City of Neligh-Community Needs Assessment Survey

This survey is being used in conjunction with a year-long planning process for the future growth and advancements of Neligh. Your participation is greatly appreciated and will assist in goal and strategy development for the next ten years in Neligh.

Consider your community as a whole and tell us your opinion on the existing conditions, programs, and services. Rate each of the following items and circle the one that best applies with the number "1" as the lowest and number "4" as the highest rating.

(1=Poor	2		facto	ry	3=Good 4=Excel	lent)			
Community Facilities	Poor		Exce	llent	Community Services	Poo	•	Exc	ellent
Senior Centers	14	11	85	121	Quality of Medical Services	22	24	90	98
Park & Recreation Facilities	24	34	107	67	Fire Protection/EMS	16	5	68	146
Library	16	5	76	133	Senior Citizen Programs	18	33	103	67
Health Care Facilities	18	19	74	133	Handicapped Programs	32	77	77	24
School Facilities	39	63	93	31	Quality of Education System	n 37	52	99	35
Infrastructure	Poor		Exc	ellent	Economic Development	Ро	or	Exc	ellent
Water	26	41	115	50	Job Creation	7	1 92	2 43	5
Sanitary Sewer	22	37	116	54	Support & Programming	4	9 82	2 65	7
Stormwater Drainage	30	51	105	38	Business Retention	6	2 87	57	4
Streets/Sidewalks	50	108	68	6	Community Development	4	9 82	2 73	6
					Community Planning	5	1 74	i 74	10
Housing	Ро	or	Exce	ellent	Downtown District	Poor		Exc	ellent
Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation	33	84	66	11	Restaurant Variety	79	93	54	7
Homeownership Assistance	40	91	50	8	Retail Store Variety	80	106	40	4
Housing for the Disabled	50	72	60	16	Aesthetics/Beautification	46	95	65	15
Senior Citizen Housing	26	63	85	39	Pedestrian Accessibility	30	60	104	28
Affordable Rental Housing	78	8 84	37	7	Lighting/Signage	30	77	90	25

Please circle the appropriate response for each of the following questions.

What is your sex?	М	ale (105)	Female (1	32)				
What is your age?		Under 19 (0)	19-24 (2)	25-34 (24)	35-44 (21)	45-64 (79)	65+ (100)	
What is your highest level of education that you have completed?	Less than High School (6)	Some College (71)	High Sc (59		Bachelor's (50	-	Graduate De (41)	gree
Are you satisfied with yo current job status?	our Yes (3	165) No (19)						
If no, is it because of any following reasons? (Please circle all that app		(27) Adva	ack of ncement ortunities (4)	Lack (Benef (3)		pensation (2)	Long Commute (2)	Current Employer (4)

Other: See Question #5 below

HOUSING

What type of housing structure do you live in?	A House (222)	A Mobile Ho (2)	me An Ap	oartment (4)	A Duplex (0)
Do you rent or own your home?	Rent (19)	Own (206)			
What condition would you consider your home to be in?	Good (99)	Needs Minor Repairs, Under \$3,000 (52)	r Rep \$3,000 -	Aoderate airs, \$15,000 55)	Needs Major Repairs, Over \$15,000 (16)
How many total persons currently live in y	our home?	1 (201) 2 (1	1 07) 3 (19)	4 (18)	5 (10) 6+ (5)
Is anyone in the home disabled?	Yes (23)	No (201)			
How many years have you lived in Neligh?	2 Less than 1 Year (1)	1-5 Years (38)	6-10 Years (18)	11-20 Yea (31)	ars 21 or More Years (138)
If you moved to the community within the last 5 years, which <u>ONE</u> of these best describes your reasons?	e Job (17)	Small Town Atmosphere (10)	Retirement (7)	Compet Housing F (1)	
In the next 5 years do you foresee you an your family moving?	N	other home in eligh [12]	communit Ne	a different y other thar eligh 40)	No 162)
Would you support the development of downtown housing in Neligh?	Definitely (52)	Maybe (113)	Not at this T (26)	ime No (21)	

From your perspective, what do you consider is our greatest or most pressing housing need? <u>See question #15 below.</u>

What things have been done in the community over the last few years that have been successful in terms of housing? <u>See Question #16 below.</u>

COMMUNICATIONS

How many cell phones does your family own?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6+
	(15)	(73)	(97)	(17)	(18)	(4)	(1)

How satisfied are you with your cell phone service in the following areas?

Price:	Excellent (21)	Good (84)	Fair (76)	Poor (16)	No Opinion (14)
Coverage:	Excellent (35)	Good (105)	Fair (46)	Poor (16)	No Opinion (7)
Support:	Excellent (26)	Good (100)	Fair (47)	Poor (9)	No Opinion (20)
Does your househ	old have a landline t	elephone?	Yes No (153) (70)		

What type of internet service do you currently subscribe to?	Dial-Up (4)	DSL (61)	Cable (74)	Wirele	ternal ss Service 31)	Other (7)	None (37)
Are you satisfied with your current internet s	ervice?	Yes (4)	Somewh (55)		No 19)		
Did you know the City of Neligh has a free tex	t and e-ma	il alert system	ו?	Yes (142)	No (70)		
DAYCARE							
Do you have children under the age of 12 that are in child care on a regular basis?	Yes (25)	No (189)					
If yes, what type of child care do your children receive?	In Home (19)	Daycare C (4)	Center	After	School Progi (0)	ram	
How difficult is it to find quality child care?	Very (15)	Somewhat (22)		: Very (3)	Not at all (1)		
TOURISM							
How important do you think tourism is to the local area's economic future?	Very (94)	Somew (93)			t Very 20)	Not at a (8)	all
How important is the development of tourism in our area?	Very (92)	Somew (103)			t Very 13)	Not at (7)	all

In your opinion what is the single-most important attraction in Neligh for tourism and why? <u>See Question #28</u> <u>below.</u>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In your opinion, how should local Economic Development efforts be focused? (Please circle 2)	New Industry (75)	New Retail Stores (64)	New Service Sectors (7)	Support Existing Businesses (75)	Develop Housing Stock (33)
· · · ·	Youth	Downtown	Workforce	Entrepreneurial	Local Funding
	Retention	Revitalization	Development	Opportunities	Assistance
	(50)	(44)	(21)	(18)	(15)

What types of businesses would you support, that we don't currently have in Neligh? See Question #30 below.

If you shop for products and services out of town, where do you shop and why? <u>See Question #31 below.</u>

Would you support a half cent sales tax increase for	Yes	Maybe	Not at this	No
future development in Neligh?	(61)	(75)	Time	(43)
			(36)	

The list of strengths below was developed during our City's first Town Hall Meeting for the comprehensive planning process. Please circle your top 5 of Neligh's strengths from the list below.

Public School (47)	Banks (28)	Fire Hall (69)
Highway 14 & 275 (49)	Assisted Living (33)	Independent Living (9)
Churches (47)	Wholesale Power (2)	Airport (9)
Legion (19)	Small Town (27)	Security (9)
Medical Services (86)	Hospital (99)	Pharmacies (35)
Library (47)	Wellness Center (7)	Senior Citizen Center (36)
Incubator Building (1)	Museums (11)	Park (41)
Friendly (19)	ESU-8 (32)	24-Hour Fitness (0)
Gas Stations (8)	Bowling Alley (6)	Pool (8)
Tourism (8)	Antique Shops (7)	Car Dealership (6)
Tourism (8) Garden Nursery (3)	Antique Shops (7) Drive-In Theater (60)	Car Dealership (6) Cowboy Trail (8)
Garden Nursery (3)	Drive-In Theater (60)	Cowboy Trail (8)
Garden Nursery (3) County Seat (58)	Drive-In Theater (60) Industrial Sector (8)	Cowboy Trail (8) Implement Dealers (25)
Garden Nursery (3) County Seat (58) Golf Course (20)	Drive-In Theater (60) Industrial Sector (8) Variety of Housing (6)	Cowboy Trail (8) Implement Dealers (25) Progressive Attitude (6)

Please list any comments regarding this survey or other related matters. See Question #34 below.

Again, thank you for your time and input on this survey. Please return your completed survey in the enclosed envelope or to the City Clerk at the City Office by <u>May 30, 2014</u>. Results will be tabulated and discussed at a public input session this summer. These results will also be included in the City's 10-year Comprehensive Plan and Housing Study. Your thoughts, ideas and continued input is vital to the success of Neligh.

Thank you, Brenda Jensen, Community Planner Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers, P.C.

Continue to give your feedback on Neligh's online town hall called Envision Neligh, just Google "Envision Neligh." Also join us at our face-to-face town hall meetings at the Senior Center, the next meeting will be held on May 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

- Not enough hours for full-time
- Disabled
- Many of my friends, co-workers have none of the above circled. Equity lacking.
- No pay raise in 5 years
- Health Conditions

Question #15 - From your perspective, what do you consider is our greatest or most pressing housing need?

- Affordable good housing, Walkable Downtown housing or Housing in the 75-125,000 -39
- Better options for younger people/ families 2
- Clean up derelict homes on Neligh's West Side. -<u>14</u>
- Enforce June Ordinance 1
- General Maintenance as both the age of housing and age of owner increases 1
- Grant to help people with minor repair $\underline{1}$
- Housing for Elderly 2
- Housing for Disabled -<u>2</u>
- Lower Taxes <u>4</u>
- Low Income Housing <u>2</u>
- Low Utility Rates <u>1</u>
- Maintenance <u>1</u>
- Making grants more accessible to home owners. For home rehab $\underline{1}$
- No Opinion <u>7</u>
- •Need to work on Job creation with decent wages for people to afford building a house $\underline{1}$
- Painting <u>1</u>
- Why do you need houses downtown? People think they need these nice houses can they afford them? Or do they work? Do they pay their bills or live off the government? -<u>1</u>
- Providing homes in good condition to new citizens $\underline{1}$
- Quality & Condition those for sale are overpriced due to lack of knowledge with listing agents 1
- Rehab Assistance 2
- Removal of all the Blight Home $\underline{1}$
- Rent support for people who have lost jobs because of things beyond their control. $\underline{1}$
- Rentals (Apartment Complex) Affordable 55
- Roofs <u>1</u>
- Senior Housing <u>2</u>
- Start-up housing in Neligh but non for the average worker -<u>1</u>
- Townhouses <u>1</u>
- We need condos or a housing project with small living space $\underline{1}$
- Well Maintained <u>4</u>

Question # 16 - What things have been done in the community over the last few years that have been successful in terms of housing?

- Apartments by Thriftway, Miller's Apartments 2
- Annexing of new lots 1
- Community Dev. Loans 1
- Country Side Acres 1
- Developed new lots <u>2</u>
- Fixing up some run down houses 7
- Houses that have been replaced or refurbished have sold 3
- Kevin Project <u>1</u>
- Lots of Building, Some rehab programs 1
- Low income Housing decreasing 1
- New housing development currently underway 7
- None <u>41</u>
- Pioneer Homes 1
- Removal of some junk buildings. 5
- Street <u>2</u>
- The Willows (Assisted Living Facility)- 22
- Too many people employed by City, didn't need generators or so many vehicles and equipment for size of community - <u>1</u>
- Two grants, CDBG Rehab

Question #28 - In your opinion what is the single-most important attraction in Neligh for tourism and why?

