



ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

July 5, 2023, 5:00PM | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. **Call meeting to order**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Regular Meeting: June 7, 2023
3. **Public Comment** – Limit to three minutes per person
4. **Continued Business:**
 - a. None
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Great West Survey Results – Jordan
6. **Committee Comments or Concerns**
7. **Announcement of the next meeting**
 - a. Regular Meeting: August 2, 2023, at 5:00pm
8. **Adjournment**

Economic Growth & Development Committee Members

John Henderson (Chair) | Dick Bauman | John Molendyke

MISSION STATEMENT: The Economic Growth & Development Committee strives to create a strong and sustainable local economy by acting as a liaison for the cooperation of the City's disparate community organizations, providing economic incentives and assistance when necessary and warranted, promotion solutions to seeking creative solutions to problems challenging the City's business environment.

CITY OF DEER LODGE ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 7, 2023 at 5:00pm | Council Chambers, City Hall.

Members Present: John Henderson, Dick Bauman, John Molendyke

Members Absent: None

Mayor: Absent

CAO: Jordan Green

Staff: Cyndi Thompson

Guests: None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

2. Approval of Minutes –

a. Regular Meeting: May 3, 2023

Member Bauman motioned to approve as presented. Member Molendyke seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

3. Public Comment

a. Greg Larkin: 2 new businesses in Butte community. And are we paying attention to what other communities are doing.

4. Continued Business:

a. Main Street Banner – Jordan

No update at this time. No vote or motion.

5. New Business:

a. Arrowstone Park Billboards – Jordan

No design available to the committee. Jordan working with Danielle on a photo. Committee agreed to approve the wording for the billboard. Logo without Undiscovered Treasure on it and wording to say, Deer Lodge Welcomes You.

Member Bauman motioned to approve with the Billboard to have a Picture, Logo, and Deer Lodge Welcomes You. Member Molendyke seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

- b. Main Street Painting Application - Jordan
First draft of the application for Main Street Façade Painting Assistance. Once the application is approved staff will start advertising the program to the public.

Member Molendyke motioned to approve with changes. Member Bauman seconded the motion, 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

6. Committee Comments or Concerns:

- a. Member Bauman: Approximately 500 visitors at the ribbon cutting for the new museum addition.
- b. Member Bauman: Community Survey is a great source of information and EG&D should be a part of that with the Planning Board. Jordan: will bring a copy to the next meeting.

7. Announcement of the next meeting:

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8. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:22pm

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

John Henderson, Chairperson

Date

Economic Growth & Development Committee

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Deer Lodge Community Survey Results

Monday, April 10, 2023

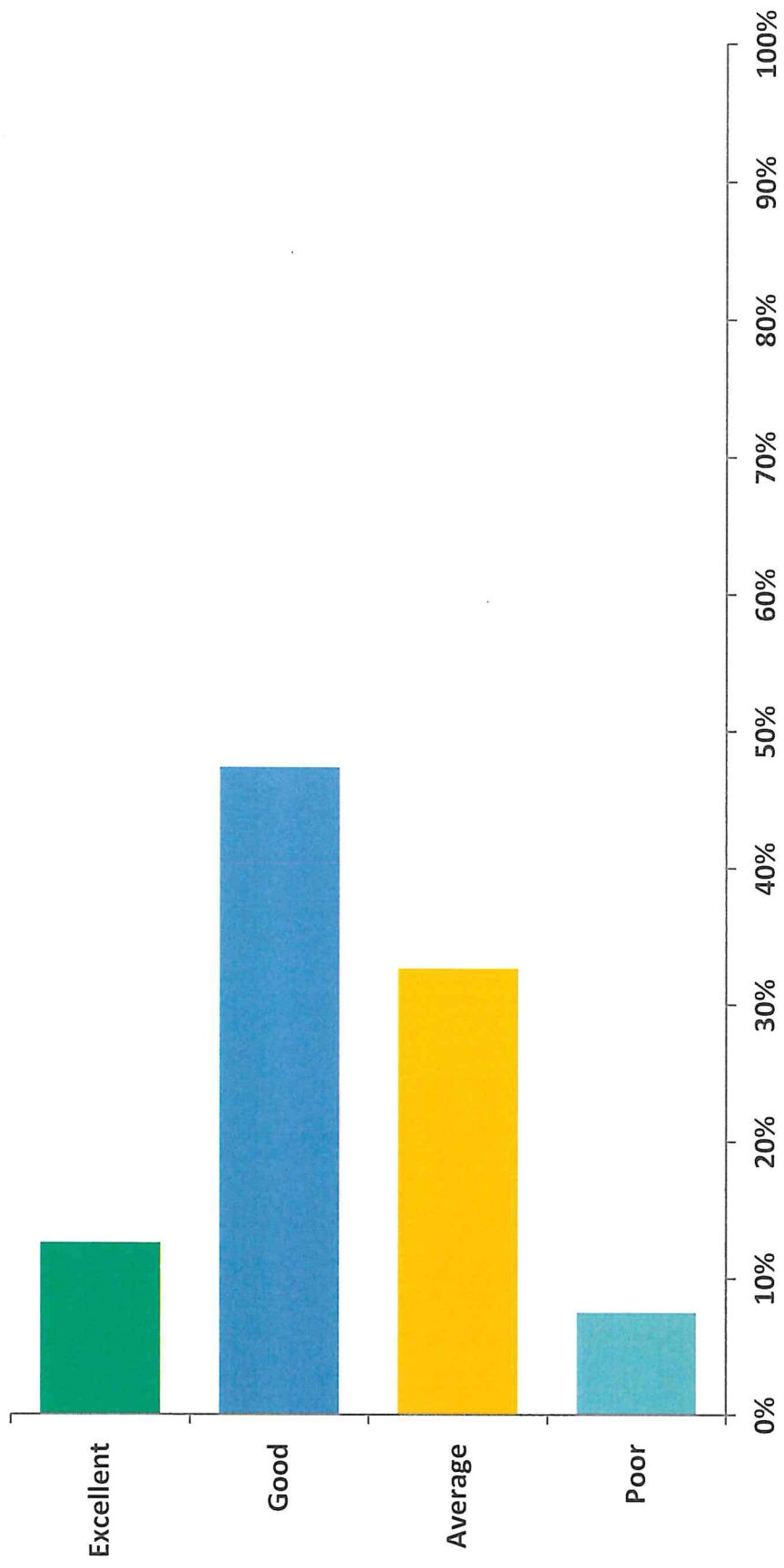


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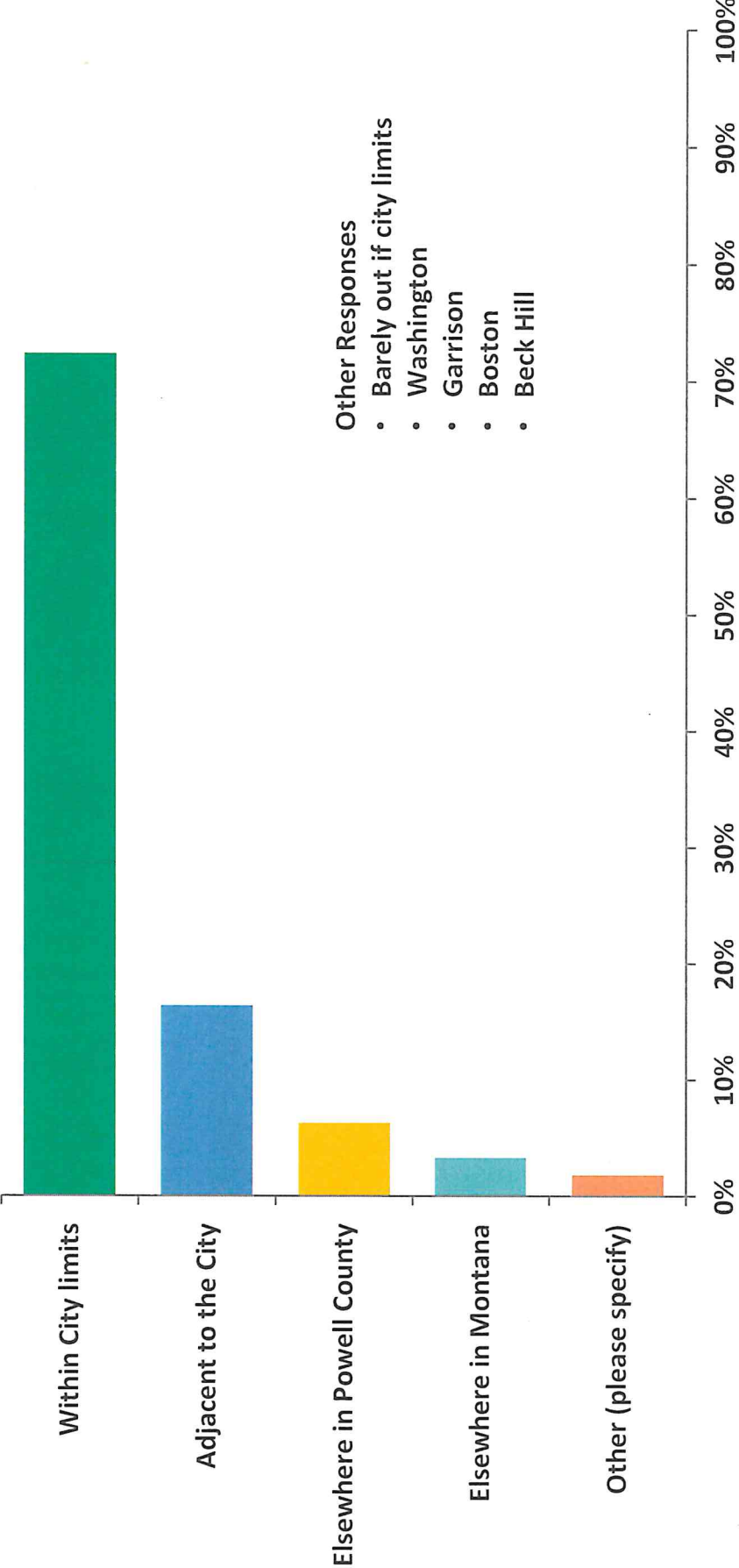
Montana's Undiscovered Treasure

