

# Glenpool – A Vision for the Future

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*The Glenpool Vision group met four times in late 2013 and early 2014 to examine internal and external challenges, and internal and external opportunities in Glenpool today, and to evaluate ways to build community moving forward.*

The group adopted as its task to envision a Glenpool five years, ten years, even 20 years in the future. They were asked to evaluate the things Glenpool *today* needs to do so that the group's vision of Glenpool in the *future* might be encouraged and nurtured.

This document serves as a reflection of the efforts, ideas, and outcomes of a transparent, public process designed to involve multiple stakeholders within the community and open to anyone's attendance or input. Members of City Staff, City Council, Chamber of Commerce, Glenpool School System, various Glenpool business owners and businesspeople, housing association presidents, and concerned citizens attended each professionally facilitated group meeting.

The process was inclusive of everyone's ideas and inputs via a segmented, table-focused approach driven by discussion, debate, and small-group consensus which then was elevated to full-group discussions and votes or rankings. All meetings were announced in accordance with City Meetings & Agenda requirements for City Council workshops and were posted online as well.



## Challenges Identified by the Vision Group

<p>Table 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Improve internal perception about city debt and overcoming negativity.</li><li>2. Better how Glenpool sees itself through better communication.</li><li>3. Support existing businesses and attract additional business.</li></ol>	<p>Table 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Effective internal communication.</li><li>2. Targeted growth.</li><li>3. Effective infrastructure planning for future needs.</li><li>4. Restoring public trust through changing internal communication.</li></ol>
<p>Table 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Need for more participatory events.</li><li>2. Improve the internal and external perceptions of Glenpool.</li><li>3. Improved medical care.</li></ol>	
<p>Table 4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Maximize city capital plans to accommodate growth.</li><li>2. Regularly update and utilize comp plan for city.</li><li>3. Regularly review and update sign code.</li></ol>	<p>Table 5</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Overcome public perception of traffic/congestion inside Glenpool.</li><li>2. Overcome public perception of lack of second tier homes.</li><li>3. Overcome public perception of lack of entertainment in city.</li></ol>

### Breakdown of Internal & External Challenges Identified:

#### Internal

- Communicate plans, opportunities for homebuyers; create opportunities for entertainment or community involvement
- Correct community perceptions
- Communicate goals, plans, and truths
- Review/Update important long range planning documents
- Access to medical care
- Build community through participation

#### External

- Attract new business
- Infrastructure plan in place, arm citizens to be effective ambassadors
- Communicate to business, real estate/homebuyers that a plan is in place
- Improve perceptions of Glenpool outside of our community. Help our citizens to be effective ambassadors.

## Opportunities Identified by the Vision Group

### Breakdown of Opportunities:

- High-quality education system, continuing investment into facilities, programs and future
- Highway location, near to Downtown Tulsa, but still with its own community feel
- Room to expand
- Affordable housing, family-friendly, safe community

#### Table 1

1. Single school campus.  
Convenient, quality.
2. Location in metro and state.
3. Affordability and value for homes.

#### Table 2

1. Opportunity was recognized by each individual for their personal choices. (ie geography, schools, location, business, etc)

#### Table 3

1. Affordable housing
2. Proximity to Tulsa
3. Low crime rate

#### Table 4

1. Affordable, quality housing
2. Ease of access
3. Ground floor commercial opportunities

#### Table 5

1. location
2. Education (concurrent enrollment)
3. Quality of life

#### General Comments

1. Lowest ISO rating in metro
2. Growing community

## Short Term Community Building Ideas, and Rankings

These are ideas the city and citizens, or citizens groups, can take on with a minimum of investment. Each of the five tables participating at this particular meeting was asked to rank the collective list of ideas into their preferred "Top 5" ideas. Each vertical column of numbers represents a table's ranking list, i.e., the first column of numbers shows that Table 1 ranked the Sports Complex as #1 and having Events and Festivals in the Park as #2, and so on.

*In the case of the Sports Complex, which did receive the most votes/highest ranking, the short-term list dealt with communicating the need and calling for a vote, NOT the actual building of the complex.*

### Ideas:

1. Farmers market - Black Gold park.	4,	5,	1,
2. Community movie night - conference center	4,		1,
3. Fishing derby / fishing and hunting expo (2)	3,	1,	4, 2, 3,
4. City wide car/motorcycle show (2).		3,	3, 5, 5,
5. City wide garage sale.		5,	2,
6. Sports complex - bring back.	1,	1,	4,
7. Street upgrades around black gold park			
8. Summer concerts at conference center/amphitheater/BlackGold Park (2).		2,	4, 2,
9. Home and garden show at conference center.		5,	3,
10. Events/festivals in the park (ie country music-day in the park, etc).		2,	
11. Tractor pull along 141st			
12. Food truck day			

## Long Term Goals

The group worked individually and then collectively to propose and refine long term goals for Glenpool. These goals should address the challenges the community faces today, and ideally build upon the opportunities already resident within the community.

Several ideas emerged through the discussion and sharing of each person and then each table's thoughts:

- Build a Big League Dreams Sports Complex
  - Attract or build more family-friendly activities and entertainment options
- Pursue the combined campus with Glenpool High School/Tulsa Community College and fully implement the plan developed in 2007 (see addendum)
- Attract and encourage additional retail, especially destination type retail
- Attract and encourage additional second tier or higher-end housing

To accomplish the above long term plans, the group agreed that the following issues need to be addressed at the city level:

- Review of the existing master plan for the community
- Infrastructure planning to allow for growth at Glenpool's current rate (our immediate area grew nearly 10% in population over the past three years).
- Concentrated efforts to continue economic development to include retail, primary job creation/retention and quality of life initiatives

## Action Items to Begin Implementation of Plan

The group worked in its final meeting of the plan development phase to put together a list of action items to present to the City Council. These action items were selected by the group for their usefulness in beginning the implementation of the plan.

Here are the action items as voted upon and accepted by the group:

### Action items

2. Ad-hoc Committee for community events.
  1. Effectively communicate the vision plan to citizens.
  2. Accomplish at least one of the short term events.
1. Educate the public about the ballpark and take it to A vote.
  1. Ad-hoc committee for Economic development.
  3. Review the recommendation of the education task force.
3. Update the city's planning documents.

It is the hope and expressed wish of the Glenpool Vision Group that the Glenpool City Council will accept the charge of moving forward on these specific action items.

Group members have added their names to this document in attestation of their agreement with the information and requests herein:

Attest: