



TUALATIN TOMORROW

July 1, 2015

Dear Tualatin Tomorrow Partner:

I want to thank everyone who participated in our May 6 Tualatin Tomorrow Partner Event for making it equally productive and inspiring. As promised, and for those of you who were unable to attend, we have provided summaries from our “update” and “community opportunities” discussions. The former is an inventory of recent partner vision success stories and requests for follow up. The latter captures partner input on several community issues.

Thank you all for the wonderful work you do to move our community vision forward. We definitely could not do it without you. Please feel free to contact Sara Singer if you have questions, need assistance or have additional input on any of the topics below at ssinger@ci.tualatin.or.us or call 503.691.3065.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Candice Kelly".

Candice Kelly, Chair
Tualatin Tomorrow Advisory Committee

Partner Action Update Summary

- **City of Tualatin:** The City continues to make progress extending and connecting the local sidewalk network most recently with the sidewalk connections added in the Pony Ridge neighborhood. The City is also nearing completion of its City Facilities Study, which will help determine the most efficient and affordable means to deliver quality public services in a consolidated space to meet the needs for the next 20 years. The City also reported that final design work is underway for 124th Avenue Extension and construction will begin in August.
- **TriMet:** The Southwest Service Enhancement Plan is almost wrapped up and calls for expanded bus service within and to and from Tualatin, including additional shuttle service for locations that do not accommodate buses; creating a new bus line along Tualatin-Sherwood Road/72nd Ave. to connect the Tualatin Industrial Area, downtown and WES station to points north and south.

- **Ride Connection:** Tualatin will have expanded service starting in May with the Red Line. This service is FREE and open to everyone!
- **Neighbors Nourishing Community:** Hilltop Community Garden is now open. MITCH Charter School is now a partner and has a possible location for a greenhouse. NNC has also secured enough grant money to construct a greenhouse.
- **Tualatin Together:** The Tualatin Together Community Education Team is hosting a series of community conversations to teach and learn about important issues for youth, with focused outreach to Latino parents.
- **Tualatin Chamber of Commerce:** The Tualatin Chamber is conducting “business walks” connecting with 2-3 local businesses every Friday to better understand issues and opportunities. The Chamber is also working with schools and businesses to develop hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) partnerships.
- **Tualatin Farmers Market:** The Farmers Market is working to expand the Market Sprouts Program, which helps educate kids about healthy food and where it comes from. The Market will be moving to the Library plaza on Saturday mornings this year (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and will extend their season later into the year to take advantage of the fall harvest. They are working to develop programs and activities in partnership with the Library.
- **Mask & Mirror Community Theater:** They will be hosting “Singing in the Rain” performances Aug. 14-23 at Tualatin High School. They will be splitting the proceeds between Mask and Mirror and the Tigard-Tualatin School District Foundation.
- **America’s Best Communities Grant:** Through the efforts of a team made up of Mask & Mirror, the Tualatin Chamber, the South Metro-Salem STEM Partnership and the City of Tualatin, Tualatin was selected as one of 50 quarterfinalists for a Frontier Communications grant that will provide \$50,000 if a \$15,000 local match can be secured. The grant application was based on the Tualatin Tomorrow Vision and funding will be used to develop a community revitalization plan centered around developing a community gathering space for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) related programs. Visit tualatinabc.org for more information...or to donate, and help Tualatin in its quest to win the much larger \$3 million grand prize
- **Clean Water Services:** Clean Water Service has successfully completed the “Million Tree Challenge” planting over 1,000,000 trees throughout local watersheds. They are also offering “Sewercise” training for kids – a combination of water/wastewater education and exercise (no, really, it’s fun!). Tualatin High School had 500 students participate (this program was STEAM related).
- **Tigard-Tualatin School District (TTSD):** The School District is converting to full-day kindergarten and expanding school based health clinics. The School District is also starting a long-range capital facilities planning process to guide building projects over the next twenty years, including shared space opportunities with the City.

Community Issue Feedback Summary

- **City Facilities:** There are several actions in the Tualatin Tomorrow Vision Plan related to creating a community meeting facility to host large gatherings and establishing a civic center that unifies city services in one location.

These actions were included as one of the Council's top seven priorities because not only is the layout of City services inefficient for our customers, it is also inefficient for City staff. The City has been working on a City Facilities Study looking at various locations and alternatives to meet the projected space requirements for City Offices and the Library. The study also takes into account community gathering spaces such as a Council Chambers/Municipal Court and additional meeting space for the different community groups, advisory committees and others who are frequently searching for meeting space in Tualatin.

Share your thoughts on the top alternatives, and if you were the Council, what would you pursue (include nothing as an option)?

- **Learning Opportunities & Workforce Development:** As we bounce back from the recession, the business community is growing and thriving. However, this growth is not without its challenges. As businesses expand, is our workforce growing at the same rate? Is the workforce of tomorrow gathering the skills they will need to maintain the momentum of this economic recovery?

The Tualatin Tomorrow Vision has a number of actions which relate to learning opportunities and workforce development. One of the goals includes strengthening learning options that align with future employment opportunities. In March, the Tualatin Chamber hosted their Key Leaders Breakfast, and Workforce Development was the theme for the event. The speakers highlighted some of the challenges we face, and shared data and information. They left us with a call to action to get involved from all angles of the community...business, education, government.

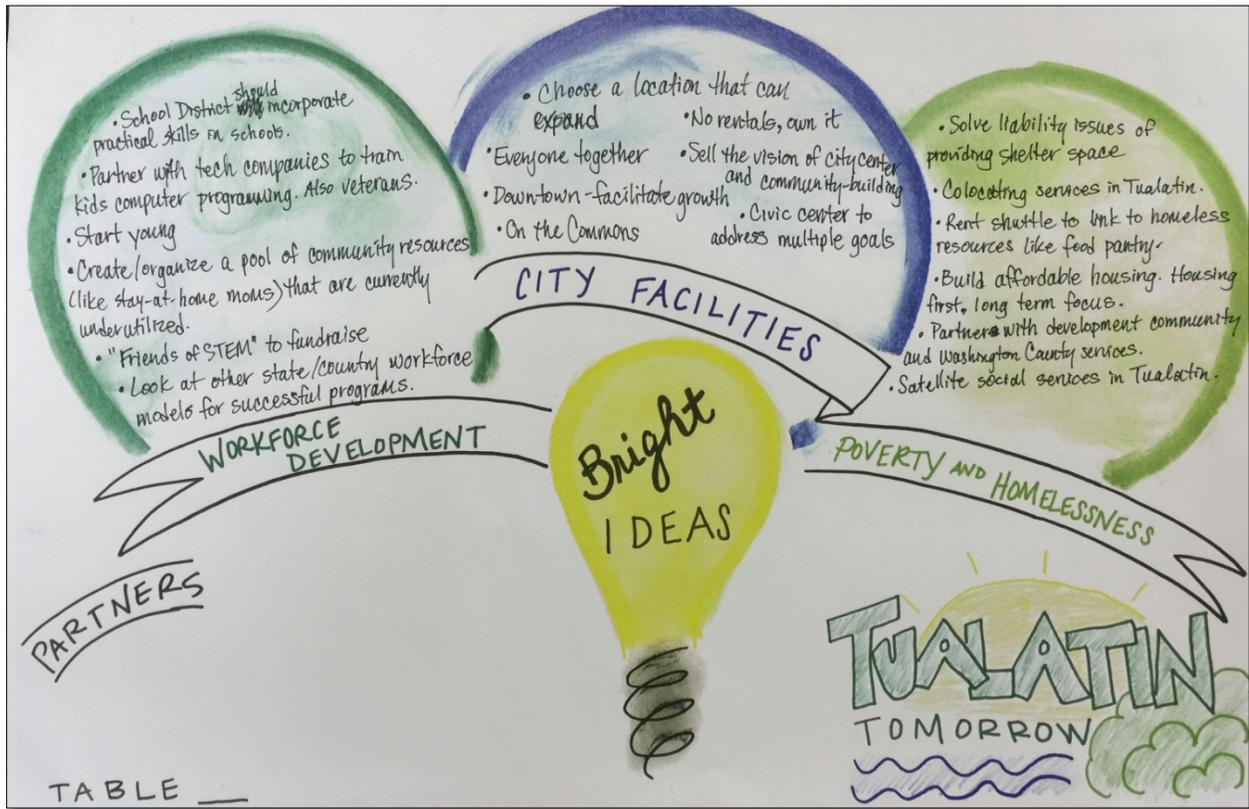
How can the Tualatin community support or facilitate extended learning opportunities for youth?

- **Poverty & Homelessness:** One topic which continues to be raised in Tualatin is addressing the issue of poverty and homelessness. This issue is visible in Tualatin's parks, streets, schools, and even in many neighborhoods. In the Vision Plan, there is an action related to partnering with churches and other entities to extend homeless and mental health services to Tualatin. Even at the January 2015 Youth & Elected Leaders Meeting hosted by the Tualatin Youth Advisory Council, the teens suggested opening a shelter in Tualatin and working with the youth to organize volunteers to serve the homeless in our community. This issue was raised at the Tualatin Tomorrow Partner meeting this past fall, and continues to be a challenge for the community.

What can be done by local partners to better-address poverty and homelessness? How can we better connect the local partners and our regional partners to work together and provide a forum

for developing solutions to overcome these challenges? Each table is encouraged to develop 1-3 strategies for addressing this issue in our community.

Table 1



Workforce Development:

- School District should incorporate practical skills in schools.
- Partner with tech companies to train kids computer programming. Also veterans.
- Start young.
- Create/organize a pool of community resources (like stay-at-home moms) that are currently underutilized.
- "Friends of STEM" to fundraise.
- Look at other stat/county workforce models for successful programs.

City Facilities:

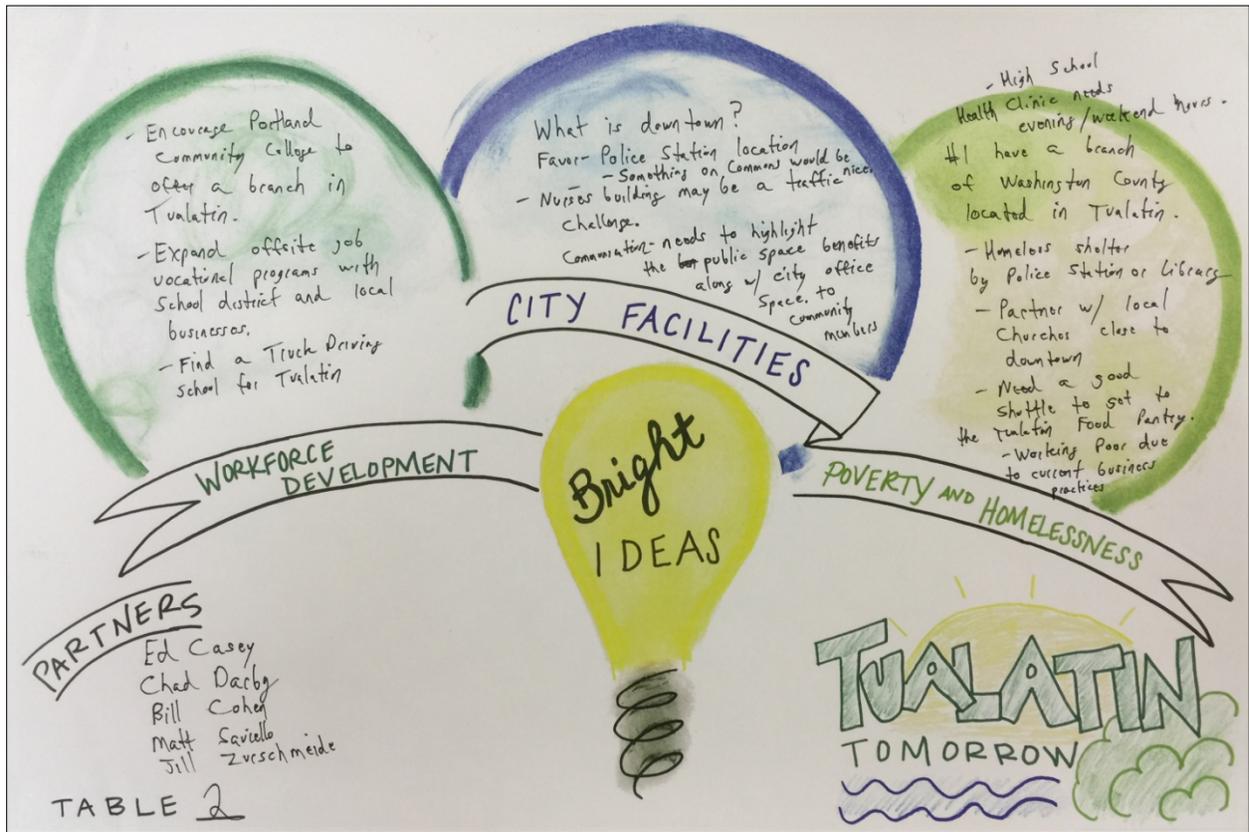
- Choose a location that can expand.
- Everyone together.
- Downtown – facilitate growth.
- On the Commons.
- No rentals, own it.
- Sell the vision of city center and community-building.
- Civic Center to address multiple goals.

Poverty and Homelessness:

- Solve liability issues of providing shelter space.
- Collocating services in Tualatin.

- Rent shuttle to link to homeless resources like food pantry.
- Build affordable housing. Housing first, long term focus.
- Partner with development community and Washington County services.
- Satellite social services in Tualatin.

Table 2



Workforce Development:

- Encourage Portland Community College to offer a branch in Tualatin.
- Expand offsite job vocational programs with school district and local businesses.
- Find a Truck Driving School for Tualatin.

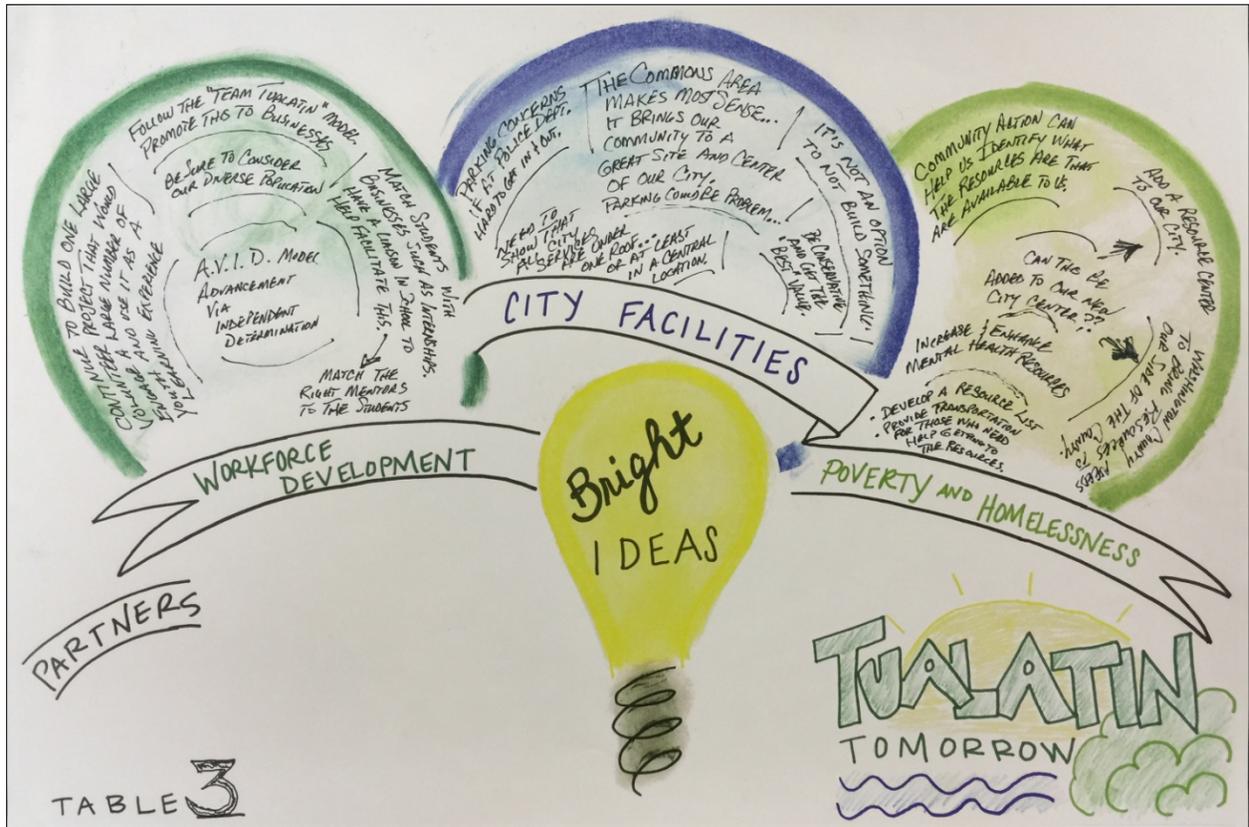
City Facilities: What is Downtown?

- Favor – Police Station location
- Something in Commons would be nice.
- Nurses building may be a traffic challenge.
- Communication – needs to highlight the public space benefits along with city office space to community members.

Poverty and Homelessness:

- High School Health Clinic needs evening/weekend hours.
- #1 – have a branch of Washington County located in Tualatin.
- Homeless shelter by Police Station or Library.
- Partner with local churches close to downtown.
- Need a good shuttle to get to the Tualatin Food Pantry.
- Working poor due to current business practices.

Table 3



Workforce Development:

- A.V.I.D model
 - Advancement Via Independent Determination.
- Continue to build one large volunteer project that would engage a large number of youth and use it as a learning experience.
- Follow the “Team Tualatin” model. Promote this to businesses.
- Be sure to consider our diverse population.
- Match students with businesses such as internships. Have a liaison in school to help facilitate this. Match the right mentors to the students.

City Facilities:

- Need to show that all city services under one roof...or at least in a central location.
- Parking concerns if at Police Dept. Hard to get in and out.
- The Commons area makes most sense...it brings our community to a great site and center of our city. Parking could be problem!
- It’s NOT an option to build something.
- Be conservative and get the “best” value.

Poverty and Homelessness:

- Community action can help us identify what the resources are that are available to us.

- Add a resource center to our city.
- Washington County needs to bring resources to our side of the county.
 - Can this be added to our new city center?
- Increase and enhance mental health resources.
- Develop a resource list.
- Provide transportation for those who need help getting to the resources.

Table 4



Workforce Development:

- Mentors – Rotary.
- Community Center/gathering place for youth needed.
- Apprenticeship: Clear roadmap/path for work career.
- Need to ID Workforce.
- Involve:
 - Retired teachers.
 - Chamber and local businesses.
- Local job fair bring local businesses to high school to introduce youth to local businesses and careers.

City Facilities:

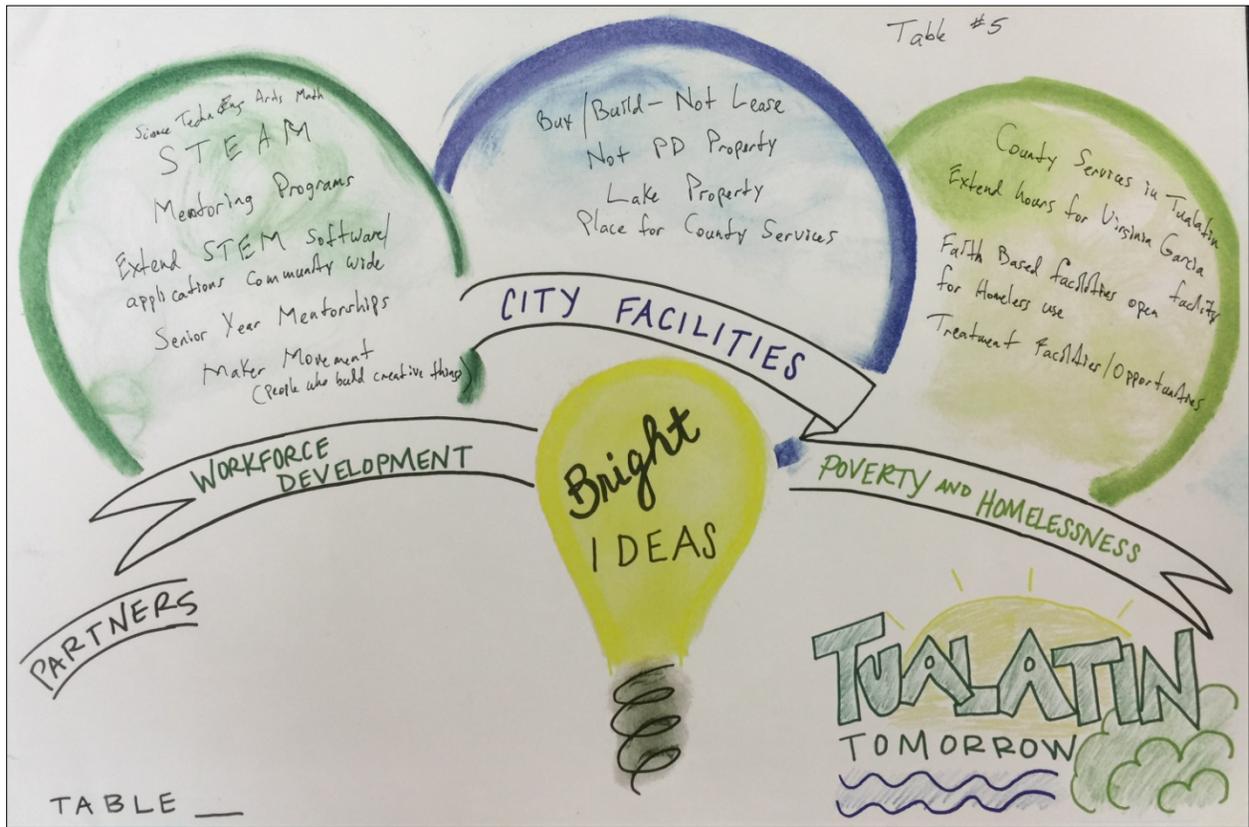
- ONA:
 - Pro - Existing, downtown, visible, city services would fit, close to other city facilities and transit.
 - Con – Access.
- Police Site:
 - Pro - City owned and build to fit.
 - Con – Access pedestrian and cars (maybe need for road improvements).

- Riverhorse:
 - Concern – Access and need to buy.

Poverty and Homelessness

- Respond with compassion not fear.
- Pilot study – give people homes. Place for people and animals.
- Inclusionary zoning.
- Change how we view services – less segments:
 - Alcohol use.
 - Animals.
 - Ect.
- Churches:
 - Open doors.
 - Place for people/animals.
 - Raise funds at church.

Table 5



Workforce Development:

- STEAM – Science Technology English Arts Math.
- Mentoring programs.
- Extend STEM software/applications community wide.
- Senior year mentorships.
- Maker Movement (people who build creative things).

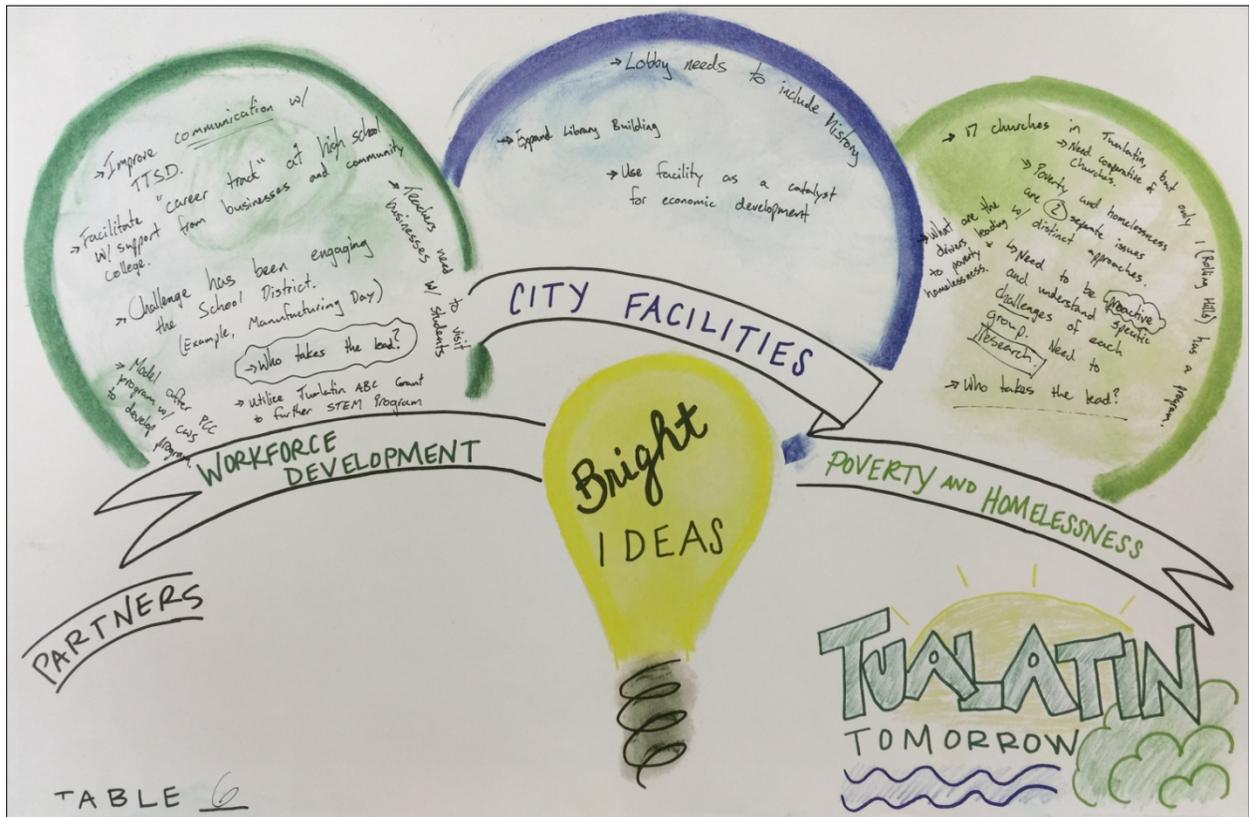
City Facilities:

- Buy/Build – Not Lease.
- Not PD property.
- Lake property.
- Place for county services.