337 Total Responses

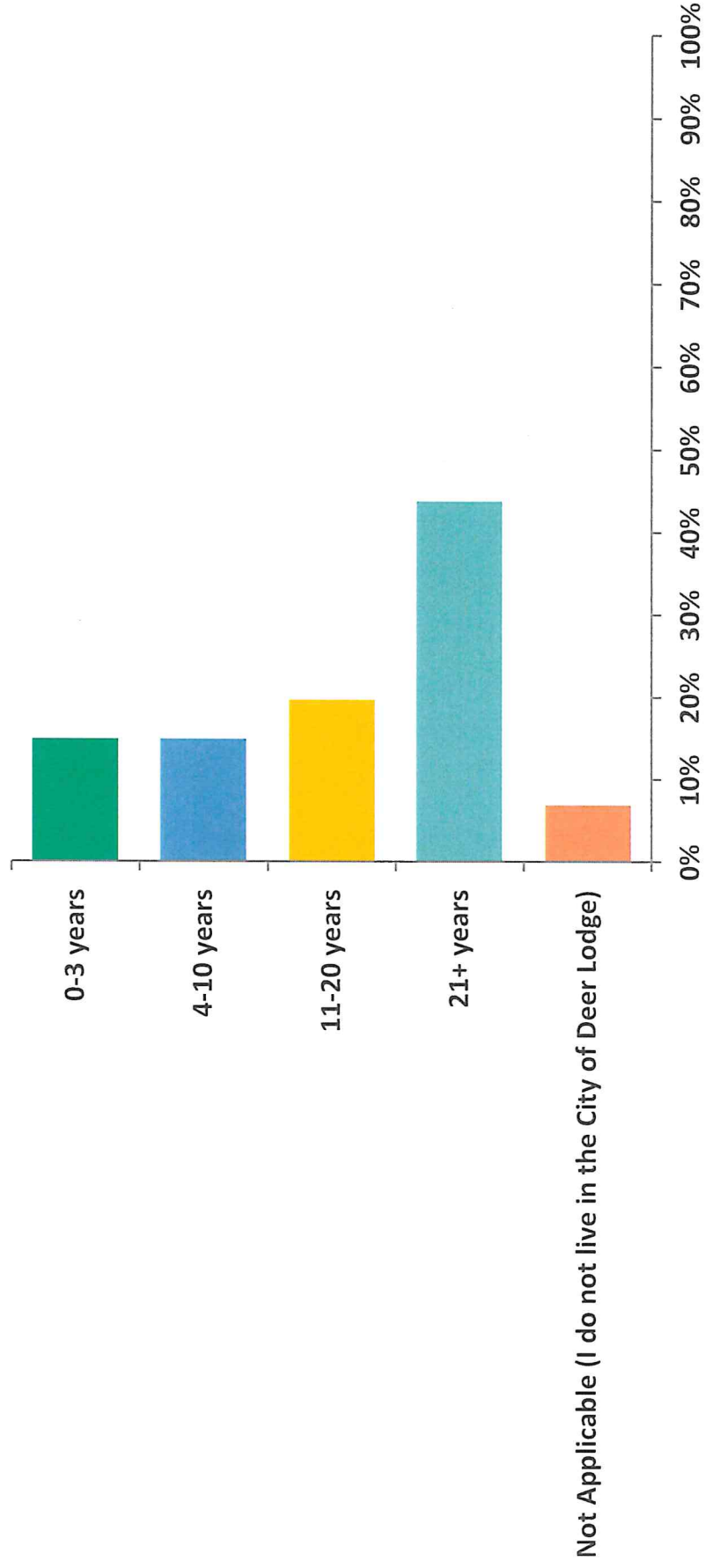
Question 1: How would you rate Deer Lodge as a place to live?



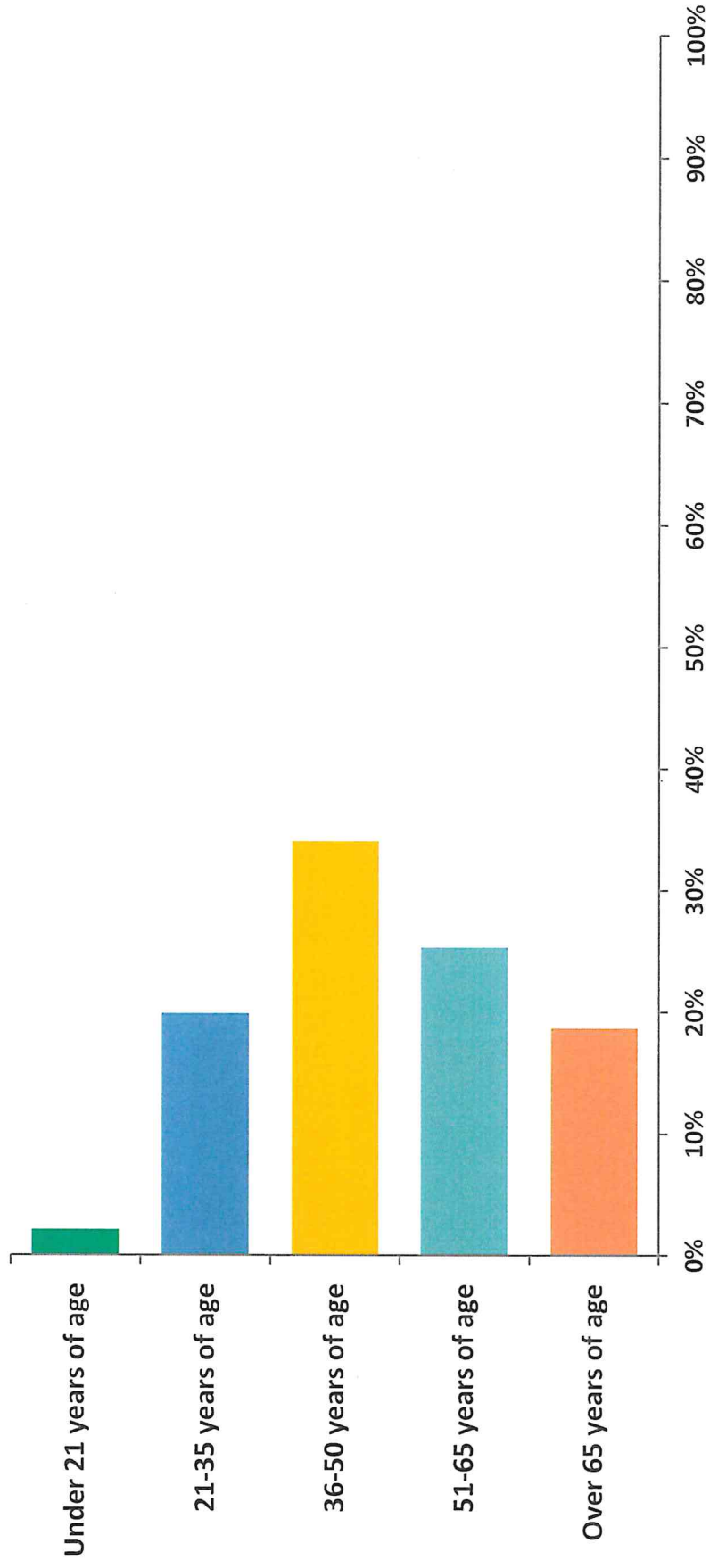
Question 2: Where do you live?