- Airports <u>1</u>
- Antelope County fair, because of all of the events 4
- Antique and consignment shops (NOT the Mill) 7
- Ashfalls <u>1</u>
- Ashfalls is <u>Not</u> advertised or promoted. Has even featured in national Geographic Magazine a few years ago and Neligh can't even put up a billboard on it or brochure any place. That is a <u>Sin</u> - all they know is the <u>Mill</u> most folks who visit don't care or Pierson Wildlife Museum either. - <u>1</u>
- Camping <u>4</u>
- Celebrations <u>1</u>
- Downtown theater needs help staying open and importing the outside. $\underline{1}$
- Drive-in movie Theater, last of its kind but a rundown disaster. Should be owned and operated by the City. 37
- Fourth of July celebration The crowd it draws each year is amazing $\underline{1}$
- Hike & Bike Trail 1
- How much money is spent trying to get tourists and how much money is returned on investment? 1
- I think we should develop the river front to be more attractive for foot traffic, Kayaking, general river access for the park visitors and campers. <u>1</u>
- \bullet Motels and Restaurants are fairly good. $\underline{1}$
- Museum History of Neligh 38
- Neligh Mill well preserved, well documented historic tie to the community -<u>96</u>
- New Moon, However it is a huge shame that they have fallen into such despair it's an embarrassment to the town. The new moon painted red and black makes it look like a brothel!!!! - <u>1</u>
- Old Bridge <u>1</u>
- Parks <u>24</u>

- Second Hand Stores <u>1</u>
- Sewer Plant The best thing to happen to Neligh since 1965 $\underline{1}$
- Small Town Atmosphere without a lot of crime 1
- Thrift Store <u>1</u>
- Park & Trail because travelers stop here, locals relax here; it provides recreating relaxation and exercise. It is one of the top attractions that give Neligh a positive image. It is noted on many websites for its camping facilities. <u>1</u>
- White Buffalo Girl Grave, Historical $\underline{1}$

Question #30 - What types of businesses would you support, that we don't currently have in Neligh?

- Antiques <u>1</u>
- Auto Mechanics 1
- Bakery <u>4</u>
- \bullet Business with reasonable prices $\underline{1}$
- Barber Shop <u>1</u>
- Butcher Shops 1
- Car wash <u>1</u>
- Clothing Children's and Adults 23
- Cocktail Lounge 1
- Coffee Shop <u>1</u>
- Computer Store <u>1</u>
- Copy center and related support services. <u>1</u>
- Craft Store <u>3</u>
- Department Store, Losing that store has left a void of availability of merchandise in town. 1
- Dollar Tree <u>1</u>
- Downtown variety store or something that sells sewing supplies 5
- Dry Cleaners 1
- Electronic Store 2
- Fast Food Restaurant 10
- Find a grant for the theater downtown in order for it to be digital. Have it air conditioned. We need a new restaurant to replace El Vallarta <u>1</u>
- Fitness center <u>5</u>
- Flea Market 1
- Gift Shops 2
- Grocery store 9
- Hardware Store 29
- Home business for old people 1
- Hotel <u>4</u>
- Ice Cream Shop (Dairy Queen) 3
- Indoor Pool <u>1</u>
- Indoor Walking area <u>1</u>
- Industrial <u>1</u>
- Jewelry Store 2
- K Mart <u>1</u>
- Live entertainment or a business that provides an acoustically good sound environment and comfortable seating for plays, musical performances, jam sessions, and social dancing. <u>1</u>

- Locker <u>1</u>
- Lumberyard 2
- Manufacturing <u>2</u>
- Meat Locker <u>1</u>
- Most Any <u>1</u>
- Movie Theater -<u>8</u>
- Need activities for teens sad that movie theater is closed. Bowling alley could do <u>MUCH</u> better with having scheduled activities for kids. Very disappointed in efforts to have fun & healthy things for teens <u>1</u>
- No Opinion <u>1</u>
- Office Supply Store <u>1</u>
- Plumber & Electrician <u>2</u>
- Pool Hall <u>1</u>
- Public Auditorium <u>1</u>
- Quilt Store <u>1</u>
- Race Track <u>1</u>
- Rent to own <u>1</u>
- Restaurants <u>26</u>
- Second hand Store like Goodwill <u>1</u>
- Shoe Store <u>12</u>
- Shopko <u>2</u>
- Shopping Venue <u>1</u>
- Sporting goods hunting & Fishing Equipment <u>3</u>
- Sports Bar <u>1</u>
- Steakhouse <u>12</u>
- Travel Plaza for semi-truck fueling <u>1</u>
- Tru Value Type Store <u>1</u>
- Used Book Store <u>1</u>
- Variety Store <u>7</u>
- Vet <u>5</u>
- Wellness Center, The Current one is geared towards the elderly for their physical therapy. Need a place where people can learn to become healthy/maintain good health/ exercise/ have classes/ be with others doing the same. <u>2</u>
- Youth Center <u>3</u>

Question #31 - If you shop for products and services out of town, where do you shop and why?

- Norfolk Better Prices & Variety
- Norfolk They have consumer goods that Neligh either doesn't have or are very expensive.
- None
- Norfolk More variety, can find everything I need.
- Norfolk and/or Omaha and/ or on-line
- Price & selection Mainly Selection
- Walmart/Target, Neligh doesn't carry it or it is too expensive
- Norfolk Price & Choice
- Catalogs
- Norfolk Convenience
- Online Variety/ Price

- Norfolk, Omaha, On-Line Not available in Neligh
- Menards
- Walmart, Schwan's, Shopko, Herbergers, Menards
- Norfolk Work in that City
- Norfolk, Priced and diversity!
- Wal-Mart
- Building Supplies, some house hold goods, Grocery, Saving money
- Norfolk Variety & Price
- Wal-Mart, Target prices & Variety of products
- Wal-Mart, Shopko
- Hy-Vee our grocery store prices are too high, the owner is rude
- Clothing and shoe's limited selection in Neligh
- Norfolk Availability/ Variety of items needed.
- Norfolk Omaha for selection
- Book Store
- Walmart or Norfolk Cheaper than here
- Hy-Vee- More selection and lower costs, Target better quality and can get anything from clothes to groceries.
- Wal-Mart- Its Cheaper
- Walmart/Target=Better Prices
- Hy-Vee More Selection, better prices, better produce
- Lowes Omaha Retail therapy, excuse to get out of town
- Norfolk when unavailable in Neligh
- Norfolk (Menards & Walmart) selection & price
- Menards they have everything you need at affordable prices
- Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, where ever I can get what I need
- Walmart- prices
- If need to go to Norfolk, we would shop there some.
- We go to Norfolk. More selection, cheaper prices, and better specials. We like to see all the other Neligh people and Neligh business people shopping in Norfolk.
- Norfolk More choices for clothing, equipment and food. However, out grocer does a great job of providing quality food.
- I shop in Neligh!
- Yes I do because Neligh doesn't carry them, for instance bike tires.
- Norfolk Availability
- Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee, Menards, Mall sales or Clothes
- Norfolk Full Coverage of needs
- Clothing Stores Buckle, Jc Penney, maurices, Target, Herbergers- get most everything else in town
- Norfolk For products not available in Neligh
- Norfolk, Lincoln, & Omaha
- Walmart Much cheaper on most things
- Norfolk Prices
- Norfolk Grocery Stores, Prices
- Walmart. Price & one stop shopping
- Norfolk, because our stores don't carry all items someone needs.
- Hardware, shoes, men's dress clothing, variety store for gifts and essential everyday needs. Less experience and bigger variety for food, Hy-Vee, Walmart, Browns Shoes Etc.
- Shop in town as much as possible, but have to go out of town to find things not available here.