Poverty and Homelessness:

- County services in Tualatin.
- Extend hours for Virginia Garcia Facility.
- Faith based facilities open for homeless use.
- Treatment facilities/opportunities.

Table 6



Workforce Development:

- Improve communication with TTSD.
- Facilitate "career track" at high school with support from businesses and community college.
- Teachers need to visit businesses with students.
- Challenge has been engaging the school district (Example – Manufacturing Day).
- Model after PCC program with CWS to develop program.
- Who takes the lead?
- Utilize Tualatin ABC Grant to further STEM program.

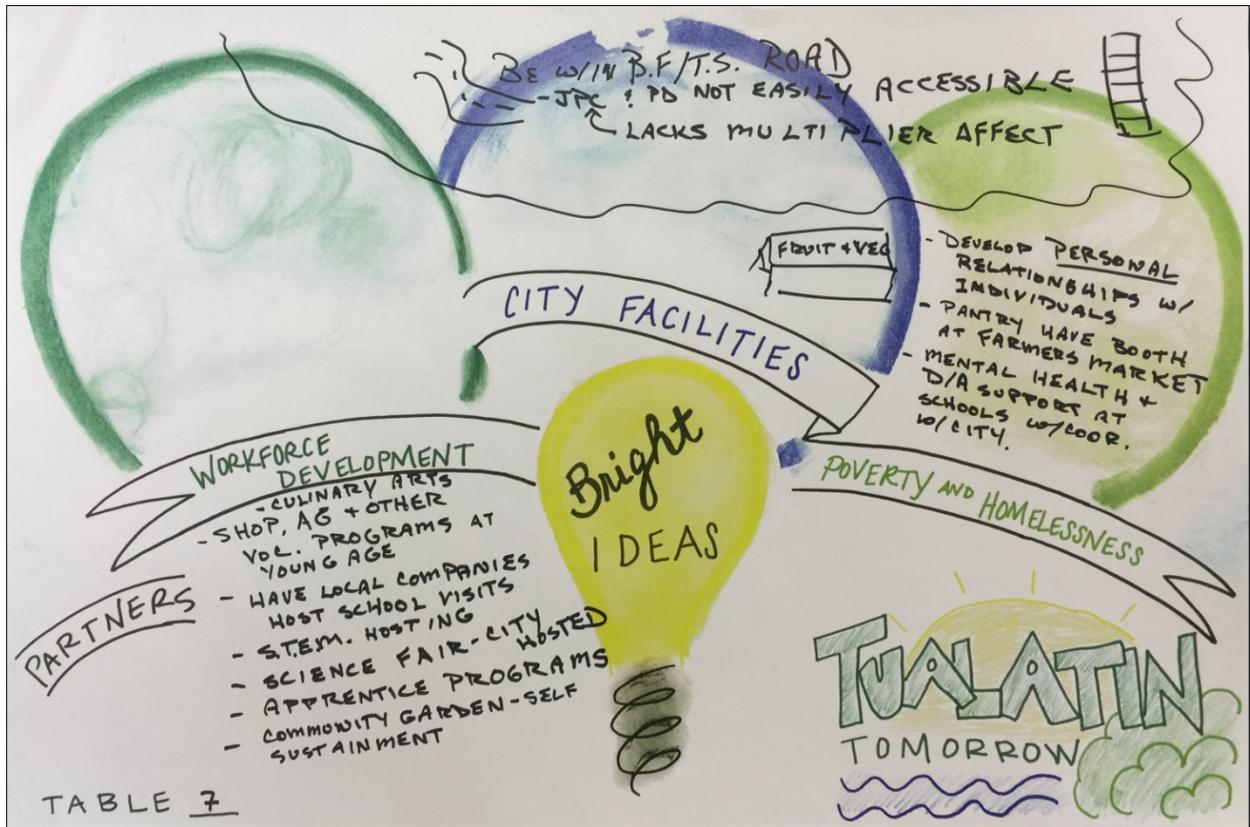
City Facilities:

- Lobby needs to include history.
- Expand library building.
- Use facility as a catalyst for economic development.

Poverty and Homelessness:

- 17 churches in Tualatin, but only one (Rolling Hills) has a program.
- Need cooperative of churches.
- Poverty and homelessness are 2 separate issues with distinct approaches.
- Need to be Proactive and understand specific Challenges of each group. Need to Research.
- What are the drivers leading to poverty and homelessness?
- Who takes the lead?