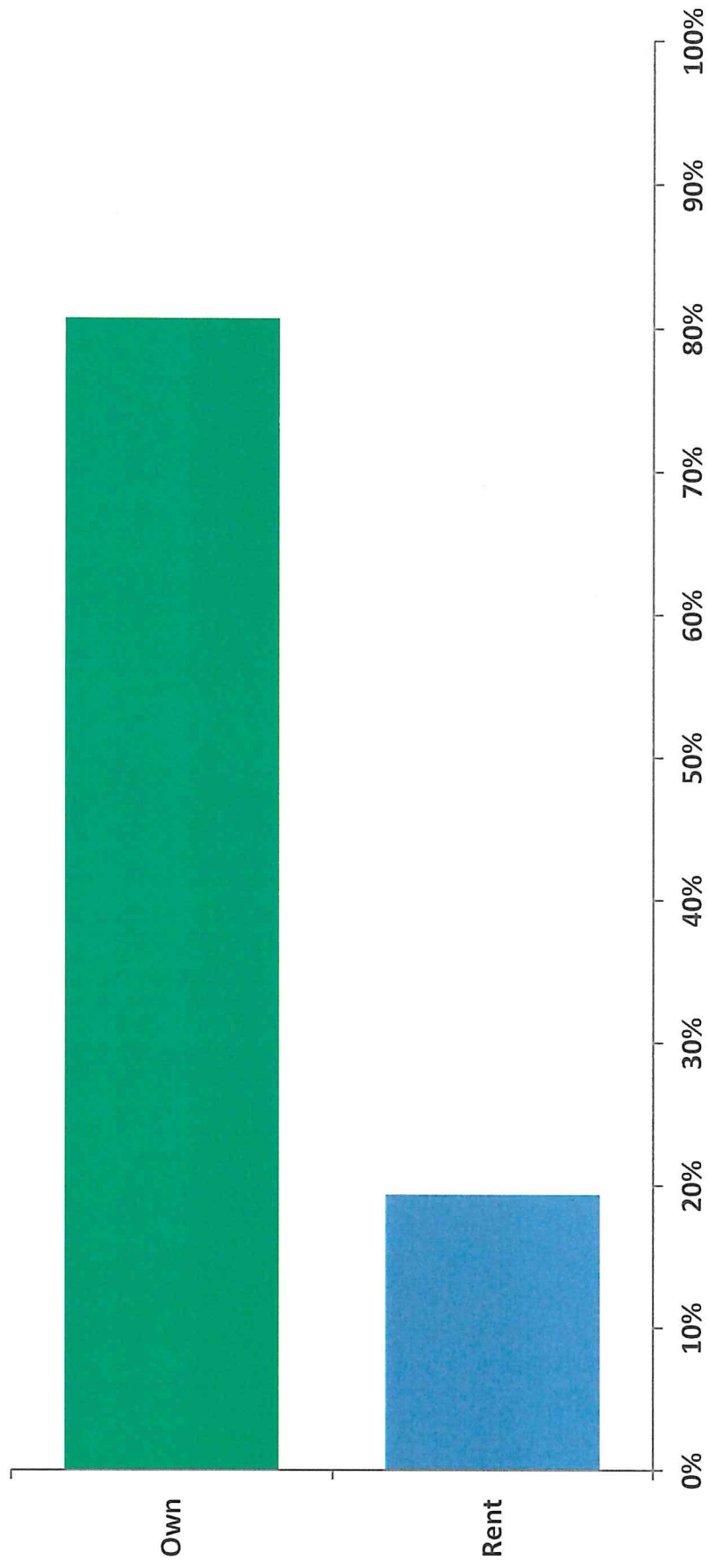
Question 3: How long have you lived in the City of Deer Lodge?



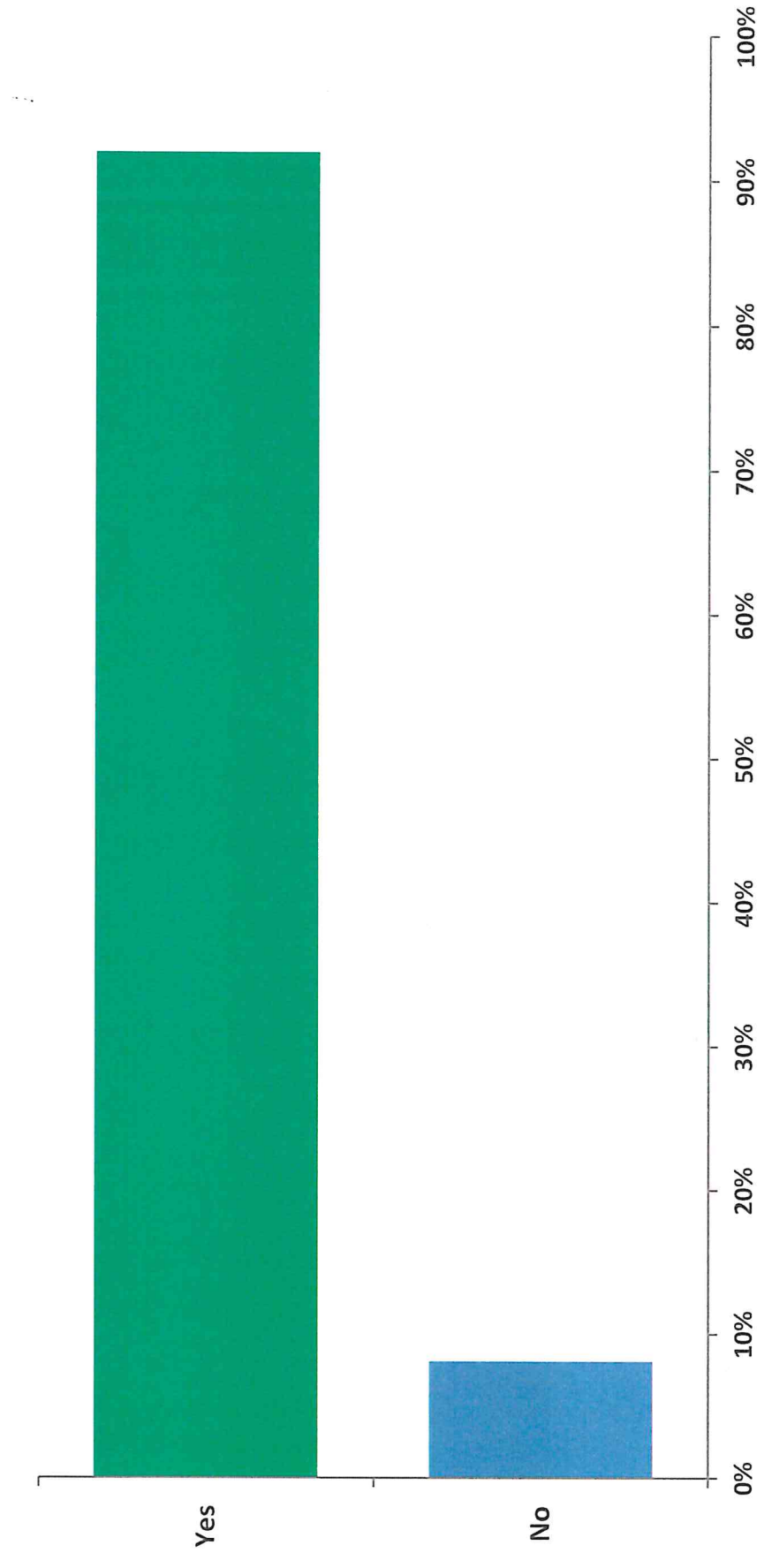
Question 4: What is your age?



