

Your first mistake on this. Blanco tax money should be spent for the betterment of Blanco, not the County or decided by county residents PERIOD. Does the county spend their money to better the city? NO Remove persons from positions of power within City government who seem to think they are better than anyone else (Holier than thou syndrome) City government needs to be more responsive to the wants and wishes of the people and not have personal curbs and act as martyrs. Hire more police and utilities workers. Buy better equipment for the utility dept. PUT the buying of courthouse to a vote. Are you listening?

1. Enforcement official needed to control animals
2. Our streets are pathetic – they need a lot of help
3. Help Gem of the Hills get a swimming pool for Blanco
4. Our City workers need time management schooling. There is more work needing to be done. We have a chipper and no time to operate it. We need trees trimmed around stop signs and no manpower to do it.
5. We all must be accountable for laws. Don't we have a leash law? Don't we have some kind of animal control? Please look into this so we can walk in Blanco!

I think a long range plan using # 13 issues important. Bring a consultant to help various groups work together.

Driving through the residential areas of Blanco is like driving in Mexico. It desperately needs roads repaired, sidewalks added, and lights installed

I don't want Blanco to become overdeveloped. Its charm and attraction (for me) is in its small friendly nature. I don't want to see it developed into a tourist attraction which brings transient populations. Look what happened to Austin!!! Keep it sweet, keep it nice. Please. No Wal-Marts! No Malls! No 'Hollywood' glitz!

We live in Bergheim, which is in Kendall County, yet our children are forced to get on busses to go to school in Blanco – an hour away (2 hours on a bus daily!) They have no connection – we have no connection to the town or the culture and friends are impossible to make. We are now home-schooling our son because the situation was so bad.

Do we have enough water for industry? I have seen a tick and scorpions in wooded area, need pest control. Enforce law and order after hours. Too much business pollutes. Our children need their sleep and we all need fresh air. We want to keep Blanco city beautiful. ISD self provide fundraising to keep county tax controlled. I pay too much and I don't have any children. I'm over 65 years old. Eliminate septic tank usage.

Question 7 Housing geared to low and moderate income people

Question 8 Depends on level and type of help for existing businesses

Question 10 Strongly disagree for promote new housing unless it helps those who need to help the most

Question 12 Decide what is needed downtown before providing incentives

Question 14 Restaurants with quality foods

Get down on your knees and beg Johnson City to annex Blanco! How about a few stop lights you are more

worried about old buildings than you are about people

Sign ordinance, zoning, lighting ordinance

Putting an end to the 'Good ol' Boy' way of doing things

- a) Clarify the vision for Blanco
- b) Be inclusive of all our citizens
- c) Keep it simple and basic

Animal Control / Safety!

The following comments did not seem to fit into any of the blanks:

Giving time and effort to a short and long-term plan for growth and improvement to our city is certainly a major step in the right direction and those who are giving of their time and energies for this are to be commended. Above all else, the changes and improvements to the City should be done in such a way as to retain and preserve the small town atmosphere that is probably our most attractive feature.

To promote the need for retirement housing and assisted living facilities to developers would be both beneficial to our tax base and attract people into the City who would benefit the merchants. Garden homes, condos, etc for physically able retirees convenient to shopping, and assisted living facilities would attract people from all of Texas metropolitan areas. There are many who would like to live in Blanco and do not want all that having acreage entails – a retirement community would fit into our present facilities, add to the tax base to help keep our taxes low, and be of benefit to the merchants. Look what we have to promote Blanco to retirees: Friendly, small town atmosphere

Historical interest, including the Court House

Recreational facilities, including the river

Very large number of churches

Medical clinic with many specialized services

Dental, Eye, Chiropractic therapy available

Personal care: beauty shops, skin care, etc.

Major hospital & specialty facilities 30 minutes away

Good City government & elected officials

Good water supply and Co-op electricity

Gem of the Hills Senior Center

Outstanding Library

Top rated newspaper

Internet service provider in town

Art Center & Art Galleries & Pottery art

Antique stores & Major auction

Many good restaurants

Service & repair shops

Community activities & events

Service clubs & organizations

Top rated school system

Outstanding Fire, EMS, & Police Depts.

