

Community Choices Community Forum



Forum Evaluation Tally

Community Forum:	Moving from Good to Great
Date	March 27, 2007
Location:	Clark College – Vancouver, Washington

Objectives: Launch healthy livable community forum to serve as a vehicle for educating and connecting the community; introduce 2006 Community Report Card findings.

Total Attendees: 140

Attendee Make-up

- Employers public 26%
- Employers private 21%
- Elected Officials 4%
- School Officials 13%
- Health Care 8%
- Media 4%
- Community 26%

Media present: The Columbian, Vancouver Business Journal
CVTV, Oregonian

Written evaluations received: 68

Camera Participants 23

CVTV broadcasting dates

- Wed, 4/4 at 12:00 am on CVTV-23
- Thu, 4/5 at 10:00 am on CVTV-23
- Thu, 4/5 at 4:00 pm on CVTV-21
- Tue, 4/10 at 9:30 am on CVTV-21
- Tue, 4/10 at 12:30 pm on CVTV-23
- Thu, 4/12 at 10:00 am on CVTV-23
- Sun, 4/15 at 2:30 am on CVTV-23

Marble Activity: Four Areas of Focus

	Pre-voting results	Post voting results	Total (combined pre and post results)
1. Building Healthy Community	56	69	125



2. Parenting and family support	20	21	41
3. Healthy Youth	30	14	44
4. Coordinated system of health care	20	18	38

Overall Forum Evaluation	Score (1-5) (1=poor, 5= excellent)	Range of Scores	# of Eval.
Objectives met	4.1	1-5	66
Expectations met	4.2	2-5	66
Usefulness of information	4.1	2-5	66

Evaluation of John Wiesman, Community Report Card: Bringing our Future into Focus—

Speaker content knowledge	4.6	1-5	65
Overall presentation	4.5	1-5	65
Usefulness of info.	4.2	1-5	66

Evaluation of Panel Debate: How do we Move from Good to Great –

Speaker(s) content knowledge	4.3	1-5	65
Usefulness of discussion	3.9	1-5	32

What did you find most useful about this community forum?

Top Themes:

- Information received and the Report card
- Networking, sharing, different perspectives
- Panelist discussions

What would you like to see happen next?

Top Themes:

- More discussions, forums, dialogue opportunities
- Focus on regional and local issues

Other Comments?

Top Themes:

- Needed diversity on the panel, women and people of color as panelist, objection to all white male middle class panel representing community
- Topics: inequities, community growth, transportation

What did you find most useful about this community forum?

Complete list of responses:

- Info sharing & dialogue
- The discussion panel



- Panel discussion – although a bit too long
- John Wiesman's summary was delightful. The report – Thanks!
- Stats: Emphasis on build right; emphasis on solutions; particularly health systems that permit communication among providers
- Discussions really addressed the unique advantages and challenges of Clark Co.
- Learning more about the area of need in Clark County
- receiving community report card
- Community Choices 2010 is still on task. Don't hear about – only at report time.
- Glad to see and hear discussions. Regional issues fascinating
- Job issue
- Panelist discussions from different perspectives & training/professional backgrounds.
- The style of presentation of both keynote & panel were very engaging – this could have been boring but it wasn't
- Great information – Thank you!
- Great to have vehicle to focus on conscious community development – perhaps have panel members give opening statement.
- The needs of the county. Diversity of our people in the county.
- The different perspectives
- Varied content & format; different speakers, regional approach, (Metro rep.)
- Focused conversation vs. general discussion.
- Comments accesses to so many things – transportation, jobs, etc.
- Diverse speakers
- John's presentation – Barbe's seed analogy
- Increase childhood education
- I found out our leaders & citizens visions for future of Clark County
- Knowing/learning about the big community issues.
- Discussion regarding transportation costs is higher than living cost. Increase housing cost = now you value your home.
- John's presentation overview/Panel discussion
- It's great to see a group of people working together. It is very motivating & hopefully we can move forward.
- The panel discussion
- The talk by John Wiesman – good information – easy to understand
- The panel debate
- Networking; seeing beyond my own areas of direct expertise.
- Panel debate was interesting – too long. Why no females on the panel?
- Addressed a variety of social issues as health issues. Networking with community health professionals.
- Panelists were visionary and acutely on target.
- Great speakers
- Scott Bailey raised the issue of inequity. Should be our focus.
- It's focus on our community health.
- The panel discussion was great.
- John's presentation, receiving copy of report card.
- I really enjoyed the live discussion of the panel.
- John's presentation and panel were both good.