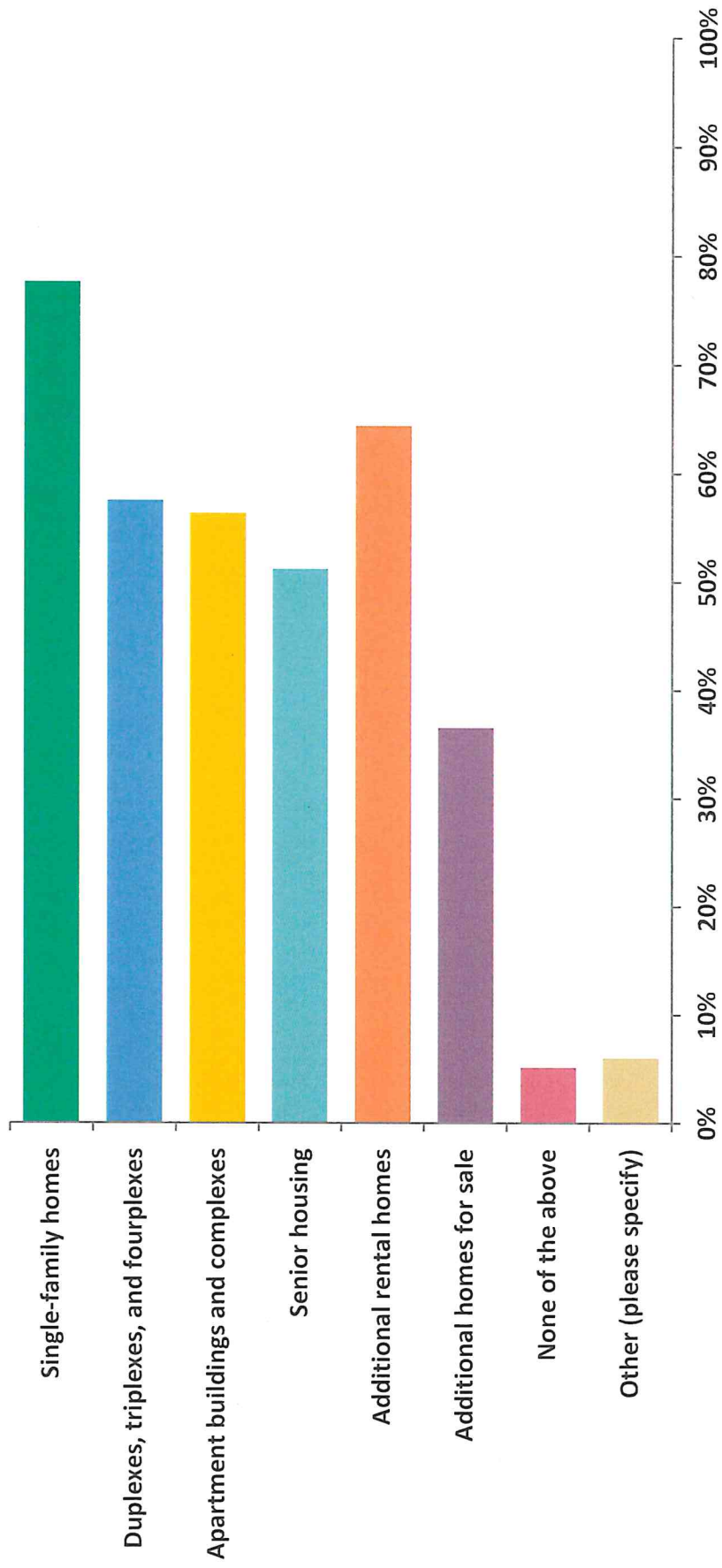
Question 5: Do you rent or own your housing?



Question 6: Do you think the City needs additional residential development?



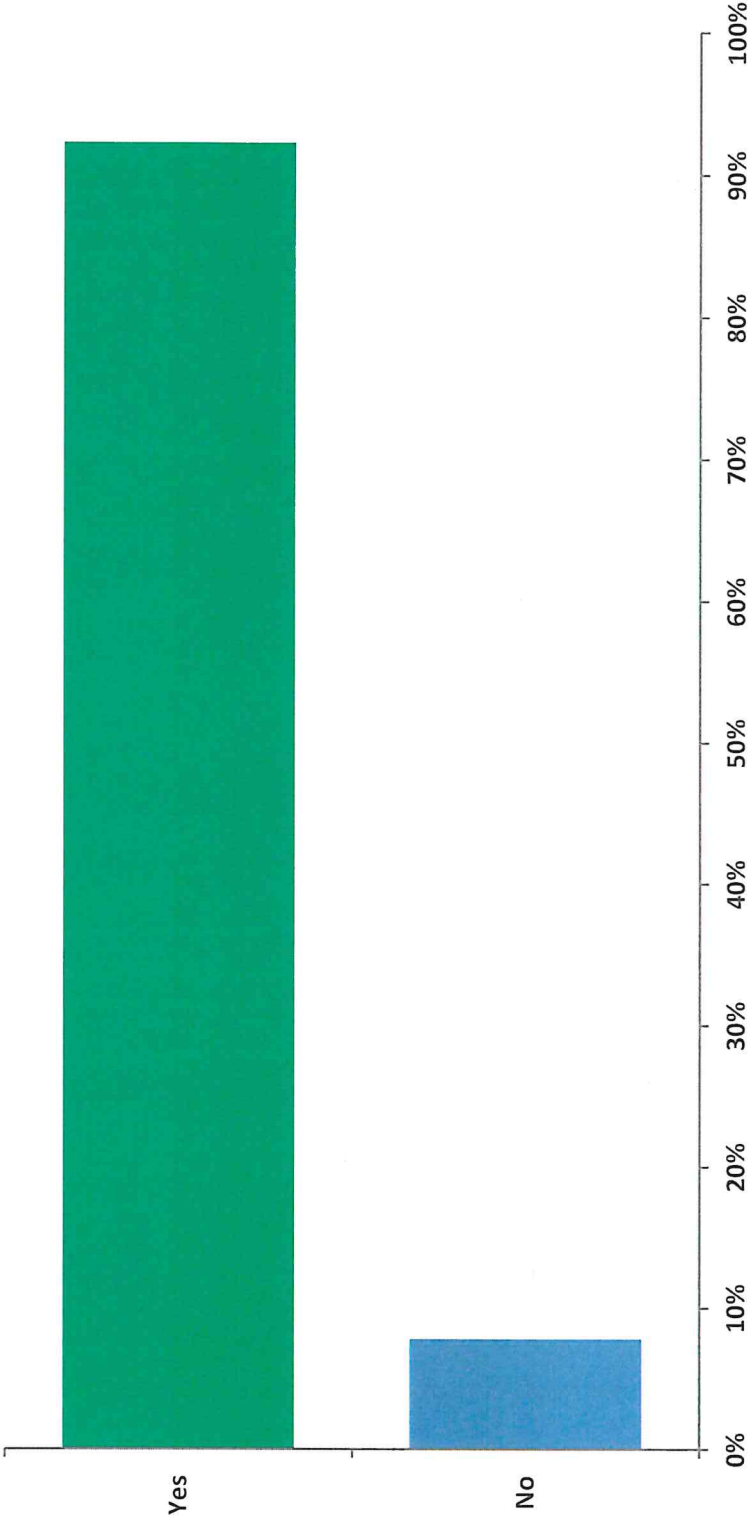
Question 7: What type of residential development does the City need?



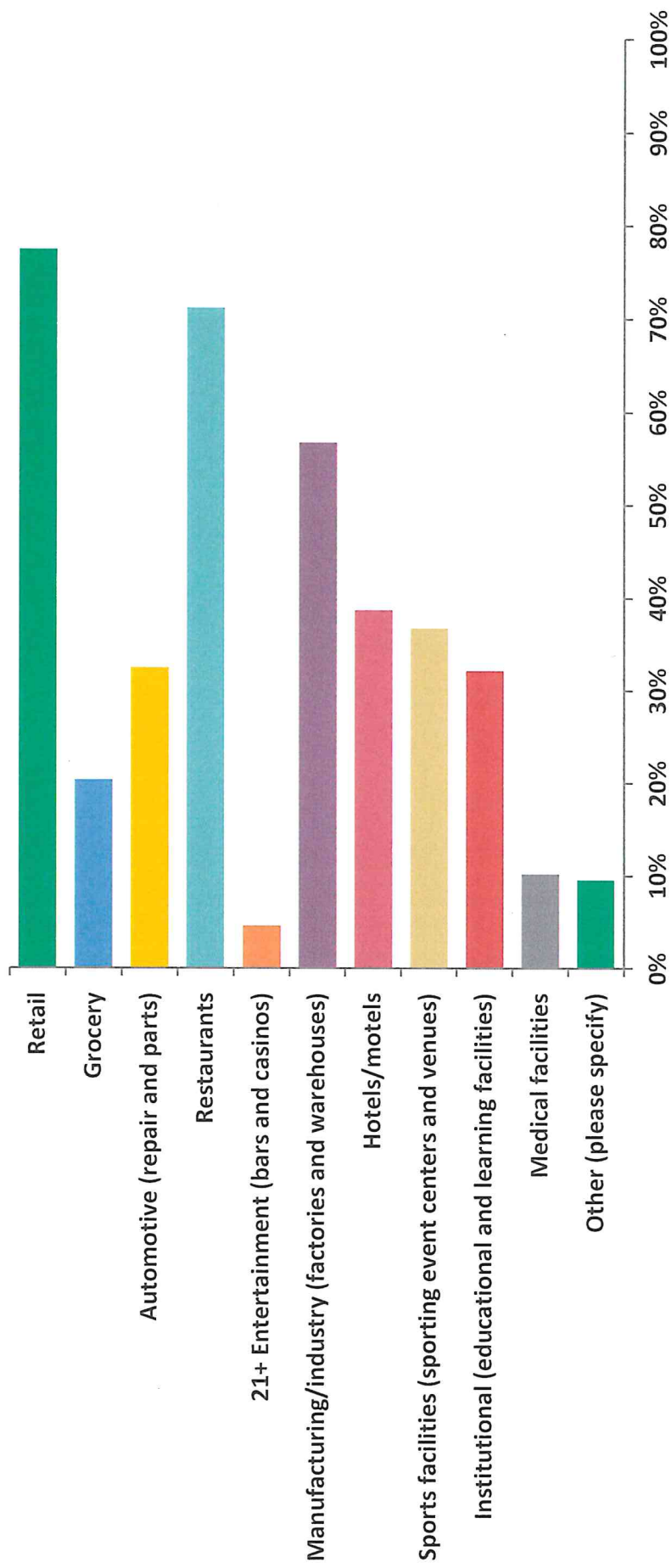
Question 7: What type of residential development does the City need? Other Responses

- Air B n Bs
- Less Air B&B type homes
- Should have converted the old hospital into senior or veteran housing instead of selling it. If the people who donated the land to build the hospital found out they would be disappointed.
- All of the above
- Diverse living
- AFFORDABLE
- It would be nice if they used what we had, repaired or removed. New developments = higher property taxes

Question 8: Do you think the City needs additional commercial development?



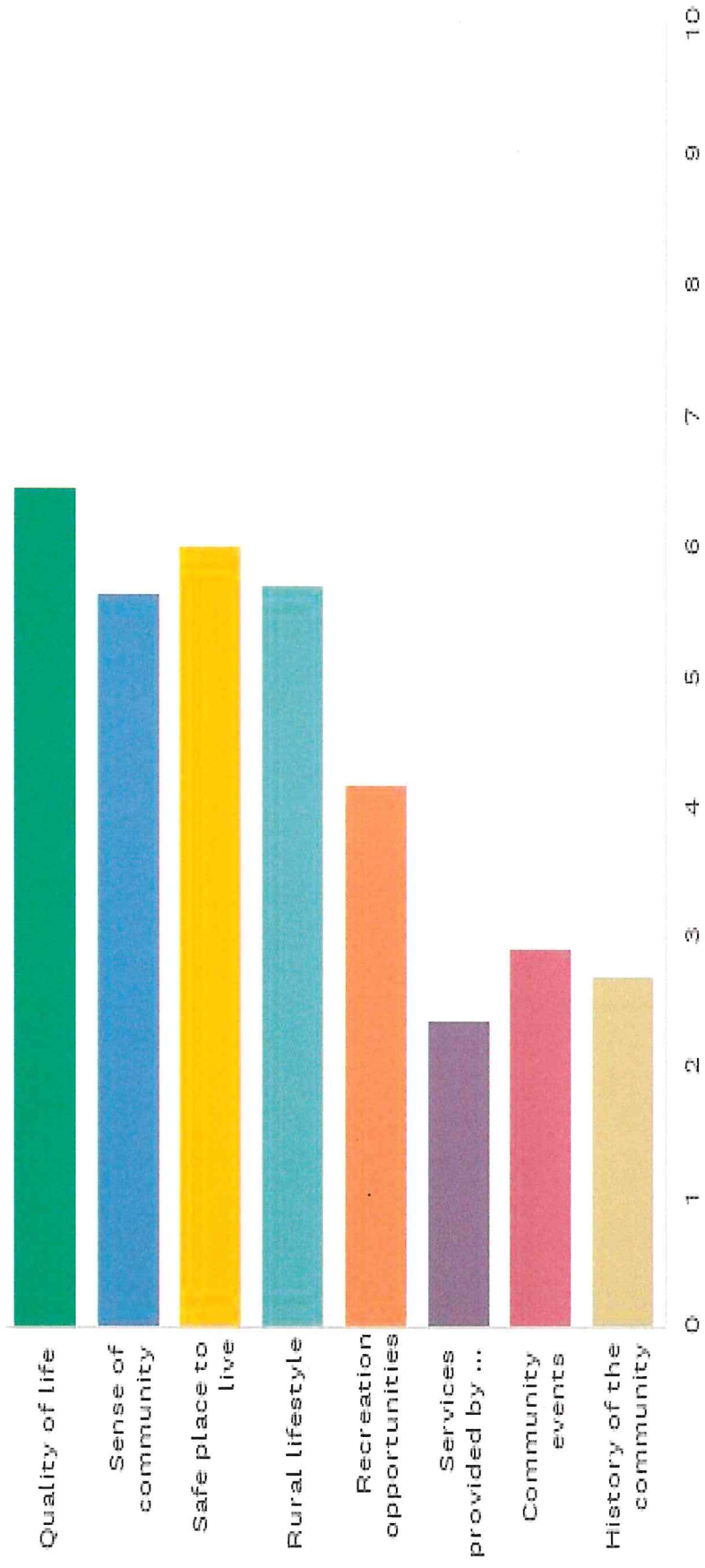
Question 9: What type of commercial development does the City need?



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- More places for youth to go that is safe.
- Medical Marijuana
- Family activities
- All of the above
- Allow cannabis at state regulations, no need for additional city regulation, could use some more higher quality restaurants
- Gas stations on both ends of town
- A dog park would be nice
- Coffee Shop past 1 pm!
- Early learning center, indoor space for kids during winter
- More options for those traveling and locals for gas/food
- Need to help already existing small businesses
- Children's Museum, small trampoline park or arcade. Anything indoors for kids.
- Large capacity venue
- Children entertainment
- Cannabis shop
- Somewhere for younger kids to hang out and stay out of trouble
- Auto Dealerships
- Any business willing to come. Everyone always gets voted out
- Family focused entertainment options
- Massage space
- Things for the kids to do
- Child/youth-oriented activities or entertainment
- Opportunities for the kids of all ages and for adults
- We could have had Murdoch's. What happened?
- School programs for kids with special needs!!!
- Kid friendly play/ splash pad
- We need to capitalize our available resources. Deer Lodge is a natural stopover point along i-90. Stop over guests would stay in town longer if there were more GOOD places to eat, and they knew about the existing attractions. We need to support the existing attractions with infrastructure improvements and maintenance/beautification grants. we also need to encourage expansion.

Question 10: What do you like about living in Deer Lodge?



Question 11: What do you think Deer Lodge's current identity is? (Word Cloud)

need housing affordable housing little people move Stop places Small great Historical make
will Struggling lack drugs buildings things **small town** lot **good** open **businesses**
lack jobs **live** history **dying** known **Historic** time **Deer Lodge** family
Prison opportunity **need** recreation **Prison town** identity
Declining state **town** new **city** wanting **community**
always **people** Museum **housing** stagnant **jobs** tourism **prison city**
change **upswing** s **Historic community** year **nothing** growing **think** limited
many kids **current** force **Main Street** without **coming** definitely **decline** going **shop**

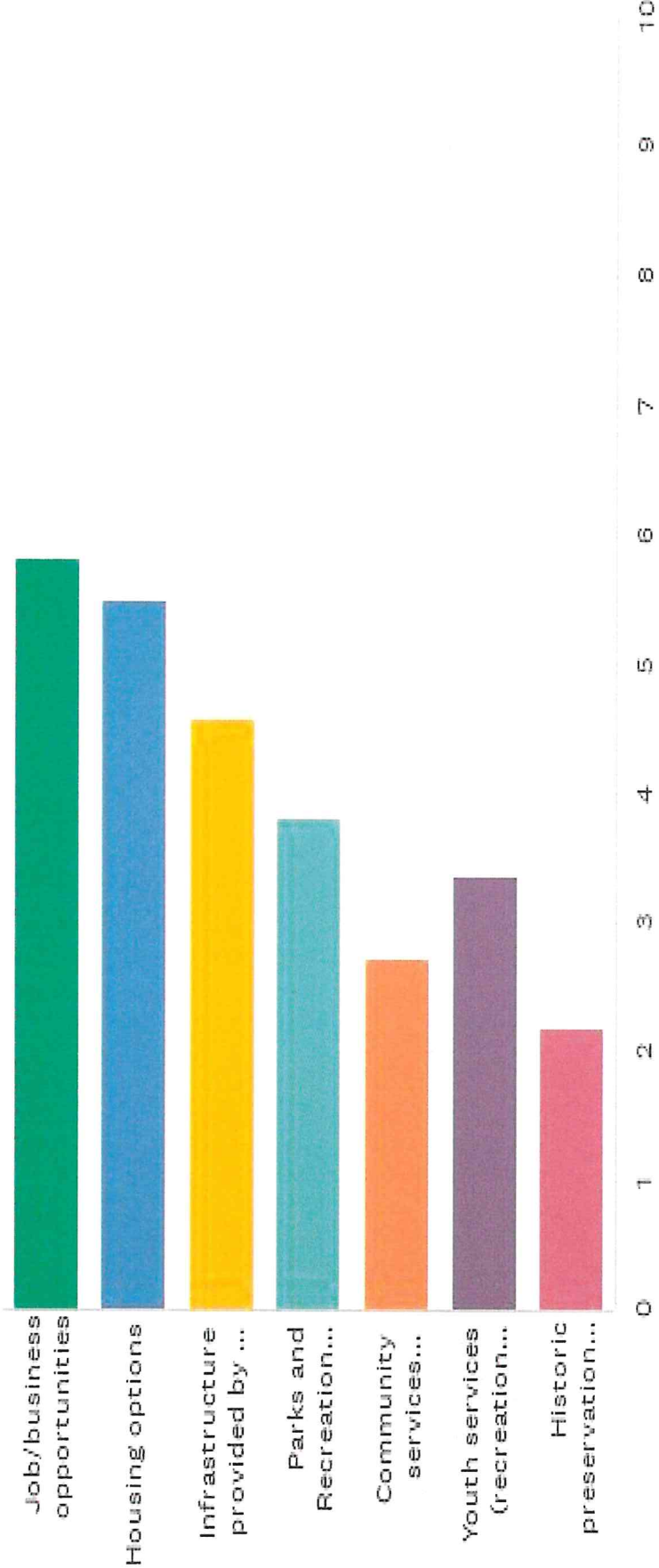
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Question 12: What should Deer Lodge's identity be in the future? (Word Cloud)

