

- Oldfield house
- Old construction next to Oldfield house
- Speed limit signs

Ward 4

Concerns

- Land trade around I-10/ Gautier Vancleave Rd
- Paving –Northwood Hills ,Homestead & Martin Bluff
- Grocery Stores
- Car wash unfinished on Hwy 90
- Striping on Martin Bluff Rd. (access road)
- Preserving Graveline Bayou
- Situation between Baywood Commons & Northwood Hills (overgrowth)
- Bike path lane with lighting along Gautier-Vancleave Rd & all of Martin Bluff Rd

Likes

- City Park
- Soccer fields & ball fields
- Library
- Golf courses
- Old Place
- High School
- City Hall

Ward 5

Concerns

- No sidewalks- roads are narrow, needs widening
- Safety of children
- Only one road out of Hickory Hills
- North of I-10 is part of the city
- Only 1 access road out of Hickory Hills
- Dip near Brookside

Likes

- City Park
- Town Center
- College
- Senior Center (outgrowing)

Dislikes

- Blighted Properties
- Run down trailer parks

What does the City do well?

- Programs and special events
- Parks are gems
- Library programs
- Proactive, open public safety services and officers
- Mayor, Council and Staff remain accessible and open
- Expand partnerships
- Local media positive and key partner in communications
- Air quality
- Economic development –Mall area
- Public Safety, responsive fire and police
- Engages & listens to citizens in participation of vision/changes – Strategic Plan
- Process, communication/meaningful participation of citizens, more avenues for meaningful citizen participation
- Responsive City Council, access to Mayor, City Council pays attention
- Neighborhood Service Programs
- Redevelopment effort of town center is great
- Code Enforcement works with developers
- Happy to see Gautier grow up

What does the City need to do better?

- Litter and dumping control
- Uniformity of appearance and sense of belonging
- Code enforcement for poor property maintenance
- Communication - community doesn't know what the City does/offers
- Coordination of events
- More effort to bring jobs
- Dispersing dense development areas
- Involvement in school issues - bonds, safety, etc

- Roadway maintenance, routine and during construction
- Address traffic issues
- Expand recreational opportunities for youth - gym, after school
- Greater sensitivity to pedestrians, improved safety on streets, more crosswalks
- Improve safe routes to school
- Tighter gang enforcement
- Strategic Plan Process in high school and elementary schools
- Better pet (dog) parks
- Brochures – brag about what we do well
- Illegal Dumping - place to dump trash
- More community collaboration to engage businesses and organizations
- Street lighting for safety

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS/PRESERVATION

- Need a "Drains to Bay" awareness campaign to reduce litter in gutters
- Education/outreach in schools, public events on water conservation, energy, recycling
- Preservation of oak trees, open space
- Erosion control; dredging and bayou restoration

AESTHETICS

- Litter - Regularly scheduled litter pick up – especially plastic bag litter
- Make merchants responsible for trash generated by their stores
- Develop programs to discourage illegal dumping/off road vehicles
- Encourage neighborhood watch programs for community empowerment/reporting
- Waste receptacles should be kept in special places to avoid public sight
- Neighborhood clean-up programs/events at parks, etc.
- More uniformity in city aesthetics to create an identity
- Combat graffiti/vandalism by encouraging linking/grouping of communities/activities
- Improve Code Enforcement response for unkempt yards front yard vehicle parking

COMMUNICATION

- Comprehensive Calendar of school, City, public events for distribution of materials
- Youth guides that lists jobs, core training programs such as the life guard program
- Develop a two way communication – Better dissemination of emergency information
- Use of public events to share information
- Establish/expand communication tools for reporting community concerns

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The encouragement of more industry, good jobs
- Need a Gautier Chamber of Commerce

JOBS

- Continue to lure a variety of employment opportunities for college-education young adults and seniors, and also more manufacturing-based jobs.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Improve roadway maintenance
- Clear water
- Develop new roadways in western area of City

RECREATION

- Organized Activities for children and youth 18 – 24. Indoor gym. Local activities.
- Need a water park
- Encourage more after-school activities – public and private

TRANSPORTATION

- Improve/develop mass transportation – number & frequency of buses
- Improve public transportation to provide youth an opportunity to compete for jobs

EDUCATION

- Continue/expand partnerships with schools for after-school programs
- Neighborhood schools within walking distance

FACILITIES/ACTIVITIES

- Outdoor activities/centers to promote healthy lifestyles, volleyball, basketball, multi-use trails
- Dog Parks

HOUSING ISSUES

- Improve the ratio of owners to renters
- Balance/control on the number of Section 8 dwellings
- Housing for the disabled

SENIORS

- Gautier – We should be the Retirement Hub of the Region
- Develop senior/retirement communities (gated/ungated)
- Single story (smaller) housing for "empty nesters"

TRAILS

- All varieties of trails needed: bicycle, walking, equestrian
- Greater/contiguous trail network to connect routes & communities
- Routes should connect outdoor youth activity areas/locations
- Promote, enhance and expand recreation trails

Exhibit V: Community Needs Survey

Motion made by Mayor Fortenberry, seconded by Councilman Macfarland and unanimously carried to adjourn until October 2, 2012.

APPROVED BY:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

INTERIM CITY CLERK

Submitted for approval of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gautier, Mississippi at the meeting of October 2, 2012.