Fairs, Rodeo & events

Significant other things: Lavendar Farm, Wine & Grape Orchards, Peach Orchards Flower Farms, Seed Farms, etc.

30 minutes from major airport & major shopping centers

This is quite an impressive list of assets (and probably incomplete) and very few, if any, towns our size have this many desirable features. We have room within the city limits to grow – we just need the right kind of housing and promote our attributes. Keep Blanco Beautiful has helped to make our town look better, but to make it look good, streets need to be repaired and should be a top priority. It is also time for Blanco to begin planning

for a Historical Museum as a repository for some of our heritage. One of our strong assets for a town of our size is our Police Department. However, traffic speeding through town and continued burglaries can quickly negate many good features. If the staff of the Police Department is inadequate to have police protection after midnight when the burglaries seem to occur, then perhaps some thought might be given to part-time after midnight. Perhaps signage both north and south, stating speed limits boldly – ‘watch for slow drivers – speed limits strictly enforced’ and then make every effort to do it. Another sign could proclaim ‘Stop – Shop – Eat- Visit – We’re Friendly’ In promoting Blanco, a mail-out brochure, in addition to our great website should stress more of our attributes, and there may be more opportunities for sending out CD’s which might be used on local and area media. It is good that everyone has an opportunity to voice their opinions – they then have the responsibility to assist in the implementation!

Properties need to be maintained; Streets & drainage need improvement; Highway safety needs better control; e.g. signal lights at Park entry and Hwy 281 & at north end of town to slow movement (vehicular) through town

One good addition may be living facilities for the elderly – who are not ready for nursing home care – something like assisted living

Need an assisted living facility for our aging population. We understand we can’t stop the rocking J but please don’t annex it into the City

Billboards or obtrusive signs should be banned. Walkways and bikeways need to be created so children can safely move around. We need to create recreational facilities for our teenagers. Hike and Bike trails linking the state park, downtown, High school and middle school

Sidewalks, safe crossing at 281 – sidewalk access to only crosswalk in town. Please respect light pollution while Blanco grows.

Water drainage; curbing; zoning – looks bad to have trash & old cars parked in yards
Build Blanco Beautiful – show you care
As one man said in the dental office about getting his front tooth fixed, “I don’t care but my wife has to look at me, so fix it.”

Clean up restrictions on where to build, strict restrictions on mobile homes and age of homes. City around courthouse square looks awful, too many vacant buildings

I think it is important to clean up Blanco and enforce restrictions in place. Also, I would like to see our police department put to better use and increase their productivity. Our town looks dead

We need to provide living quarters / businesses for young and old alike – provide and they will come. Blanco is in a good location – promote it. Use our people to the fullest extent.

Slow down traffic on 281 in City limits. Prepare ordinance to assure Blanco residents have ample water supply

Getting the uptown Blanco project finished so that of the Square is not empty. We have a wonderful town that is in danger of losing its special character if all these 1 and 2 acre subdivisions are built. The town will double or triple in size, precious farmland will be lost, chain stores will start moving in and the privately owned shops will start closing. Next thing you know, downtown will be dead and Wal-Mart will be opening on 281. This is not why we live in Blanco.

Any for attracting clean industry

Better police department

Remove the extensions in the courthouse street area

Fill in empty lots and rebuild on substandard housing lots. Do not annex more than 600 acre feet of water can serve. Work with Wheels & Feet task force on trails project. Expand state park. Build additional city parks, perhaps near schools (middle and elementary)

Lower taxes – county should use City and combine services

Just like the water problem in San Antonio, Blanco cannot handle growth. Water is very important. Young people are bored, need intellectual stimulation and motivation (community college). Improve park but no more facilities. Arts to be diverse for all ages to enjoy. Need care / recreational facility for the elderly, emphasis especially dementia and Alzheimer's. Primary employment only if this company doesn't pollute our water/soil/air, etc. OK. Also to hire mostly for our town

area. We could use maybe 4 more restaurants (diverse), an HEB would be a great employer, not just for the young, make sure our elected officials are truly dedicated and concerned with making Blanco and surrounding areas (i.e. Henly, etc.) a superb place to be proud to live. It only make our property more valuable!! We sure need a hospital. Wouldn't it be great to hire many of our hometown young people. State of the art hospital. We cannot believe the 'Lindeman' name was taken off the downtown grocery store.