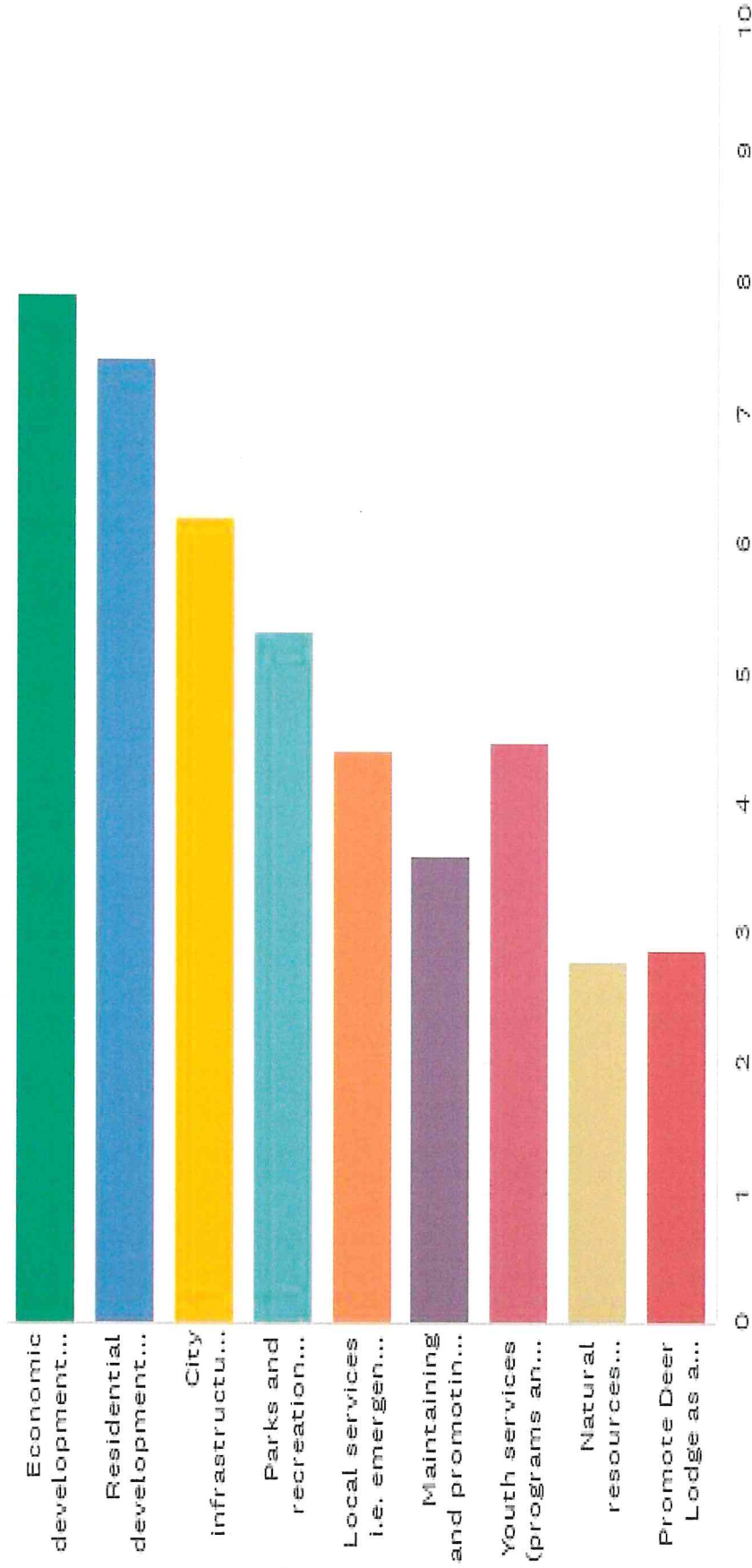
feel don t affordable people want lots great place residents Start positive variety Opportunity
known Tourist destination revitalize great rural prison town look prison takes safe
visit **clean** children **destination** options **Deer Lodge** Deer lodge needs
Historic Main Street **living** forward **tourism** attractions **people**
support **place** hub **good** go **business** many **town**
welcoming **community** way **need** open **city** vibrant
small town kids **friendly** healthy **tourist** shop **Growing**
historic community **families** promote **place live** Recreation **historical**
Stay **stop** old **thriving** downtown **coming** moving **think** allow **small** offers **nice**
buildings Great place live n want interstate proud people stop **change** new businesses
Make place raise family focus pride

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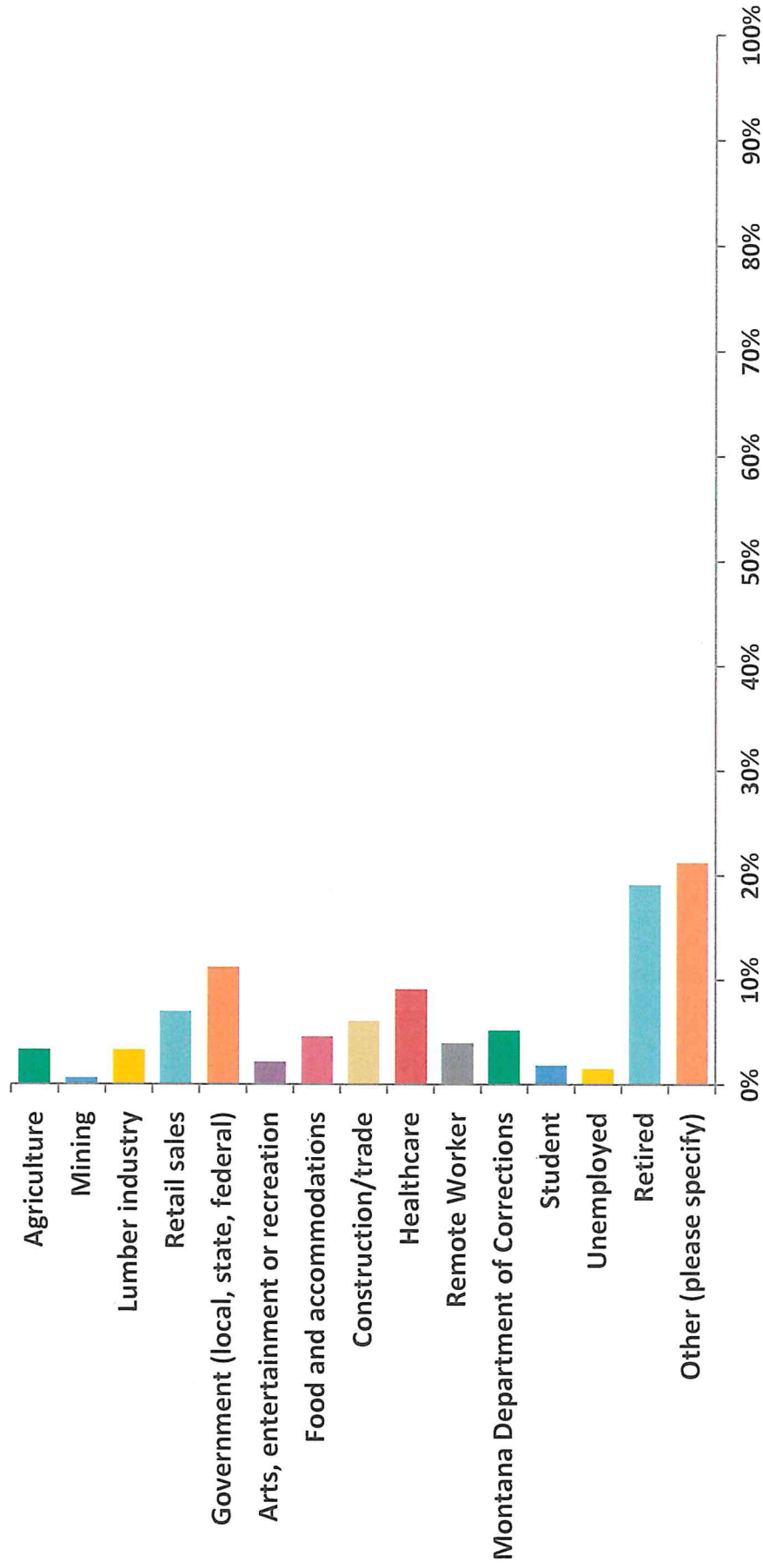
Question 13: If given the opportunity, what would you improve about Deer Lodge?



