

## Economic Development Forum on Uservice Ideas, Comments & Votes Collected as of 10/30/14, 12:00pm

### 100 Votes | A New Library in Central Brisbane

Our current library is heavily used but can not handle all the demands on it. We should build a new larger library that meets modern library standards. A new space could have a larger collection of materials, space for library sponsored events, a place for young people to gather and not disturb those that are looking for a quiet space, and much more.

[Michael Schumann](#) shared this idea Oct 27, 2014

### 3 comments

- [Michael Schumann](#) commented October 28, 2014 7:16 PM

I have been asked how this helps economic well being of our town....

I can think of a number of ways:

- a new Library will help "energize" downtown Brisbane; it will feel more alive
- if the library went in next to the Eagles club, it would fix up a blighted section of town
- the more visitors to downtown, the more people who might frequent businesses

- [Emma Thomson](#) commented October 28, 2014 12:42 PM

I'm sure kids and adults alike, would benefit from a larger space to gather and to learn!

- [Bonnie Boswell Diaz](#) commented October 28, 2014 12:10 PM

I love the arts and crafts that get my kids in there. Then they pick out a handful of books before we leave!

### 73 Votes | Revitalization of our main street Visitation st.

I would like to see Visitation street get some much needed curb appeal. I would like to see no empty storefronts. We could have a nice family style restaurant that serves America comfort food. Open for lunch and dinner with breakfast/brunch on Sundays. Or maybe a soda fountain ice cream stores. We could use a tea house that offers high tea for lunch and weekends. Or maybe a multipurpose shop that might have a flower, wine, cheese, dessert and gifts shop featuring our local artists. Maybe it could be a storefront and an online Internet sales company.

We could use a quality grocery store or maybe even a Traders Joe's so we don't have to get into our cars every time we need to do our weekly shopping for our households. It would be nice for our seniors to have a store they could get out and walk to. We could use a pharmacy store.

I go to Half Moon Bay, or other small towns around us, Millbrae, San Bruno, South SF. They all have a main downtown street with little shops and restaurants or services on them.

[Juanita Yee](#) shared this idea September 26, 2014

## 7 comments

- [Scott](#) commented October 28, 2014 15:44

Ultimately, the issue comes down to traffic. Do you want traffic with the benefits of more vibrant main street or do you prevent traffic and can you then accept a non-vibrant main street? You can't have both a vibrant main street and no traffic. You'll could choose to become a 'Sausalito' of the peninsula with major weekend traffic with parking issues or remain Brisbane as it is. You need infrastructure. If you brought in that many people, we'd be forced to start using our garages and our driveways to park in versus the street. There wouldn't be room.

In order to have a vibrant main street, there has to be enough people and 'traffic' through the area to spend enough money to make it profitable. I do not believe in government/city incentives as the only support of this. It can be part of it, but it won't solve the issue. City sponsored advertising? In support of what though? If people aren't using main street and don't spend money, businesses will continue to struggle and diminish. If businesses can't attract people, then why would they come to visit. Is there a Park nearby which we could provide access too via of greater community access? There needs to be action to correct this downward trend or it stays the same. A sleepy and low-traffic 'bedroom community' isn't so bad for some. Others want more vibrant and accessible living options within walking distance than having to drive so much.

Only very few stores can have a 'transforming' impact themselves. You have to be careful what you wish for. If you bring Trader Joe's in on the main street, you will get a lot of traffic over the ridge and by the school on San Bruno and through the Old Country Road access. If you bring them in in the 'mall' then access will be essentially only be from Old Country Road and those people will have no reason to venture further onto Main Street. However, the fact that so many people are coming to Trader Joe's would mean overflow and exploration into main street that would foster a financially supportive environment for new business to thrive within. One store would feed off the other and so on. You have to have a reason to attract people to come here to support those businesses. Right now, there really isn't anything on Main Street worth hooting about and just cleaning the facades won't change that. It'll look good, but won't change the status quo. The city could make it attractive (from a tax basis) to have them come in, but I get the feeling that fears of traffic prevent the 'guardians' from encouraging that possibility. We need a corner-stone business to come in. City government can have a strong lead role in this, they can prevent it or they can do nothing. What do Brisbane residents want? We should provide the vision for what city government aspires.

- [Anonymous](#) commented October 16, 2014 22:10

We need Good reliable Grocery and every day stuff kind of store. Farmers mkt does bring fresh produce, but it's once a week, and what if you miss it. and very few vendors, we should have more vendors in Farmer's market. For buying every little thing we have to drive to SSF, it's about time we spruce up Visitation St, bring more eatery, more stores

• **res** commented October 13, 2014 10:25

First those who want to start a business here. first look for population and foot traffic and Brisbane does not have that! So now we exist with travelling elsewhere to do our purchases. During WWII Brisbane was bustling and ALL storefronts were occupied. Residents supported;grocery stores/woman's shop/ restaurants/shoe store/gift shop/cleaners/movie theater/creamery/radio shop/drug store/shoe maker/beauty shops/barbers/movie theater/bars/gas stations/plant nursery/cleaners/photo shop/pool hall--YES shops AND STORES! But, many did not own cars as we had a bus that went to Bayshore,plus the Greyhound. Those that owned cars couldn't use them as there was gas rationing. So these shops/stores were supported as they were needed. After the war, Brisbane slowly changed and it IS a "bedroom community." I hope things can change and we can have businesses on Visitation Avenue again. But first please clean it up beginning with the filthy sidewalks and property owners sweep, or the city have a city sweeper. It would also help if debris wasn't tossed out into the gutters by inconsiderate people who constantly litter..let's bring some PRIDE back to Brisbane!!

• **Anja Miller** commented October 05, 2014 12:37

Brisbane should not be compared with any other city in San Mateo County. After Colma we are the smallest, and our population just cannot be expected to support some kinds of businesses for adequate profit. We do have a lot of lunchtime traffic here, and a new nice coffee shop/ice cream fountain could probably survive even with no added parking. However, if people were willing to vote for more taxes to support businesses with "City incentives," it might help. In the meantime, let's stop blaming the City for everything; posting these "letters to Santa Claus" won't help.

• **Anonymous** commented October 04, 2014 08:30

It's encouraging to see this raised publicly because I've often wondered if our city leaders have an unofficial no-growth policy. To grow, we need to reach out and attract -- actively recruit and accommodate on a sustained basis -- people (who might not live in Brisbane) to build businesses here, and people (who might not live in Brisbane) to frequent these businesses. It seems clear that Brisbane alone cannot support all of the wonderful businesses that Juanita imagines .... it seems we can't even keep a Sunday farmer's market going. Business owners need to pay their bills and have enough to live, just like the rest of us. The situation seems so far gone (the number of empty storefronts is daunting) that the comment about incentives sounds spot on. Can property owners

be motivated to reset their leasing costs with the help of incentives from the city? Are taxes an area where adjustments can be made? Are there city staff with expertise in business recruitment? Does the Chamber have an interest in contributing ideas and resources to this effort? Lastly, is city staff doing the research to learn about how other towns have approached this? It's challenging because Brisbane is really unique .... not easy to compare to other peninsula communities due to population, location, demographics, access. I applaud the city for opening up this topic .... I have also often wondered whether Brisbane residents themselves favor no-growth, so whether we do or don't, here is an opportunity to tell our leaders.

• **Anonymous** commented September 30, 2014 17:21

I would like to see our City encourage and nurture businesses on Visitation. I suppose that the depression era feeling of our downtown has a certain character, but it is looking run down and just plain depressed. I would like to see Midtown Market replaced with a better quality grocery store. I would like to see a library/community center combination that becomes the cultural hub of our town. The 23 Club is for sale, and it is a huge opportunity for the City to consolidate properties and create a real town center. Let's put some energy and resources into our main street, and make it useful and a source of pride.

• **Anonymous** commented September 27, 2014 22:30

I completely agree. It would be great to have a real grocery store and pharmacy in town. If we had incentives to attract businesses on the street and the little mall, people working in town would shop and eat in town at lunch. Can't the city official offer some incentives?

## **73 Votes | To have a Trader Joes or WholeFoods in our town. This will drive sales tax into our city.**

**Anonymous** shared this idea Oct 9, 2014

### **5 comments**

• **Anja Miller** commented October 18, 2014 14:52

> The South east quadrant of SF and the Eastern part of SSF have no grocer to speak of. <

True, but UPC's Schlage Lock development in SF just across our border, with 1,600 housing units approved (that's almost equal to what all of Brisbane now has!) includes a major supermarket. Let's hope it'll be a TJ's.

BTW, another nearby city that doesn't have its neighborhood TJ's is San Bruno.

• **Donna Salazar** commented October 18, 2014 14:10

Just because Brisbane is small doesn't mean a TJ's can't attract traffic from other areas. The South east quadrant of SF and the Eastern part of SSF have no grocer to speak of. There are also lots of businesses in Brisbane and SSF. Employees could stop on the way home. A TJ's would completely revitalize the shopping center and be good for the other businesses as well.

• **Anja Miller** commented October 18, 2014 00:48

Of course we'd all welcome a TJ here, but that business relies on lots and lots of customers every day. There just aren't enough of us to meet that requirement.

We need to accept the fact that our treasured small-town lifestyle with its many benefits also includes certain inconveniences and costs. But we can surely exercise our consumer power to get our existing businesses to improve.

• **Anonymous** commented October 17, 2014 20:05

I don't like leaving town to shop for basic stuff. I figure that doing so amounts to a Plenty of sales tax revenue over the course of a year that is NOT going to Brisbane, and that bothers me. Realistically, though, TJ's and Whole Paycheck will not see fit to settle here without the right infrastructure and exposure.

• **Anonymous** commented October 16, 2014 22:13

We definitely need Trade Joes.

## 47 Votes | Brisbane Maker Space

Maker Spaces are facilities which host tools and workshop space for the community. These spaces are an outgrowth of the larger Maker Movement - perhaps the best known aspect of which is the annual Maker Faire held annually in San Mateo (and across the nation).

What makes the Maker Movement important is that at its heart, it is a force for giving people the confidence and skills to create - whatever. It is the embodiment of "Do it Yourself" (DIY) or even better "Do it Together" (DIT) culture.

Makers make to learn, create, and have fun all for their own sakes. Like shop class without a grade. Or rather, the grade is "did your idea work or not?" And even if it didn't, you still probably learned something incredibly valuable.

There are many examples of Maker Spaces all around us. They come in all shapes and sizes. Tech Shop for example, is a for profit model not unlike a gym membership. Noisebridge in San Francisco, is a non-profit that depends on volunteers. Tinkering School, also in San Francisco, is amazing. The Berkeley Adventure playground is also a sort of Maker Space. If Brisbane copied this model, I have no doubt it would attract a strong following throughout the Peninsula.

My belief is that a small scale Maker Space, ideally in downtown, hopefully in the former Teen Center, would be a very cheap investment in the future of Brisbane's children, its broader citizenry, and the town itself.

Here are some reasons:

1. A Maker Space would fill in large gaps in our educational system.

College costs have risen 500% since 1985, and employment rates among college graduates (25 and under), are abysmal. "Knowledge worker" jobs, once considered the saving opportunity for middle class aspiration, are increasingly sent offshore, or automated. We could have the best schools around, and they would still over-emphasize performing well on tests, not solving real-world problems.

2. A Maker Space provides a forum for building community

They are a rallying point for exchanging ideas and bringing them to life. The bigger the better. Nothing brings people together like an old fashioned "barn raising" event. Think about how valuable this could be, especially for teens with idle hands. Maker Spaces literally teach "hands on" learning. But since its rare for any of us to have all the tools and knowledge to build something novel, we must seek to fill in these gaps directly from our immediate community. That's what the Maker Space is for.

Consider our annual derby. A Maker Space would be a perfect resource for bringing together families to help make their carts. Tools could be shared. Ideas exchanged. Parts re-used. Pride in workmanship taught. People getting out from behind their computers and isolated garages, and coming together.