Table 7



Workforce Development:

- Culinary Arts.
- Shop, agriculture, other vocational programs at young age.
- Have local companies host school visits.
- STEM hosting.
- Science Fair – city hosted.
- Apprenticeship programs.
- Community garden – self sustainability.

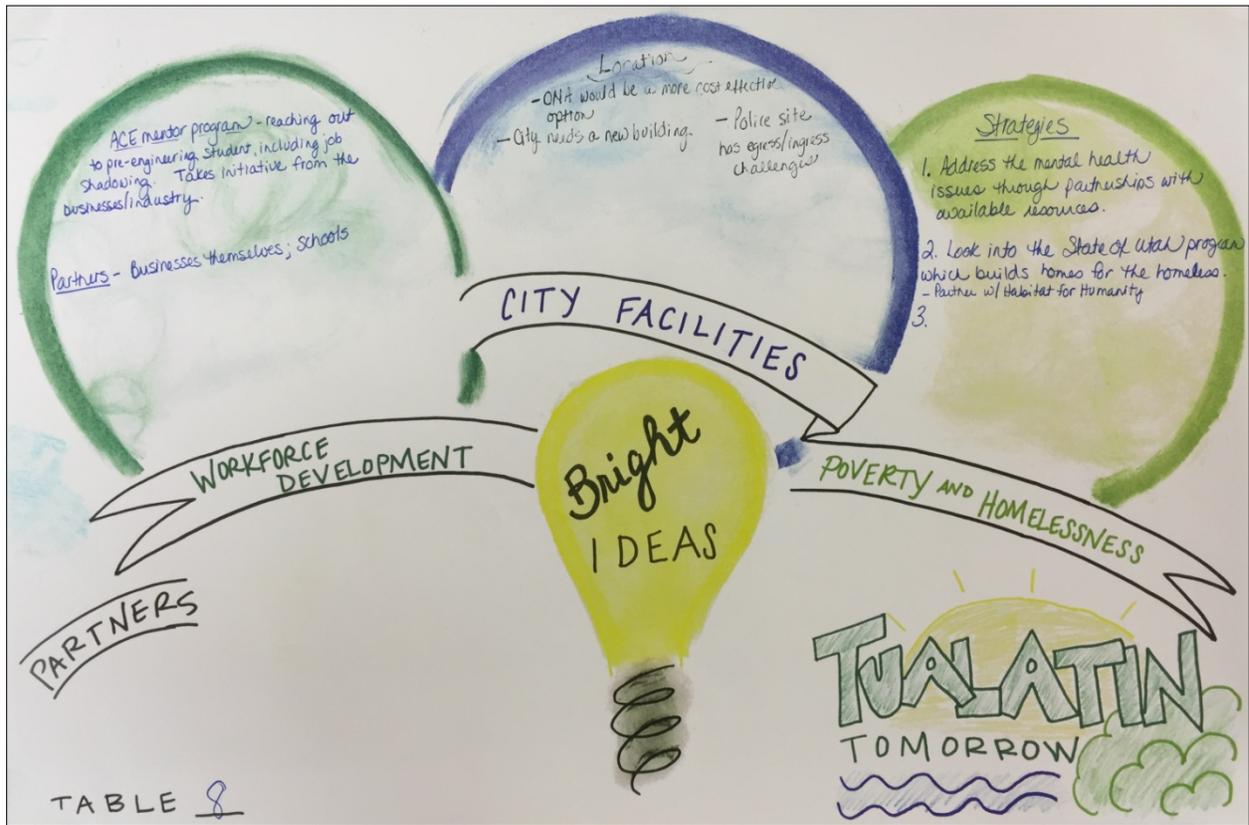
City Facilities:

- Be within Boones Ferry and Tualatin Sherwood Road.
- JPC and PD not easily accessible.
- JPC lacks multiplier effect.

Poverty and Homelessness:

- Develop personal relationships with individuals.
- Pantry have booth at farmers market.
- Mental health and D/A support at schools with coordinating with city.

Table 8



Workforce Development:

- ACE Mentor Program – reaching out to pre-engineering student, including job shadowing. Takes initiative from the businesses/industry.
- Partners – Businesses themselves, schools.

City Facilities:

- Location –
 - ONA would be more cost effective option.
 - City needs a new building.
 - Police site has egress/ingress challenges.

Poverty and Homelessness:

- Address the mental health issues through partnerships with available resources.
- Look into the State of Utah program which builds homes for the homeless.

Partner with Habitat for Humanity.