- Good selection of panel speakers.
- Appreciated comments from Rex Burkholder – we can learn a lot from Portland (and OR can learn from us)
- John Wiesmanslides on his data would have been great. Would have been more helpful to talk more about future trends heading.
- The debates between the officials of the community.
- Leaders speaking candidly..... describing the complexity.
- Equity class and race – that this was raised. Great idea of chance to build new areas to minimize need to drive “Build it right”.
- Rex Burkholder (?): Hard to believe for those under \$55000 that transportation is a larger cost than housing. 5 acre lots are not cheap! Loved idea that we are part of larger community and should collaborate with Portland.
- School bus system – costly to environment, to public transportation, to obesity great idea – many more costs than just \$. Transportation’s impact on recruiting.
- Idea of working too much – Scott Bailey is really interesting!
- Trails – for the experience, protecting beauty of area!
- Loved Barbe’s metaphor at the end of wild flowers!!
- Panel Discussion brought out more issues (in clear form) of which I was not aware – e.g. transportation infrastructure.
- The CC Community Forum provided a great overall analysis of our choices and provoked us to reassess our priorities.
- The sense of “community” in the room.
- The question about why we have duplicate transportation systems Can’t we coordinate these functions and reduce the cost and redundancy?
- Getting everyone together in one room – hopefully some networking and good discussion happened afterwards.

What would you like to see happen next?

Complete list of responses:

- More sessions in the community
- A challenge to attendees
- True community dialogue – engagement w/ those in need – not experts talking about “THEM”
- more in depth info of what issues are correct; immigration, gay & lesbian issues, poverty gentrification
- \$ vs. priority as a community – SEE ACTION & RESULTS
- continued discussion forums.
- More focus on regional & local issues, mention recycling, alternative lives here in SW Wash expands
- More community PR/outreach – grants info for neighborhood & private citizen to develop stakeholder support – info dissemination at grassroots levels – pay a group of people skilled in land use issues to advocate for poor people and assist them with negative impacts in their communities and neighborhoods.
- Good question for next 2010 board meeting.
- Where are the other cities? Lots of Camas/Vancouver but not RF, La Center, Hazel Dell...would like to see all cities & community reps involved in this great project. All



school districts, community groups. The YWCA would be a great partner in some of those issues. What about the faith community? i.e. New Heights has a medical clinic – free – as do others.

- Topic too broad – however – panel members did a good job of targeting salient points.
- Community (parent, businesses, organizations) holding the schools accountable with education and health of our students. Community organizations supporting schools.
- While WSUV & Clark ramp up – get OR to not change out of state tuition to Clark residents.
- Do a project based on the principles at today's meeting.
- Workgroups or some kind of action team strategy to help make some of the ideas brought out here happen.
- More in depth discussions take place over time in a number of venues so more people can offer views and/or solutions.
- Invest in methods for low income folks to volunteer
- The legislature is in session. Didn't you want legislators to be here?
- Focus next forum on inequities- From more in-depth neighborhood discussions led by low-income women – need to give voice to low-income and women.
- Lower taxes, increase childhood education
- I would like to see more livable community that is accessible for all classes of citizens.
- Continuing to monitor the progression of the community.
- Create that living room atmosphere in the parks, café, grocery store neighborhoods.
- More women community leaders/thinker on the panel & people of color.
- Community (family) education & involvement.
- More discussion about downtown vs. east county.
- I would like to know how to get involved in the process – meetings, events, etc.
- Broader dissemination of information – more opportunities for partnership and input.
- Hold this gathering at the time when state elected officials can attend; the state is the County's partner.
- What's next is my question.
- Youth education on basic facts: Voting, hygiene, what makes a functioning adult/household/community?
- I would like to see CC2010 focus on the poor and desperate. The striking difference among subjects hit on by the panelists went from quality of life, "feel-good" issues like livability, natural beauty, non-obesity to basic existence, essential early learning capacity. I would like a greater focus on the latter issues, or there will be no future population to sustain the other efforts.
- See follow-up progress
- Diversity- voices of low-income high service users. Also, more audience participation.
- How elected officials focus on our community health.
- Small community groups that can later come together with their thoughts and opinions to the larger group.
- Diversity, transportation, environmental health to be clearly identified/addressed as key issues.
- Updated info emailed.
- Smaller group breakouts.
- Keep trying to get more community members on board.



-It is not clear to me what CC2010 is looking for...the panel was all over the place. What's next for CC2010?? Clark County? Public Health?

- More community education Futurists talking about what is coming through technology

-Great that you planned this event and are raising these ideas! Thank you!!