Question 14: Which of these topics are of greatest importance to you?



Question 15: What is your primary occupation?



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- Part time
- Addiction counselor
- Education
- Rock Creek maintenance
- emergency service
- Business owner
- REC silicon
- Banking
- Landlord of several properties in Deer Lodge
- Massage therapist
- Law enforcement.
- ORT spouse
- Business consulting
- Bank employee
- Veterinary Medicine
- Pipeline Inspection
- Writer
- Daycare owner
- Part time work
- Education
- Education
- Bank Teller
- Professional Executive
- Banking
- Education
- Energy
- Professional financial
- Educator
- Clergy
- Investor, business owner
- Teacher
- Banking
- Service industry
- Insurance office manager
- Project Manager, Non-Profit Organization
- Veterinarian
- Banking
- Accountant
- Education/Resource & Referral
- Education
- Computer aided engineering design
- Mother

Question 15: What is your primary occupation? (Other Responses cont'd)

- Hospitality
- Financial services
- Utilities
- Disabled
- Auto body tech
- Educator
- Insurance Agent
- School/daycare
- public accounting
- Banking
- Education
- Writer
- Golf course maintenance
- Real estate
- Stay at home mom
- Custodian, food truck owner
- Business owner
- Education
- Nonprofit
- Education
- Education
- Business Owner and Adult Literacy
- Business owner
- Health/Fitness

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- Tear down the old hotel, it's an eyesore.
- More funding for police.
- Make the town Hallmark charming.
- Preserve historic character and attract new businesses,
- Ways to attract businesses
- Clean up garbage and junk cars.
- Work together to clean up the town. Enforce rules for parking, junk, dog problems etc.
- Activities for seniors, cleaning up JC Park.
- Event sign on the Pool/Gym that you can see from your car.
- Bring in new industry and can't rely on the mill and prison.
- More pride in our town, more economic growth and more housing
- Assistance to help with home repairs and cleaning up yards.
- Market the City as a vacation spot.
- More youth engagement. Bring family friendly events and attractions. Bring people in.
- Just keep plugging away. You are doing a great job and have made the City jump leaps and bounds.
- Flow chart of responsibilities for City Council and staff.
- More properties that people can actually afford, not just people coming from out of state that force out the people who have been here for generations.
- Please clean up Dan the Can Man house- the city is not improved by a garbage dump in the middle of a neighborhood blowing trash onto the school field every time the wind gusts.
- Do not buy into the Growth Management Act. Less commuting when you can work where you live.
- More housing that is affordable for prison, lumber mill and retail workers
- Skate or jump park
- Snowplow
- More animal related stores and community events
- More things for kids, more shopping
- change up fair and territorial days have become stagnant
- We need to prioritize younger generation moving and living in Deer Lodge. But to do that we need to have jobs and places to live. We have none of that going on now.
- To have a full economy and keep growing a community needs jobs from industry, transportation, state and/or federal government, service industry, retail, manufacturing.
- I would like to see our roads maintained to a better standard. The taxes are paid for this, but not being utilized. We need to have an asphalt machine, chip seal is not a good option.
- Avenues to attract redevelopment of Downtown Deer Lodge buildings.

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- Jobs and housing are most important and go hand in hand.
Can't have one without the other.
- Focus on city cleanups like there used to be. Encourage city block parties to unit neighborhood citizens. (pick a location block street for 1-2 hrs., foot races, ball games, childhood games, include elderly, story telling, spontaneous suggestions from attendees.
- No more lies.
- Yes, no more casinos or pawnshops.
- We need more retail and industry
- Understand that we are one of the poorest Counties in the state. More open mindedness about understanding poverty when zoning this town. Many people cannot make zoning codes. So glad the single wide trailer enforcement was change to being approved again. That is a good step.
- Join the schools! Kids are being left out till 7th grade! Not fair! One room schools should not exist! Not adequate for any child let alone one with special needs!
- There should be a ban on signs and flags that say Eff anyone. Nothings says this is a hill billy town like seeing graphic language on cars and houses. You cannot attract new investors to a town their employees would want to come to live.
- Kid activities, water playground
- More restaurants with delivery services!!!
- Industrial park
- Clean up the town! Have a clean up day for residents that have too much Junk in their yards and alley ways so they can get rid of stuff. A small fee or free, but it might help!
- There's a lack of indifference with the police department when someone is called to help out.
- I would love to see more community activities for kids. For instance Pumpkin Sunday was always fun growing up but now there isn't anything for the kids to do except pick a pumpkin.
- Quit raising property tax.
- Stop consideration of dispensary businesses in Deer Lodge
- Safe activities for youth
- Fewer bars and casinos, industry. Deer Lodge seems to favor alcohol over any other type of business on Main Street
- "No tolerance policy for meth or other hard drugs in our town. Must leave town period.
- No halfway housing or prerelease centers. Work harder on getting and keeping crime and criminals out of our town. "

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- Updated laws and ordinances that allow for growth and business development. Our current laws are outdated and too restrictive making it harder for businesses to get started in Deer Lodge.
- Focus on infrastructure and cleaning up the city - roads are terrible and falling apart, lack of sidewalks on many streets, unmaintained houses and/or yards full of junk. No more bars or casinos!! More variety of businesses, shops on Main Street (not empty storefronts because owners charge sky-high rents or hoard business space with their own failing or closed businesses), more variety of restaurants and entertainment options. Finally, a policy that embraces growth but at a moderate pace (the dispensary zoning ordinance is great example!) and maintaining the small-town, historic charm.
- This may not fall under the topic of growth, but I would very much like to see more enforcement of personal property maintenance. There are too many yards filled with garbage and curbs filled with broken, rusty cars. It makes the town look trashy and sad.
- Stop making us buy permits for everything we do with our own property. We already pay enough taxes on it.
- Less taxes
- Things for teens. Trade school
- If Deer Lodge had a military/rotc school, you might get families interested since it's not common in MT. Have a beautiful retirement home and people might move closer to loved ones needing assistance. Might make the hospital a bit more worth the dime. "
- It would be nice to see if everyone would give a moment to open their mind that our City needs positive resources that can provide the needs to everyone that lives here and ensure that the changes can enhance everyone's lives where it's needed.
- Not that I can think of
- Just clean the town up. Enforce the city ordinances. Stop the junky cars parked around. Affordable housing.
- Retail education, promotion. Mandate beautification. Eliminate Deer Lodge Hotel- create a park. Focus away from walking trails, concentrate on Main street.
- Something for kids to do
- Some things for kids to do. When school stops so do kids things
- Clean up the dumpsites with trash and broken down cars and junk, fix and install curbs and sidewalks and repair the roads.

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- More housing
- NOT more low income housing, but affordable housing and new business
- VERY VERY limited marijuana establishments. It only draws the community down.
- Rec centers! Things for the youth to do! Actually caring about the youth and their success. Promote events for Deer Lodge, its got some cool things! We need to make downtown awesome!
- Junk properties, junk vehicles, curbside decay is out of control, embarrassing, and driving your fellow citizens property values down. My son was once asked if its scary to live in Deer Lodge because it s so ghetto. They werent wrong.
- Cleaning up existing abandoned buildings, properties, etc. When you enter our town, it should look clean and welcoming.
- Also, JC Park could be amazing. Its maintenance simply needs to be made a priority. I understand last year with the skate park, but even prior it wasn't kept the way it should be.
- I love this town. I am fourth generation here and I want nothing more than for it to be the best it can be. I appreciate this survey and I look forward to seeing Deer Lodge be all it can be.
- In order to grow, we must focus on the generations that will help us grow in the right direction. We need not to focus on the retired folk and begin focusing on the people who want to work and live in our communities year round. The retired age in this community fears growth so bad, but in reality all we want this community to be is what it was when they were our age. Graduating classes are getting smaller and smaller, community involvement is declining, and we struggle to make it through winter. The snow birds homes are empty for 9 months out of the year. We could have working families in those homes. Maybe we need to build a retired Community condo and that would free up the homes that are empty most of the time anyhow.
- We do not need more income based housing, but simply more housing. Duplexes, triplexes, or four plexus are a necessity for working families. Demolish the non livable empty homes in this town. Less focus on preserving the buildings that are falling apart and more focus on bringing new businesses and homes into our community. And being okay with the old buildings not looking the same as they used too. I think if you have a commercial building on Main Street, you should have to run a business from that building. The ones that don't are either empty and decaying or have people only living on the top floor.