Development cannot be more than the City can handle i.e. water, transportation network, etc. Make sure plans addressed for improving the City include diversification, particularly including all race of people – remember had it not been for the Black Buffalo soldiers, Blanco may not exist today.

Instead of 'Keep Blanco Beautiful' we need to 'Make Blanco Beautiful'

Empty buildings not being used – looks awful!!

Extend City limits south to 32 and North to Kothman

Clearing junk from 281 frontage roads and pass ordinances against junk cars and weed infest yards within city limits

Support our churches, keep up the Christian outreach with the children to preserve the future, etc. A new office building for our police department

Work in tandem with Blanco County (if possible) - property values & therefore taxes are too high. Even compared to areas surrounding. Hopefully

development of businesses would broaden the tax base.

Lower real estate taxes. Way too high for people on a fixed income.

Not overly developed. No chain / fast food restaurants. Keep it a town, not a suburb. There are more than enough of those. If people want more shopping, restaurants, entertainment, there are thousands of places they can move to. There are SO few places like Blanco. People live there because they want a quiet life.

Attracting good dining would be good with a professional chef and quality food. Educate the populace in the benefit of new ideas – new growth there are a number of people who are against (afraid of) change.

Enforce current city codes – Promote small assisted living type – not apartments The people want details and vote on city buying the courthouse. Enforce the ordinance and policies Blanco now has. Do not try and appease us with this survey when the issue is the future use / sale of the courthouse.

Insist on (soon) development of west side of square so it no longer looks like a ghost town! Nothing will attract tourists or business while the west side looks abandoned. Don't talk about rights of ownership – if offensive business (as porno shops – drug dealing, etc.) the owner would be accountable to citizens and other business and as they should be for shutting down the town to aliveness and prosperity.

Develop flier on Blanco assets, Co-ed softball teams

Slow Down Speeders!

The truck traffic through Blanco – I believe that the traffic lanes on Hwy 281 should be narrowed to 2 lanes plus the turning lane to slow traffic and provide downtown parking. Also, we need a place for the young people to hang out. Possibly a skating rink with a game room, complete with pool table, table tennis, tables to play board games and snack machines. No drugs, smoking, or alcohol.

Beautiful landscape accomplished by lowering water rates to help individuals afford the water to have yards and gardens.

Need to have safe walking lanes and bicycling lanes. Active police force.

There is no reason to embrace 'big city ideas'. Too fast growth promotes major growing pains

Keep our city tax from rising; Fill pot holes in Square; landscape Courthouse; Do something to vacant buildings so image isn't a 'dying town'

Complete the downtown park

Don't become another Wimberley; To enhance the downtown I believe would attract business; More and bigger isn't better. Blanco is a jewel to consciously upgrade and enhance her. It would be a shame to let her look like every other American eye-sore. Thanks to those working on this project, that we may keep Blanco beautiful with a small town appeal.

The Blanco park needs to be cleaned so that more people can enjoy it. The

banks need to be cleaned on both sides of the river.

Should limit housing development of any large housing subdivisions due to water resources (protecting aquifer) and wastewater issues (protect aquifer). This applies outside city limits as well.

Protecting water should be our primary concern; More good restaurants would attract people who would spend their money in Blanco.

Fix the streets – provide sewer for all City housing and business

Protect the Blanco River. It is without a doubt Blanco's most important asset!!

Parking on 281 on West side; slower traffic through town; encourage businesses to take up loss of sales tax revenue lost with no businesses on west side of Square

Restrict mobile homes in city limits; require homeowners to keep their home clean and neat

Assist new business with incentives to move to Blanco and hire Blanco people. 281 southbound 4 lanes from San Antonio to Lampasas

Very friendly and helpful people in Blanco – great town but any great town can be improved. Encourage residence and businesses on 281 and 1623 to improve their appearance (in situations where improvement is necessary)

Only 5 businesses on the Square; You have no heritage; Bank, 2 Restaurants, newspaper & pharmacy – the rest are junk. Parking or forget it; Blanco is just

a junky unattractive town with no leadership from its business owners. Businesses should run Blanco and until they do Blanco will be disorganized, unplanned, chaotic, and continually chasing its tail. Second rate at best.

Water and Wastewater

We like the small town atmosphere of Blanco and don't want to see changed. We like it like it is and that is one of the major reasons we moved here (near Blanco).

Do not attract welfare or low income housing to inter city area; Do not allow this in undeveloped inter city area at all!

We need a public park with playgrounds, picnic tables and bbq pits. Maybe even a community pool as nice as Stonewall's! Keep Blanco small, you start letting developers come in the whole community will change. Change is good but we don't need to be like everybody else. Keep Blanco the way it is, small & friendly!

Very little traffic on road (at least when I moved here.) Its God's country; A few good jobs for Blanco residents... friendly, honest, responsible to the environment jobs; Keep Blanco the best kept secret like a beautiful Gem in the Hills. Limit opportunity to those who appreciate God's beauty; We have enough banks & Insurance agencies; Floodplain issues; water accessibility; Residential property taxes vs. business property taxes; Big truck racing through town on 281; a light at 281 and 32

We have something historically unique that we should be satisfied with. Don't ruin it with new development.

To the extent Blanco succeeds in attracting people it will lose what makes it attractive.

The town looks poor and barren.
Parking could be provided in off-street lots.

Slow down traffic by enforcement through Blanco

Clean up properties from litter, etc. Especially those roads that the City from the south (junk yards) and west (homes with trashy yards, etc.)

Maintain continuity in businesses to be a charming historical community; No more billboards; No more housing developments; correct drinking water 'cooties'; If I wanted to live in a larger town, I'd move there, that's why I choose to live in Blanco, because its small.

Why no questions about the schools? Or improving fire and EMS services? Why no questions about traffic lights and the increased traffic flow through the town? I'm concerned by your questions in this survey that you have a limited agenda pertaining only to your preservation society and the town square. But Blanco is more than just the 'square' and a few old buildings. Change is necessary and inevitable for growth and the life of the city. If you go too far in protecting its perceived 'heritage' you will only discourage new businesses from bringing jobs here. Buildings must change as times change. Zoning is needed to control how the town grows. Annexation is necessary for growth as well as for a tax base to support the growth and the increased use / need of

city services. The town is going to grow no matter what. The city needs to be proactive and plan on this growth. The town needs more stoplights to make it safer for pedestrians and drivers. And don't become old-building preservation crazy, you'll regret it. Appreciation and care for the past is good but don't become a slave to your past or you will find you have no (or a very restricted) future. For example, how do you believe that the existing utilities in the courthouse will satisfy the new and growing needs of the city? How many copiers, computers, fax machines can the old wiring system adequately handle before you keep tripping breakers or overloading old wiring? Is your old plumbing able to handle the increased people working and using the building? 'Band-aid' repairs and additions to existing systems often look awful and piecemeal when Historical Preservation societies tie your hands and protect buildings at all costs. This limits your ability to serve the public and do meet the needs of the people whom you are elected to serve. And don't go too far in your 'incentives' to attract new businesses. If you give them too many tax breaks, you place an extra burden upon the residents. Everyone, including businesses, should pay fair taxes. What about businesses not on the Square?

Question 13 – These are the attitudes that keep new businesses and new people away. Youth oriented recreational facilities ie potable water in Yett Park, a swimming pool

Auto noise i.e. loud exhaust system; better enforcement of speed limits on 163 into town

County residents should have no say in spending city tax money, they don't pay it why should they say how to spend it?; City officials need to quit putting themselves above the populace and trying to dictate how we live. This is a good town and we can run it without those who tend to meddle in others business. Pipeline and courthouse should have been put to a vote. Anything that costs so much should have been put to the people. The ladies in the office at City Hall should have no say in any policy or big decisions because as I understand it they do not pay city taxes so do not suffer the consequences.

Road and street improvement; Do not let trailer houses move into developed housing districts or existing housing districts

For Blanco to grow, we need businesses and jobs here to keep our young folks from moving away. Concurrently, this growth should be managed such that Blanco retains its historic heritage and stays a friendly place, with small town atmosphere.

Leave this town alone!

The drainage system in Blanco needs major improvements, especially on Elm Street! The leash law needs to be enforced by everyone. No jake-brakes in city limits. Speed limit needs to be enforced. Curfew and noise ordinance enforced!!

Business should stand on their own success, not that of the City; Question 13 – We have or did this – back in the 1980's

I believe that it would benefit Blanco to keep an open mind about changes. Attracting outsiders to come in to our town to visit and spend money will help us to keep what we have by creating more jobs for local people.

We need to provide more housing – attract more small business with incentives – restore old movie house – slow down traffic on 281 within city limits – get business back in the downtown buildings. We really do love Blanco – a great place to raise your children.

I believe our police dept. lets too many people speed through town. I wish the churches and other organizations were more willing to work together though this seems better now than in the past.

Slowing traffic on 281 – it is a real safety issue.

Increase police force to stop thieves

The City of Blanco needs to concentrate on street repair, drainage, ditch maintenance and repair of water main leaks in a timely and proper manner. We need to take back our streets from people who have taken them over for private business use. Seim-trucks, trailers, dump trucks and other heavy equipment should not be parked or stored on city streets except when loading or unloading deliveries (not till they sell off the whole load); Zoning for the city would do more harm than good at this time. Making a few revisions to our building code would do more good ie require any new or expanding businesss to have at least 6 off street parking spaces. The courthouse square could be exempt. High traffic retail such

as restaurants would require more spaces.

West side of square should show improvement or condemn and sell to new owners; pave the streets around the square ASAP

Incentives for rainwater collection – residential or business & schools; reactivate Main Street so travelers see the town is NOT dead; and slow the traffic to one lane with turn lanes left and right

1. 2 more stop lights to slow traffic
2. need to clean and spruce up homes and businesses
3. more flowers

Preservation of open space – through subdivision ordinance; sign ordinance to limit size, height, quantity, and location; Lighting ordinance to prohibit light pollution; trespass protection of corridors into City to provide open space, setback, design guidelines

Stay the same but modernize

Community Service – a young man moved here from Chicago, with the experience of having to do x amount of house of community service in order to graduate from high school. I thought this was a marvelous practice. I can see many benefits deriving from such a program. Such as; giving young people a greater part in the development, pride and responsibility for the community.

More job opportunities – To make enough salary to support a family and to have any health coverage or retirement most people will have to commute to Austin or San Antonio. PEC and the school system are the only 2 companies

We need more zoning!!

1. Schools should be emphasized
2. Curb conservatism in schools, newspaper and government
3. Find a ‘hook’ to distinguish Blanco from other central Texas towns

Cleaning personal properties; beautifying state park; providing play areas for children (younger)

Water Water Water! City should only focus on infrastructure issues; water system, sewer system, landfill, streets, electrical, gas; Public works; Water, water, water, water

New folks are critical for manufacturing but especially professional; don’t grow too big; Need more restaurants, bed and breakfasts, dude ranches, cabins, canoeing, etc.

Please consider those items indicated with an * (Clean up)

that provide any type of security. It seems that there is a lot of small privately owned business in the Blanco area; I think small businesses are great, unfortunately most are not in a positions to provide enough income or benefits for a person to support a family on.

Healthy Activities for teens and families – I wish there were more things for teenagers and families to do in Blanco. I would like to see a movie theater or a skating rink (roller or ice). Or a public pool / pool at the high school for a swim team and for people in the community to swim laps. How about a health club?

Traffic safety – The traffic on 281 has increased dramatically over the last few years, making 281 a dangerous highway. I would like to see the speed limits enforced more often. A light at the intersection of 32 and 281. Also, I think there needs to be a light at the entrance to the high school.

Growth and Taxes – I am concerned about the growth that Blanco is experiencing. At first I was excited about the possibility of growth, and then I received my property tax assessment. I wonder if growth will drive the property values up. My concern is for the people that live in modest homes that have been just getting by; will they be burdened or pushed out by property values going up?

Growth and Community – The big developments south of town I wonder will the people that buy and build there be a part of the Blanco community or will Blanco become a commuting community? I don't see how anyone could afford one of those houses on the income that they could make working in Blanco.

Empty Shops – Having so many empty shops on the square in Blanco is a sad thing to see. The buildings have been empty for long time.

Stop signs – I wish that at every intersection in Blanco there were 2 stop signs and that the signs were visible.

I like Blanco, I am happy my children and I live here – Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts and feelings about the area.

Change is galloping up 281. Are we going to control it or just react by writing nasty letters to the editor? Whatever the City of Blanco does affects all residents of southern Blanco county.

Future Water shortage

No Wal-Mart anywhere near ever!;
Promote ways of travel other than the highway; require that new development interconnect with existing grid; help protect our natural environment – including water and open space – as possible

Planning and zoning desperately needed. Much of the commercial and housing will fall in place naturally if City attends to repair and expand infrastructure based on professional planning for pedestrians, recreation such as parks, trails, parking, and vehicle traffic

We need to protect our water resources and provide incentives for water collection. Restrict growth of new subdivisions. Tourism businesses should be encouraged for folks to pass through, spend money, and head on down the road!

Limit billboard / outdoor advertising, particularly with night time lighting; Encourage using shielded street / yard lights to reduce light pollution of our beautiful night sky; Encourage water conservation – replace old toilets, leaky plumbing

Please clean up the downtown area; the entire town has the appearance of being closed. The effort will make a big difference

No Billboards! 'Conservation' subdivisions; Planned sustainable growth; regulations concerning building materials within town limits, metal buildings to have stone or 'dressed wood' fronts, etc; better food in the local grocery, organic, at least fresh produce with good bread / bakery; More attractive hand-crafted signs – wooden

sighs; We don't need more Blanco apartments; affordable doesn't need to be ugly; I think the steering committee should team up with the land use committee they did a similar survey 3 years ago.

Wastewater improvements needed badly; I'm tired of sewage in my yard each month or in my house several times through the year

Roads and streets and potholes

More empty business areas cannot have any access areas for customers to park; Being an artist, I would like to see a business which handles real art materials. I've seen some of the Blanco people's work of art so it is obvious there is a need supply wise. Art conservation and preservation is my work and I have to go a long way for supplies at great length of time, also. Please give this some consideration. Thank you.

Clean up trashy yards and buildings

Need to improve appearance of city through maintaining city streets and sidewalks; 'Keep Blanco Beautiful' has been a great improvement to city square; Also need to trim trees around stop signs along city streets; improve drainage along streets and clean up trash

New post office; more stop lights; 7th St Super S; Traffic – parking; cleanliness

Maintain Small Town Feel

I strongly believe Blanco cannot grow until they develop standards for housing and subdivisions and zoning ordinances

Development along the river would be the greatest asset to the community

Incentives should not be provided to new businesses but to help existing businesses; I feel we should have restaurants, etc. listed above in the current city limits to attract people to the town itself. City should purchase residential properties along Hwy 281 within city limits and make / sell strictly commercial

Let the business / retail sector take care of itself; Most of this survey seems biased towards business development – you're missing the mark. Make Blanco a more fun family place through developing recreational facilities and people will bring their businesses here to enjoy the quality of life. A definite requirement is a public swimming pool; Want to encourage business? How about a health club with affordable family memberships – like a YMCA; If encouraging business – Agribusiness (flowers, lavender, herbs, local free range beef, lamb, etc.) promote goods grown/raised/made locally; get senior citizens and kids together more – maybe Gem of the Hills w/ pool and rec facility attached, or playground w/ shade (tree) by the Live Oak Medical Center; Preserve natural environment; Ban all billboards, it's a slap in the face to Lady Bird to see all these atrocities; the Blanco Nat'l Bank needs trees in its planters – vines planted on barren sides of building

There is no safe place to walk, speeders on 281 and WATER!

Reroute traffic on 281; use downtown square; stop visitors; have more businesses to keep them here and spend

money; organize a dance or activity for Friday nights

Look at parking in town

We really like the left turn lanes in town – they are safer

Something for the kids, a swimming pool or YMCA

We need a dog pound or animal ordinance; Library needs better hours – 9 – 12 most people are working at those hours – Hire a librarian; Yett Park needs to be cleaned up, its ugly; We need better hours and more friendly employees at the library; the problem is the city of Blanco does not want any retailers to come in – everyone had a fit when Dollar General came to town – a little growth is not going to affect Blanco; I see many children walking and riding bikes up and down 281 – 281 needs to be traffic controlled; people speed through town and don't have any consideration, something needs to be done to slow traffic down – stop light maybe

No tax money used for projects in this survey

Rocking J Ranch NO! NO! NO!

Responsible growth based on sustainability ie water collection, not aquifer depletion

Copy Aspen Colorado's policies

Blanco has more separate projects and programs than people and finances to effectively support them. Include in the City master plan a program to unify these varied efforts (often oriented

toward the preferences of a few) into activities that will benefit the city as a whole. Organize small groups to perform specific tasks that are a part of achieving the overall master plan goals.

City acquire old courthouse; coordinate west side renovations with city's long term plan

Why so much focus on the Square? I think we should leave private business along! None of your business! Streets, signs, sidewalks, etc; traffic crossings at various locations

Light pollution – this is as simple as requiring a sign's lights to shine down not up

Enact ordinances and enforce them!

City parking along the street especially in area on west side of courthouse

As you know, more residents in and around Blanco means more potential water problems

Please develop an ordinance that those huge, ugly billboards not be allowed in the city limits. Any billboards in the city should not be over a set number of feet in height. Fredericksburg has a great ordinance for billboards and structures on Main Street.

Paving around the courthouse; correct the walk extensions around the courthouse – lights or make them smaller, they can't be seen at night; contracts to companies to keep the appearance attractive – easements; store fronts, and streets mowed and cleaned regularly

Slow traffic down on 281; sidewalks on 281 bridge; a walk path connecting Super S area to Park Rd 23 for park visitors and locals alike.

City to take better care of landscape in city; plant more bluebonnets – spring plants; Don't cut down bluebonnets, plant more in the city

We have lots of empty buildings; we have buildings that need to be cleaned; we need to attract tourists; we have recreational areas not developed for walkers and runners; we are stingy and backwards in moving on. We're here – the people pass through to Johnson City & Fredericksburg, etc. plus all the other surrounding cities. We need to light up like Johnson City and retail up like Fredericksburg. Clean our park area up like Burnet and health up like Austin and San Antonio. We need a new post office!

An HEB and Walk Mart would save a lot of out of town visits and money spent elsewhere

Blanco should address the issue of helping out with the facilities at Yett Park. Other towns maintain and support their local Little League Association. This is an association that is dedicated to the kids of Blanco, and they struggle to get enough funding, grants, and help to grow with this community.

Encourage food chain dining to come here. Blanco is becoming a 'younger' town with more educated individuals with 'younger' needs and interest. These families need different resources here in town without having to go Austin / SA

Survey is biased toward growth and expansion using tax resources which will ruin the uniqueness. This has happened in other communities ie Boerne, Wimberly, etc.

If you notice, I have asked for more street lights all over town; Blanco looks like it is 1904 rather than 2004; its very dark at night; have a planned city – not just letting it happen

Better signage for speed limits and more information about what is available in Blanco. Many people may not realize what all Blanco has to offer.

Strive to remain a small community

One issue I strongly oppose is the constant desire to change Blanco! Many people moved here to get away from the very things this survey is about. I love Blanco as is! Just fill some pot holes, trim trees / bushes that cover up stop signs and block the view for cars.

Thanks for the survey, thanks for asking! I also resent the fact that we as voters are not considered, regarding putting anything on the voters ballot we just get to pay for it! The person who purchased the west side of the square needs to do something with them or at least keep the fronts look attended. Question 9 We have all of these items – adding more would encourage more people to the area. I prefer we remain a small town. We have sufficient facilities. If it ain't broke don't fix it. I really like Blanco as is. Small, safe, friendly, and caring. Large communities diminish all of the qualities. We have an abundance of churches, beauty shops, dining establishments, in fact too many Mexican restaurants causing none of them to really profit. I don't want

sidewalks and street lights – they are not a part of small towns. We have enough banks, real estate agencies, medical, groceries, clothing, dining establishments. Leave it along. I am strongly opposed to the City offices moving into the courthouse. The old Blanco Mill Nursing Home is vacant and could be purchased to facilitate city offices. Good parking area, no high ceilings, diminish the cost of heating and cooling. Many rooms already available for individual offices. A front desk and counter accessible for bill paying. Plenty of open area for Council meetings. It would be perfectly adequate, easily accessible, and would be cost effective to maintain. Consider it please!

