop-up meetings were held in September and October to gather feedback from the public on the project:

– September 6 and 7, 2019 at Old Settlers Day
– September 28, 2019 at the Overland Park Fall Festival
– October 5, 2019 at the Olathe Community Center

Programming ideas were gathered at the Old Settlers Day pop-up meeting, which were later grouped into 8 themes. Those themes were then voted upon at the Overland Park Fall Festival and Olathe Community Center pop-up meetings.

### Theme Preference

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>259 engaged</strong></td>
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An online opinion survey was available from September 30 to October 15, 2019 to gather further feedback from the public on concept theme preference.

Q1 Which 4 features are most important to you?

- Gathering & Eating
- Family Activities
- Passive Recreation
- Regional Attraction
- Downtown Parking
- Active Recreation
- Art, History & Storytelling
- Event Programming
- Other (please specify)

Q2 How would you describe yourself in relation to Johnson County?

- Resident
- Property Owner
- Worker
- Government Official / Staff
- Advocate
- Business Owner
- Other (please specify)
- Non-resident

Answered: 1,171
Skipped: 1

Answered: 1,149
Skipped: 23
As part of the planning process, a new Steering Committee has been formed for the Johnson County Square project. The committee provides feedback and guidance in addition to the public input. Two steering committee meetings have been held so far, with another planned by winter 2020. Steering Committee members include:

- Joe Waters (Johnson County)
- Danni Livingston (Johnson County)
- Rhonda Pollard (Johnson County)
- Susan Sherman (City of Olathe)
- Nikki Johnston McDonald (1st District Appointee)
- Nazyrah Rogers (2nd District Appointee)
- Jeff Stewart (3rd District Appointee)
- Tawn Nugent (4th District Appointee)
- Ryan Nelson (5th District Appointee)
- Jay Lang (6th District Appointee)
- Robert Brogden (Chairman Appointee)

**FEEDBACK**

- A gathering place and attractor for more residential and economic development
- Seasonal and trendy events and activities
- Covered walkway
- Interactive information (history and wayfinding signs)
- Flexibly programmed spaces and gardens with management
- Consider parking
- Cohesion between other connectivity plans and networks
The Steering Committee helped the design-build and engagement team brainstorm potential programming concepts for the new site at Kansas Avenue and Santa Fe by placing “Be the Designer” game pieces (shown below) on a base map. Attendees were divided into two groups: 1) History, Art, and Storytelling, and 2) Regional Attraction. Next each group designed multiple concepts and then reconvened at the end of the meeting to share results with the other group.

**Game Pieces**

- Interpretive signs / panels
- Food trucks
- Flexible, multi-use covered space
- Seating and eating
- Stage / amphitheater
- Garden and landscaping
- Other

- Fountain
- Bicycle parking
- Art
- Multi-use trail
- Vehicle parking
- Benches
- Other
Train tracks cause traffic to back up on Santa Fe.

Fountain and Gazebo to remain.

Underground Tunnel

Sitting idling traffic when train is going through town.

Noise from traffic.

Second Baptist Church, Crystal Ballroom, Plaza Grill, Banquet Hall, Bank of America.
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Regional Attraction Concept 2

Pleasing Everyone Umbrella Parking (B.A.G.)
Regional Attraction Concept 3

- Underground Tunnel
- Noise from traffic
- Sitting idling traffic when train is going through town
- Train tracks cause traffic to back up on Santa Fe
- Fountain and Gazebo to remain
- Events + Food Trucks

Note: This diagram showcases early concepts for a regional attraction, highlighting key elements and potential improvements.

COUNTY SQUARE

EARLY CONCEPTS
Public parking availability is important for any thriving downtown. Parking is necessary for employees during the workday M-F, retail customers, visitors and future residents after-hours and weekends. The graphic to the left articulates where public parking is currently available in downtown Olathe. A parking study was completed by Johnson County before the construction of the new courthouse. This study suggested parking supply was adequate for the demand of downtown Olathe. As the City considers redevelopment projects on existing surface lots, residential use takes advantage of the existing parking garage, located at the corner of S. Cherry St. and E. Loula St., during the off-peak hours maximizing its function.

Currently, there are over 2,000*** public parking spaces available, including parking in adjacent neighborhoods, with an anticipated demand of 1,345*. The distribution of public parking, both existing and approved, is currently located within one city block of existing downtown businesses and county-owned property.

The County Square, like many across the county, is a precious gem in the heart of downtown Olathe. The design team suggests possible opportunities to increase parking capacity, without using the County Square property, on the following board.

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**LG**

**JI**

**TIM**

**JS**

**AI**

**SM**

**JC**

**EA**

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**1,345** *

**1,508**

**383** **

**1,891** ***

TOTAL SPACES REQUIRED ON DESIGN DAY

OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES

ON-STREET PARKING SPACES

TOTAL PUBLIC PARKING SPACES

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* "Design Day is a day that best represents the level of demand the parking system is designed to accommodate; typically, to the 95th percentile (1-2 busiest days of a month) of demand levels"

** Indicates number not adding 210 Public On-Street Parking options in adjacent residential neighborhoods. These On-Street Parking options are within 800 feet, or two city blocks, of County Property

*** With 210 Additional Public On-Street Parking, the total number of existing and approved public parking spaces in Downtown Olathe increases to 2,331.
PUBLIC PARKING

Additional Parking Opportunities

GRAPHIC LEGEND

- CITY OWNED OFF-STREET PARKING LOT
- COUNTY OWNED OFF-STREET PARKING LOT
- COUNTY SQUARE LOCATION
- ON-STREET PARKING
- AREA OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST
- DESIGN CONSIDERATION

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

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<td>CONSIDER REVERSING TRAFFIC PARKING ON DOWNTOWN OLA THE CITY STREETS</td>
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<td>CREATE BIKE PATH TO DIRECT VISITORS OF DOWNTOWN OLA THE TO APPROPRIATE PARKING</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>RELOCATE SPACE CURRENTLY RESERVED FOR CITY AND STATE POLICE (MECO) TO ADDITIONAL SPACE (APPROX. 20 SPACES)</td>
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<td>IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS FROM EXISTING PARKING LOCATED SOUTH OF PARK STREET ALONG THE RAILROAD TRACKS ACROSS RAGLE AVE.</td>
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PUBLIC PARKING OPPORTUNITIES - DOWNTOWN OLA THE

100
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PUBLIC PARKING SPACES THAT CAN BE ADDED TO DOWNTOWN OLA THE IF ALL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED.

2,201 *
PROPOSED TOTAL PUBLIC PARKING SPACES

* The total number of existing and approved + proposed public parking spaces in Downtown Olathe - with 300 on-street parking spaces in adjacent neighborhoods.

JOHNSON COUNTY KANSAS
EXISTING SITE

Existing Site Elements

1 - 2076 TIME CAPSULE
2 - COURTHOUSE CORNERSTONE
3 - OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION MONUMENT
4 - 2057 TIME CAPSULE
5 - SANTA FE TRAIL MONUMENT
6 - BRICK COLUMNS
7 - FOUNTAIN
8 - GAZEBOS
CONCEPTS

Design Concept Two

- Gathering Space
- Tree Bosque with Seating
- Children's Play Area
- Multi-Use Structure
- Community Green
- Outdoor Classroom
- Existing Fountain

Proposed Amenities:
- Food Trucks
- Bike Stations
- Restrooms
- Seating