- Dialogue about integrated housing which includes shops, schools, and homes within walking distance of each other.

Soda pop has no business being sold in any public school. All schools should have vegetable gardens and fruit trees in the landscape.

- More discussion about mental health services and how mental health problems affect the whole family involving children.

- Encourage more forums to encourage the entire community to engage in the discussion and move it forward.

- Regular email "update" to maintain and grow our sense of connectedness.

- What topic got the most votes? Move forward on that topic.

Other Comments?

Complete list of comments:

-Woman on the panel?

-Excellent program – loved the creativity which abounded!!

-Need more diversity represented in the panel. All white males...although they were each very informed and well selected.

-I would have appreciated some women on the panel.

-The panel was all white, all male, and mostly older. How about some diversity? How about voices of some community members in need? Talk to & listen to people living with the issues you are trying to address. Panel made a lot of assumptions about "THEM" (not "US" the privileged) Next time 1.5 hours max.

-all panelists are white men; need more diversity on your panel & representation in community issues. Horrible comment about Asian cultures under educated about "Born learning" and education & poverty

-The panel should reflect more diversity in gender and race – oops!

-Need for greater diversity – beyond who you might recognize as experts. Other areas: Elders This is the boom we are not prepared for and it reflects many places & issues you have raised. Other healthcare options – are they in 'coordinated' perspectives?

-Board/Panel more focused on South West Washington issues; micro not macro, job growth not really mentioned! Surprising!

-Speakers comments w/ race/gender etc were right on!

-The look of the panel was a 1950 photograph. Is this the reflection of Clark Co?

Women? Ethnicity? Next forum provide a list of organizations attending. Rex did a great job inserting specific initiatives that illustrate points. J.P. White did a good job facilitating. Derek – excellent comments - Rex did nice job raising value questions.

John Deeder did nice job raising issues of diversity, equity, socio-economic concerns.

-Scott's comment of boredom being a good thing?? Wow, not sure where research supports that.

-It would've been nice to have an elected official from Clark County. It was funny one the speakers commenting on social equity on a panel that is all white males.



- Great event! Lot's of work & planning went into this- Thank you!
- Seattle Trust used to have a program that employee parents could apply for – allowed them to volunteer at school.
- It was sad to see all white middle class males despite Scott's comments on inequities, race, and class. Having panel on the stage felt very "hierarchical" because it was white males, describing "them". Scott and Rex comments on region were excellent.
- People want the whole community atmosphere – Let's get it!!
- Encourage up/down on slides with topics (e.g. teen pregnancy down) to sow status quickly. Visual with words. You're work is ALWAYS TOP NOTCH!
- I would like to make this event shorter and use more media – more interactive – different food (basic) to suite more tastes.
- I believe the transportation issue access to public transportation is important, but not necessarily what we came to hear. The four focus areas were not really addressed by panel.
- Please: when convening a future panel, include a diverse group. Women?? People of color/differing ethnicity? Scott B. actually led wit the subject of equity – kind of ironic.
- How about a young persons guide to a functioning household or healthy daily life? Guide to how often to do dishes/bathe, wash clothes, vacuum, clean toilets, change furnace filter etc.
- Scott Bailey's comment about equity between race and class is the most important need identified today. Rex re: access is also a cornerstone. My husband and I both work in Portland and both our daughters want to go to Oregon Universities. WHY CAN'T WE GET HELP??? Thanks for bringing it up!
- The all white panel says volumes- let's be forward and include others. JD White was a great facilitator.
- What kind of message does the all-male, white panel deliver about power in C.C. to women in the audience? Minorities in the audience?
- Panel lacked diversity: white, male mostly middle-aged.
- Community growth and the poor management of their growth is a big concern of mine. I believe that Clark County is doing a poor job of managing their growth along with the depletion of natural resources.
- Excellent panel discussion – next time consider diversity (gender, racial) in panel participants.
- There was a special irony in watching a panel of 5 white guys talk about diversity in our community. Perhaps diversity is a more important issue in terms of leadership in Clark County than we think.
- “Trails” is not a parks issue.... It is an alternative transportation issue 80% of pedestrians are commuting not recreating
- I was very sad to see a panel of all (apparently) Caucasian males. Until all voices are represented it seems less likely to create a really healthy community.
- I would like to see a regular feature in our local media with updates about our “livability” and steps taken (Newspaper/TV/Radio) so that the public would be more informed / involved.
- There were no women or people of color invited to John White's conversation – relates to Scott's first comment re: “equity”.
- A more diverse panel would have been nice.





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