- Norfolk, Clothing, Dentists, Hospital, Car Gas, Appliances, Feed (Animal)
- Norfolk, clothing can't find anything here.
- Norfolk, Sioux City Quality and Variety of products
- Lowe's, Dillard's in Omaha
- Norfolk for things not available in Neligh
- Affordable Clothes, Shoes, Etc.
- Walmart Price, Variety/ Menards Price
- Wherever I can get what I need
- Walmart If we are going to be in Norfolk anyway you can save on large volumes of groceries/ Menards More selection of certain things
- Norfolk Selection, Service, and Price
- Target, Variety
- Don't shop out of town only occasionally
- Norfolk Variety of Stores
- Menards Has what we need. Walmart Variety/ has what we need good prices.
- Norfolk Mostly to get things that are not in Neligh such as electronics (Ink for printer) and shoes and clothing for children and adults
- Shop in town
- Omaha, Yankton, Sioux City Business out of Town
- The only time I shop out of town or on-line is for products that are not available or limited variety
- Appliances, Vehicles-more choices
- Shoes & Boots Why not anywhere else/ Norfolk Lumber yard 1/2 price for same stuff
- Norfolk Magnolias, Brown's shoe store, Tux & Prom Dress, Pat-a-cake (Graduation), Hy-Vee (some prices less and more variety)
- Norfolk, Lincoln, can't buy in town
- Norfolk because we don't always have what we need available in Neligh
- Norfolk Work there
- Norfolk Due to cheaper prices
- Target especially variety and cost. I love supporting Thriftway but it is difficult when things are priced so high. We also shop at Menards a lot of things Carhart cannot get so then we get other things also because they are cheaper.
- Norfolk Work There
- Walmart in Norfolk, I have to get all my pills there.
- Walmart and online because Neligh doesn't have it.
- Walmart
- Mall sports stores, shoe stores, clothing price & Selection
- Norfolk, Omaha, & Lincoln for books and clothing/shoes
- Menards Availability and price
- Norfolk got everything
- Shoe Store
- Norfolk Variety and price
- Walmart just when I'm in Norfolk, McDonalds Etc. Fast food
- Thriftway
- Service Vet in Tilden/ Products Shoes in Norfolk, Sporting Goods/ Kids clothing, Online
- Norfolk you can't get a lot of things in Neligh.
- Norfolk Proximity
- Norfolk Items not available in Neligh

- Try to shop in town but sometimes prices lower in Norfolk. Local contractors usually more expensive than out of town. Many contractors hard to get a hold of.
- Norfolk lower prices of retail chain stores but do most of shopping in town
- Norfolk Prices
- Stay in Town
- Norfolk for lower prices
- Shoes we have to no shoe store
- I shop out of town because it's much cheaper.
- Norfolk, Lincoln, Omaha Variety and availability
- Walmart in Norfolk because it is cheaper
- We Try to shop local but sometimes the product or selection is not adequate. Movies, dining, home improvement materials
- Hardware
- Target, The ease of getting everything I need at one store.
- Grocery much cheaper out of town
- Walmart, Hobby Lobby, Shopko, Auto Zones, etc. Don't Carry what I need!!
- When we do shop out of Neligh Norfolk Can't get items here, price
- Walmart for Variety, over counter pharmacies, supplies, paper supplies/ Hobby Lobby for variety and fabric, sewing supplies/ Hy-Vee for variety of cheese canned foods and baked breads./ Menards for Light bulbs, LED's, more sizes and styles, Variety combine materials.
- Norfolk or Omaha Bigger selection
- Norfolk, Menards and Walmart -- bigger selection and lower prices
- I don't
- Norfolk Omaha for Variety
- Norfolk for price and variety
- Norfolk Neligh does not have quality lumber yards or stores like True Value
- Personal Choice and more variety and atmosphere
- Target, Walmart, Hy-Vee for Price and selection
- Walmart Prices
- Neligh has less than nothing
- Norfolk More Variety
- Elgin and Norfolk
- Norfolk More choices
- Walmart Food
- Shoe Store
- Eat out at Steakhouses Clearwater, Tilden, Norfolk Etc.
- Norfolk, availability of product, convenient hours
- Where I can find what I want not Walmart
- Hy-Vee lots of restaurants in Norfolk for good menu. For selection and clothes and prices!
- Norfolk, Elgin, Clearwater
- We are gone a lot so have no choice
- Norfolk More selection
- Mall Type shops, Target Wide variety of products and reasonable prices more competition to keep prices affordable
- Convenient
- Menards Variety or selection/ Walmart Selection and pricing/ Culvers Quick Meal
- Walmart Variety and prices/ Menards better variety and more competitive pricing then cohorts