In conclusion, I hope you consider this idea. A Maker Space can be scaled to the resources available. We can start small, with a simple tool lending library, and/or a small space, and some folks will to share what they know about building anything from houses, to robots. Brisbane seems to have an abundant number of people like these.

Thanks,

David Fraser

[Anonymous](#) shared this idea Oct 25, 2014

## 1 comment

◉ **Michael Schumann** commented October 30, 2014 11:02 AM

As discussed on the city Facebook page, one idea would be to host a maker space at the library. Our library already hosts some maker programs and the city has even provided the library with a 3D printer to support these efforts.

Some resources related to libraries and Maker spaces can be found at <http://library-maker-culture.weebly.com/> and <http://oedb.org/librarian/a-librarians-guide-to-makerspaces/>

## 31 Votes | A vibrant Sierra Point

I would like to see Sierra Point developed into a vibrant waterfront, a source of pride and activities for residents of Brisbane. Perhaps we need an economic development director to bring in businesses? We need to reach out to companies and encourage them to create campus environments at Sierra Point. Then we can bring in restaurants, active recreation. We have a fantastic location, but it is underutilized and underdeveloped, looks unappealing. Let's make it a lively and lovely waterfront!

**Anonymous** shared this idea October 01, 2014

## 2 comments

◉ **Anonymous** commented October 17, 2014 8:10 PM

Good place to do the kind of development that has been stalled as we wait for market forces to develop. When the Olympics come to town, this one will probably get fired up. :-)

● **Anja Miller** commented October 5, 2014 12:49 PM

The main problem cited by businesses otherwise attracted by Sierra Point is the poor southbound access to 101. The historical reason is that Caltrans did not construct the necessary onramp because South San Francisco prevented it -- they still saw Sierra Point as a competitor to their Oyster Point. People should also be aware that there are one large campus-type development and another big office development planned and approved by the City long ago, but not yet built. Until the market forces build up to overcome the basic problem with the site, we'll just have to be patient. No paid City staff person can do any better than the Chamber of Commerce and commercial real estate professionals already "reaching out."

## 27 Votes | electric car charging station

**Anonymous** shared this idea September 27, 2014

Having an electric car charging station encourages people to come to Brisbane and eat out while their car charges up. It is good for the environment, and something Brisbane should be supporting.

## 1 comment

- [Anja Miller](#) commented October 25, 2014 5:20 PM

There are supposed to be two privately funded EV charging stations at the Marina already, and City Hall is planned to have one -- one of these days. A Council subcommittee is working on it. In the meantime, we plug in our EV overnight at home, using the extra solar power from our roof PV system.

As JFK said, "Ask not . . ."

## 25 Votes | Vacant commercial tax (originally submitted by Ray on Civic Participation Project forum)

[Brisbanian](#) shared this idea Oct 20, 2014

Berkeley has been considering a fee for owners of vacant commercial properties, with the idea of giving them an incentive to rent out to businesses rather than leave storefronts abandoned. This idea would help stimulate our downtown, as well as generate revenue for the city.

## 23 Votes | Open Studios - Weekend Arts Event

[Jennifer Bousquet](#) shared this idea Sep 26, 2014

A lot of artist communities have whole weekends where they publish a map and people can go to artists' spaces and see their work. It can be quite a big event. It seems like we have a large artistic community that may (or may not :) be interested in doing something like this. It would be an event that would draw outsiders (which I know is always controversial) but could help present Brisbane as an artistic community to the wider world. You could also have the Lions do bbq, and have entertainment in the park, etc. It could be a pretty cool thing and goes along with enhancing our image as a arts-positive town.

## 2 comments

- [Anonymous](#) commented October 17, 2014 19:58

Wonderful idea... And seems like something that could be sustained year to year. A wonderful way to support our local artists. If we can position a car show as a community event -- which is quite a cool idea, and has been well-received, it seems!-- it seems that an open studios concept , or open air art exhibit -- is accomplishing a good thing from a different perspective. Events that allow the community to gather but also build Brisbane's presence on the upper peninsula as the interesting and unique spot that it is. -- yes to that!