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- Help for people creating businesses. Incentives to create jobs. Concentrate on infrastructure and making the town look good.
- A Childrens Museum! Or some type of indoor park. It doesn't even have to be big but we have to travel to Helena or Missoula to enjoy anything with kids.
- This city is perfect place for alternative transportation. You can get anywhere in town by bike, skating or walking. However the sidewalks are in terrible condition. Also the streets drain directly into the river with no filter. Some sort of a trash filter could easily be installed on the large drains flowing into the river.
- Making way for more accessibility and acceptance without giving way to letting in crime and stuff. Making it to were people with disabilities have more to do and making it a safer place for LGBTQIA+. Without the whole illegal immigrants do not have to face the consequences of their actions but without dehumanizing them. Side note you can show respect without dehumanizing and supporting the action.
- Encourage residents to eliminate garbage in their yards. Like abandoned cars, useless property, piles of junk visible to everyone. Clean up the appearance of the city.
- Green spaces, trail connectivity, zoning
- Focus on residential housing
- Deer lodge is one of the only towns without a pot shop. Its legal now.
- The community needs to quit listening to old timers who want things to stay the same. Listen to the young voices that actually want change. Deer lodge has turned into a depressed retirement community. If you ever want Deer Lodge to come back from the dead, make it so young families and live and thrive in Deer Lodge. I personally grew up in Deer Lodge, and in the last 10 years its gone so far down hill its almost laughable. "
- Many of the youth in Deer Lodge are rude, ignorant, and causing issues within the community. The schools and playgrounds are taunted with bullies and children are not receiving appropriate consequences thus deterring others from engaging in the amenities our city has to offer. Many of the parents utilize city opportunities as baby sitting. (Pool, movie theatre...etc.) There needs to be more adult presence throughout the community to step in when youth are out of line. There also needs to be consequences for the youth and their parents. If there were structured opportunities for the youth with supervision included, maybe they would be more productive members of society.

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- Fixing the city streets
- We are never going to find a billionaire to fix the old motel. Tear it down and lets build new!
- It's important that everyone knows what is happening with the city, not just a few people. Everyone should be included in decisions.
- We need more new younger people involved in planning. And the older generation needs to mentor them and not be set in their ways to the point of hurting the city.
- I would like to see the city, pushing the state more to gain ground for affordable housing, apartment complexes, I would like to see the city, pursue corporations and businesses outside of the county. I would like to see our water systems which have already been mentioned to be pursuing for the future. I would like to see that continue, I would like to see more active people pursuing what Deer Lodge doesn't have. There are a lot of things in this town that we can preserve, which has been tried, and is continued to try. Although, I think we need to redirect our attention to the things in this town that we don't have like housing proper sewer systems, water, filtration systems, etc. I think if we want to renovate or preserve our historic aspects in this town then we need to remodel those aspects and facelift them into what we need, like housing.

- Trails, parks, summer youth opportunities, better city infrastructure such as water, streets, sidewalks, well maintained playgrounds and parks
- Promote growth in keeping with the historic and rural characteristic - small town character and behaviors are ideal while supporting livelihoods.
- No marijuana businesses at all; make housing and start up businesses affordable; fix the streets and walking/cycling paths around town, but no need to increase or make town bigger; another route to sawmill from old hospital (Kentucky is already loud with constant traffic)
- Get rid of the apartment building on main street. Re-locate that idea to the old hospital site. Bring in more jobs by lowering the cost of a business license, and give incentives for new businesses. Start penalizing commercial building owners for their lack of building preservation. Why do they get to own a building that is falling apart and taking away from the aesthetic of the town? Our town looks horrible. Also allow people to be able to make improvements on their home or property without needing neighbor comment. There is a wide open foundation that cannot have a house placed on it because Jordan messed up and the neighbor complained. Fix that.

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- We need to have some better support for our youth and housing for employees.
- Encourage entrepreneurship
- Be open for new businesses to come and build and help the community thrive
- Main Street down to one lane with a turning lane in the center, this will help with traffic flow especially during times of heavy snow....may save a life of a pedestrian, or bike rider
- Removal of Hotel Deer Lodge. The sooner, the better. Would be a great place for a downtown park/theatre/music venue.
- Giving back to the youth!!! Nothing has changed for them at all over the years.
- Zoning and other restrictions on property owners rights within the city should be simplified and ordinances should be paired down to bare minimums. You cant have a rooster but there seems to be no issue with living in a rotten house with piles of garbage outside. Is there a meth user exemption I am not aware of?
- Transit is important, meaning cross-town connections by streets. We can't have new development all funnel into downtown on the same road - it will end up like Reserve Street in Missoula. There need to be Eastside and westside thoroughfares so that all the traffic doesn't clog Main Street and Milwaukee.
- Parking
- Tear down old and scary buildings. It makes the city appear dirty and unkempt. Its such a great city with potential but monies need to be invested in the youth /school/programs and rid the city of an abandoned appearance.
- Improve city parks
- Preservation and use of empty buildings on and around Main Street.
- Improve what we already have.
- New jobs. Housing. Allowing new jobs to come in. Now running them out of town. For the town to grow you have to have housing and jobs. Otherwise it will be a town of poverty. Which it the direction the town is headed.
- Maintenance of the existing green spaces and parks. Clean up the whole place not just Main street and Milwaukee. I would like to see action and not just a continuation of the lip service.
- Deer Lodge need a Industrial park,"
- Quit making it hard on businesses to start up! Fix the streets and improve Main Street.
- Fixing the old hotel or tearing it down
- Using MSP labor incorporated more into the town to help with beautification and cleanup.
- City sidewalks

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- Emphasis on economic growth. Being Business friendly!
- Be efficient with our funds, improve our town by taking pride in our jobs and helping each other out
- Support all local businesses
- More services for our seniors & kids.
- Bring in good paying jobs - otherwise none of the rest of it matters. I don't want to see more low income housing. We don't need more people moving here who don't work and who take no pride in where they live. We need affordable houses and good jobs for working families.
- Places of employment, manufacturing, warehouse, shipping ect. Our community needs paying careers to bring up the quality of life. Prison and the sawmill doesn't leave much for options for residents.
- New businesses, we will never have growth without a whole new board. The people running the show have 0 respect for the voters.
- How to attract new business
- "Better Rec programs with pay so people actually care.
- We don't need bars, casinos, etc. We need restaurants, recognizable fast food, places that people/visitors will actually good to. More housing to help with people coming to the town and being able to work without commuting.
- Add clothing shopping
- Get out the weasels in office and get people that actual care
- We need more parental involvement with their children, but I can't imagine how you could do this. Kids are raising themselves, and they are the future of our community. I just shake my head, how can we fix this? When our kids were young, involved in school activities, sports, etc, we stayed so busy, and loved watching them in all they did. Its not like that anymore. Children are our future.
- Clean the streets up, they were covered in dirt. While you are at it do something with the Deer Lodge Hotel, looks like open sore on the down town.
- I really like the idea of improving Main Street so that it is eye catching to people to come in and shop.
- Unsure what is currently on the plan. Would like to see what is there first before suggesting.
- Any new businesses
- I would like to see the old hotel torn down, provide parking or make it a green space
- Beautification of the town. Make it more appealing for people traveling
- HOUSING HOUSING HOUSING !!!

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- We need to let go of the old debility house building and processes of the past, while focusing on our current age and new growth *finally* that we are beginning to see down town. It is our history of this town that has built and progressed it to where we are in the current tech age. However meditating to attempting to hold onto old dilapidated building and old ways will not progress us into the future.
- With the new sports complex coming in, I would like the City to take care of their softball fields. They need a total refresh. When other teams come to town, they joke about how run down and how its like playing in the "Sand Lot." If both fields were refreshed we could host tournaments for all ages. We lost our legion team because several of the kids go to Anaconda to play where there are better facilities.
- prob not part of growth plan but move cooking on Clark Fork to a side street preferably near courthouse so families can lounge on lawn in shade, its usually so hot out on the asphalt
- No more thrift stores or second hand also maintain the streets fix them get some equipment to help whether snow removal or otherwise
- HOUSING AND WELCOMING GROWTH INSTEAD OF HINDERING PEOPLE FROM COMING HERE
- Maintain historic buildings. Appreciate the rich history
- Less opportunity for the drug business
- Just more housing and more decent jobs.
- Fix the streets, get rid of most of city hall bureaucrats
- Real attempts at improving Deer Lodge. Actually improving it and trying to bring outside businesses into our town.
- For planned development SDCs (system development charges) are necessary so developers (not residents) pay for new infrastructure costs. Many seniors will be devastated here if the city tries to tax them
- Less opportunity for the drug business
- Maintain historic buildings. Appreciate the rich history
- Buildings being brought back to life, adding more tourist destinations. We would very easily be just like Cody WY if we worked on our Main Street and opened friendly shops
- Keep business out of residential areas
- More involvement with youth
- "Stop with all the restrictions on everything new!! Every new idea is met with all reasons it can't be done, i.e. dispensaries, housing projects.
- TEAR DOWN THE OLD HOTEL!!!!!"
- If we get the railroad again, we need to be prepared to build a train depot.
- A playground near the historic prison, this end of town has nothing for kids compared to the west side, end of town, baseball fields