

*Youth Focus Group
Laytonville High School
Friday, May 18*

Participants:

Fifteen students participated.

- 3 people lived in the map area. 2 people walk to school. The remainder drive to school.

How do you get around Laytonville?

- We need sidewalks and trees, making it easy to get around...make it welcoming.
- The sidestreets are too out of the way to walk on. At lunch time, kids walk on the highway, even if they drive to school. They go to Geiger’s, Good Food Store, and the Chief for lunch.
- Truck drivers are not polite to the girls walking along Branscomb.
- Middle schoolers ride bikes more than high schoolers.
- From Harwood Park to Mulligan Ln.

there is an informal trail. The trail in the park needs a bridge for horses and bikes.

- FFA program to help get a horse trail and horse facilities here. Kids estimate 40 – 50% of kids have horses and 10 horses would come to school a day.
- Bridge and shoulder at curve in road, because banking pushes the drivers to the outside of the road.

How could Laytonville be improved?

- We need streetlights.
- Ramsey Rd needs improvements.
- Take down the blue building at Dos Rios and Highway 101.
- Fix the Scary Places:
 - Improve bathrooms at Harwood Park – cleaner, more light. The park is an important part of the community, little league games, rodeo, dog walking, hanging out around Healthy Start. Need to clean up broken bottles, needles, dirty hippies.

- Behind Park N’Takit

If you could have anything in town, what would you want?

- Arcade
- Skate Park
- Movie Theatre
- Swimming Pool
- Community tennis courts
- Need a track – currently run along Branscomb Road.
- Paintball course at old high school. Sell CO2 refills here (instead of going to Wil-lits)
- If there was a skate park: 25% would use regularly
- Movie Theatre: 100% of kids would use it
- Arcade: 25% of kids would use it

- Swimming Pool: 50% of kids would use it
- Tennis Court: 90% of kids would use it
- We need better stores:
 - Prices too high, so we shop in Willits
 - Boomers is closed to people under 21
 - We need sporting goods store to support athletes (track, football,
 - Tack store
- We need Jobs. Housing is an impediment to living here. It would be nice to have some new people in this town, but the right people. It would be great if people could go off to college and then return to Laytonville, get housing and a job.
- We want to see beautification:
 - Sidewalk art
 - Murals
- Welcome sign kiosks.
- Greenery in front of GFS and Shady Nook
- Planter Boxes
- Fix up area in front of bank
- Revive the Xmas tree lighting (in front of Coastal Mountain Mortgage) with hot chocolate, cider.
- Motels need to be improved.
- Use talent of graffiti artists
- Fix up old high school....make it into community center
- Sign for Laytonville High – “home of the warriors” on 101 with a sign pointing down Branscomb.
- Big Kiosk in town on 101 (at bank park) with town calendar and school events...the woodshop could do it.
- The high school woodshop can build