- Clothing no selection in Neligh for my age/ Groceries very selective items in Neligh
- We try to shop in Neligh and support local businesses. We go to Norfolk or O'Neill only if we can't find it in Neligh or close by.
- Target & Walmart More selection and better prices
- Online Office Supplies, Clothes & Shoes
- Walmart, Cheaper
- Clothes & Shoes Variety offered @ mall,target,walmart Products not sold in town
- Wal-Mart Pricing and I work in Norfolk
- Wal-Mart, Target Laundry and paper products are cheaper
- Norfolk Target (You can't find most things in Neligh)/ Hy-Vee (Its week to week at Thriftway whether they carry the same thing or not)/ Online Amazon (most things are fairly cheaper and arrive in two days
- Walmart One Stop
- Norfolk All in one Place
- Norfolk, Variety
- Norfolk Most Price
- Norfolk
- Menards, Walmart, Shopko, Paint, Clothing
- Clothes for more variety and choices
- Norfolk for the items unavailable in Neligh.
- Norfolk, prices. Need another grocery store here
- Norfolk, Grand Island More competitive prices
- Norfolk Bigger selection, lower prices, and some things not available in Neligh
- Norfolk Clothes, no variety
- Norfolk More variety, more places that carry my size in clothing, products not available in Neligh. No competition in Neligh as only one of the retail businesses per type. I like to shop for variety and prices.
- Norfolk Because it is the closest
- Norfolk, Omaha, Lincoln more variety and things I cannot but here.
- I buy local, whenever possible
- Norfolk Selection
- Walmart Big Variety
- I shop at Walmart for things I can't afford in Neligh
- Availability of hours of service and more items in inventory
- Shoes

Question #33 - The list of strengths below was developed during out City's first Town Hall meeting for the comprehensive planning process. Please circle your top 5 of Neligh's strengths from the list below. Other:

- Blackburn Manufacturing
- Neligh's Laundromat
- Grocery Store
- Dial a Ride & Jack
- Agriculture
- Public Housing, Festivals July 4th, Bread & Jam, G. Fair

Question #34 - Please list any comments regarding this survey or other related matters

- Too Long
- We need more industry in town. More opportunities to bring the young back to town.
- Something needs to be done about lowering our City's utilities.
- Property Tax due to City levy will kill Neligh.
- Would like to see the Library use their web site to let public know what new books are available.
- Medical Services could include hospital and pharmacies leaving room for different but important strengths in the above question.
- I think the surveys could ask the question of how people fit into our community, which would entice people to live here. For example, big cities have nice hospitals and fire departments; but can the average person patricipate. There is a sense of community when people find a place to belong, not just live.
- There are too many employees working in Neligh that are commuting in from surrounding towns Neligh was vital back in the 40s, 50s, & 60s because most of the businessman & employees also lived in Neligh. A plan is needed to encourage people to move to Neligh if there business or job is in Neligh.
- We need a new pool
- Get rid of the \$2.00 trash bags. This is "Double Dipping" and leaves a bitter taste. "If necessary" raise the collection fee \$2.00. Everybody I tell about this program finds it hilarious and unbelievable.
- My visitors always say Neligh looks like a pretty little town. Whether they come through on Highway 275 from Highway 14 especially at night when Neligh's spread out on the north side of the river.
- It is absolutely terrible we pay a monthly fee for trash but still have to pay (and go buy) specific trash bags to have the trash be picked up! Never had to do this in any other towns I've lived in! <u>SO STUPID! PLEASE CHANGE THIS!</u>
- The variety of housing and support as one age is exceptional.
- Something really needs to be done about our current trash system; it is costing too much for Neligh residents.
- Think, check each avenue, and consider the cost of our community and farmers before launching projects!
- Need outside money not just local being financed streets in new area could have waited so city didn't commit too much and wait to be repaid. Utilities would have been enough.
- Surveys are okay but do you ever take them to heart or do you do what you want regardless of input?
- We are very fortunate to have all of the services we do have for a community of this size.
- I think Neligh is a great place to live. We just need more businesses.
- Neligh is a very nice place to live a small town atmosphere and friendly place.
- The Economic Development director needs to do something!!!
- I think in the winter when it snows I think the streets need cleaned off better.
- Need downtown theater to be updated and need people to go to Norfolk to see movies. That building is decaying
- Please less surveys with time and money wasted, the town needs retail businesses, something to bring people here to shop. Now there isn't anything here to keep people here that are why we have to shop out of town. We used to be a thriving community, let's bring it back. Community lacks support from others.
- This City and County seems to do things before they ever have any idea on how they will pay for it.
- Money for Cowboy Trail should be used on roads and Highway. Why repack Mill bridge? Just a waste of money!
- This town is going to be a ghost town soon. It is one of the most snot nosed towns I have ever lived in. As soon as I can I am gone from here.
- The Garbage/Trash system is horrendous.
- The garbage system in Neligh needs changed
- Some questions do not apply to all residents, therefore an NA choice could have been ordeal.
- Hard to pick just 5 on the list above others that are important Churches, Park, Drive-In, Golf Course, Pool, Car Dealership, Banks, County Seat, Medical Services and Pharmacies
- Neligh is ok; a lot of other towns seem to offer more. My only complaint about this town is High Property tax.
- The authorities need to enforce people keeping their property cleaned up. Old houses unoccupied should be made to fix up or destroy. Property listed for sale need to be kept up by somebody.