Must have guideline for trees, creeks, hills, springs, historic structure, water, conservation of hill country; protect water resources from imprudent overuse; Only encourage growth which is sustainable for the carrying capacity of our resources and compatible with the wishes of the people who already live here; Get list of what other areas like Boerne, New Braunfels, Fredericksburg offer

We need something more upscale than the two existing 281 N motels yet not as pricey as the Old Settlement Cabins. Something in the \$70 range. New businesses should not compete with existing businesses; We need a restaurant like the Chandler Inn once was

I would like to see an emphasis on revitalizing downtown with small, diverse shops. I don't think mega-stores like Wal-Mart should come in, much less give them a tax break. We use

Blanco as a weekend get away and would like to see it keep its small town charm. Also, please use environmentally sound policies.

An HEB would be nice

To have greyhound bus service and way to get around if you don't drive and depend on someone else. Nice to have transportation to get and see around Blanco more. When younger when grandparents were alive prior to 1964 would visit.

Alcohol should be served on the Square at public / community functions. At the very least the town should take advantage of the excellent wineries and beers manufactured locally to market the town and its music / art. Until Blanco does this, it will not be taken seriously nationally.

Duplexes Senior can't take care of a single family home and are not yet ready for a nursing home; best feature – low taxes in school, city, and county

Annex new land if the plan is to put up apartment houses. Not in favor of big apartment complexes inside current city limits; Employment should be on future annexed land outside current city limits; Blanco needs employment opportunities; I'm not opposed to growth inside the city limits but I think it should be controlled (zoning). Annex land outside current city limits for housing and industry. Preserve the historic look of Blanco.

Stop Growth. If I wanted to live near more people and more traffic I would live in San Antonio. Your overpriced water pipe is not what we needed. I am

just so glad I live in the county instead of in the city of Blanco. A Police Chief that is smarter than the high school kids would be nice. Use radar to slow down traffic and make money for the city. Don't buy the courthouse, you can't even maintain the streets in Blanco. How are you going to maintain an old building.

Develop policies and plans to manage growth – not to limit or inhibit growth. Growth and progress could be beneficial to Blanco

Managing water supplies for future of existing aquifer needs

I moved to Blanco because of my kids. Growth is good in moderation but not in my backyard. I feel Blanco should concentrate on redeveloping what it already has; parks, recreation, stores. Attract new business to employ the existing workforce rather than bring in more people.

No more huge subdivisions. No large chain stores (Wal Mart, etc) we want to keep it a small town. We want to keep the town clean.

We are going to grow if we plan or not – we have to set guides for what's happening- we should mirror Fredericksburg's growth and building zones or codes

Reopen the Square. This is crazy, closed for 4 years

Look at Comfort Texas to see what can happen to a small town with no zoning; Additional traffic light on 281; newcomers 'Welcome Wagon' group to

help locate city facilities, services, general info.

City run the police department, not the other way around

People don't want to look at old buildings, they want to participate in activities and sports; Bring primary employment and the others will follow; There has to be good jobs and recreational facilities to retain the younger generation. Now they leave for jobs and return upon retirement, thus this town is old to ancient in age. Also, the 4 employees who do the maintenance should get off their duffs to clean the ditches and maintain the roadsides within the town. This town has a dirty appearance!

Accomplish much but keep taxes low through smart spending

As a single parent, it is hard to survive on the pay here in Blanco. And once kids graduate from HS here, if they want to make a decent living, they have to drive to Austin or San Antonio. These kids cannot stay here to raise a family without either working 2 or 3 jobs or driving a long distance. We need good paying jobs to keep people here and to keep the money here in Blanco instead of giving it to other cities.

Drainage; Protect Blanco from Rinco's Col Roper and Uptown Blanco Ltd.

Recreation, housing, jobs, opportunity for young people. Cleaning up, making our Square people-friendly and attractive; protecting our citizens from speeders; Put in old time street lighting, planters, trees...More people will stop if

they are not allowed to speed through town.