- Park needs to be beautified currently is like a cemetery. Made into a place where a couple could even get married.
- Spending too much money on historical. A dead end and is not bringing life to the community.
- Curbs, Sidewalks are in need of repair. Streets not cleaned often enough. Water running down streets causing weeds to grow there, collect trash, Broken cement where weeds grow.
- I think there needs to be some change in this community to improve some things in this town.
- Stop expanding city limits and concentrate on already developed areas. Population is way down from 50 years ago, but footprint of the town is nearly twice the size. Let us keep our country living, we don't want to be Norfolk. I don't want to change the world, and I don't want it to change me.
- Thank you for taking the effort to do this!
- Great!
- Need the City to quit wasting money; it costs too much to live.
- Appearance of housing needs improved downtown needs cleaned up, Missed Dial a Ride
- A <u>Stamped</u> return envelope would have been appreciated.
- Taxes are too high in NE therefore too high in Neligh making Neligh and NE unfriendly to retiring persons and the young.
- The streets in town are horrible too! We can build a million dollar jail, but can't fix the streets in our town!
- The school system is horrible. We are paying 6 & 5 figure incomes to a totally incompetent administration. Teachers don't help the kids either. What happened to No Child Left Behind? Obviously it doesn't apply to Neligh Oakdale schools.
- City of Neligh Electric Bills are so expensive when it's cheaper to live in a town elsewhere, you don't have to pay \$2 for trash bags I would move here either!!
- The cowboy trail is very poorly maintained in Antelope County that is known throughout multiple counties.
- A workout/fitness facility is greatly needed
- As Neligh attempts to grow it is economy a major campaign should be laundered to develop a greater sense of community pride and encourage residents to support local businesses by buying local. What would it take to make the Mill Operational?
- Neligh is a great community to live in and friendly. What I like to see is the town cleaned up from all the run down houses and businesses. The school needs a major overhaul also.
- Attitudes of many people here need to change. Social media is killing relationships and ability of people to respect or to show respect. Type on a computer or phone what you can't say face to face. We need a hotel
- Having to buy garbage bags
- Park need land scape repair. Need someone that understands what needs done. The rocks put along the river wouldn't keep anyone from the edge of river. Only put money in one man's pocket. If they need rocks then have someone clean up weeds around them, cable fence was better all the way around. Nice looking and Defined Boundaries for kids.
- Just promoting businesses and maybe helping those start new endeavors when in need.
- Why no prepaid Postage?
- The cost of utilities and trash prevent businesses from coming to Neligh. It costs too much to operate. The city spends entirely too much money which causes our taxes to go up!
- Our mortuary or cemeteries are also to many a City bond.
- More signs are needed
- Mend the Potholes they are deep. Thank you for cleaning our streets.