• [res](#) commented October 13, 2014 12:18

Years ago there was an Art Street Fair in Brisbane. Visitacion Avenue was closed off and artists, local and visitors showed and sold their beautiful creations. The street was packed most of the day and there was also food vendors..Great idea to have a "Brisbane Day of Artists."

## 21 Votes | Bring back Teen Center

Previously Teen center used to exist, and now it's a barren building, as we have revived SKate park, we should do the same for Teen Center. It will give a forum to teens, to do interesting things like Drama, help out younger kids, could become a place for doing after school activities. And on weekends, city can rent it out for hosting parties, kids birthday and get revenue out of that place, which is now like a Ghost house

[Annoymous](#) shared this idea October 16, 2014

## 18 Votes | Create One-Way Streets to enable on street parking and clear sidewalks

Brisbane walkability would be increased significantly if the sidewalks were cleared of parked cars. By strategic conversion of certain streets or blocks to one-way traffic flow, you can narrow the driving surface (reducing from 2 lane to 1 lane width) and continue to allow emergency vehicle and local access while benefiting from moving parking from the sidewalk and into the street. This would not reduce the amount of parking available. It would give us the ability to have a clear walking surface, options for plants and trees in the 'parking strip' and potentially increase property values due to the increased livability. Not all streets would be chosen. Only those that are potentially wide enough to benefit (such as Mendocino and Klamath west of Visitacion).

[Scott](#) shared this idea October 28, 2014

## 1 comment

• [Angel I](#) commented October 29, 2014 12:40

I think it would be important on San Benito Rd near the school. Make it one way from San Benito/Sierra Point/Artist walkway intersection heading toward Glen Parkway, with sidewalk being on the school side. Children and caregivers walk on the winding road to/from school daily and it is very dangerous. Cars cannot see around turns and drive too fast. Just a short section, easy for homeowners to get around that live on that strip (I am one) and should fall under the "walk-to-school safe streets program".

## 16 Votes | Converting to Underground Electrical Wires.

Converting to Underground Electric Service, would showcase our lovely hills and charming homes. And it would also be safer!

[Dorina I Dariiciuc](#) shared this idea October 09, 2014

## 2 comments

- **Anja Miller** commented October 09, 2014 23:39

Yes, I too wish we would look as nice as any neighborhood in Europe. The only undergrounding here was done long ago on Visitation -- indeed to make the street more attractive to business! -- and San Bruno. The funding for that kind of improvement is tightly controlled by PG&E, and Brisbane's allocation was all spent for those streets.

The only way to underground residential streets is for the majority of the people on a block to agree to pay for it. Last I heard the process is pretty complicated -- and costly for each house, of course. We tried on our block, but the idea was turned down by most homeowners.

- **Dorina I Dariiciuc** commented October 09, 2014 14:19

For aesthetic reasons, neighborhood w underground service and other community amenities typically go for a higher home prices.

## 15 Votes | Kids Adventureland

We need a place that will attract other families to a place that caters to kids for birthday parties or other activities (like Little Gym, Junior Gym or Safari Run), so they can source food from our local restaurants for parties and also have them come through the town and stay afterwards.

**Rebecca Chan** shared this idea Sep 26, 2014

## 1 comment

- **Annoymous** commented October 16, 2014 22:20

Not only do we need these party places , we should attract academic centric vendors, like Kumon , Additional Mathematic classes , or Spanish speaking classes etc.. Where kids can go for after school classes. For every kind of class, I have to bus my kids out of Brisbane.

## 13 Votes | Invite Off the Grid to come to Brisbane on Wednesday Nights

Invite Off the Grid <http://offthegridsf.com/> to come and set up a Market place along the Park on Wednesday nights. I know many times mid week I don't feel like cooking, and this would be a good option to pick up some quick eats. It would also provide another opportunity to bring the community together - to dine out together. AND, perhaps one of these food truck entrepreneurs would find they like our community enough to open a brick and mortar store on Visitation

**Anonymous** shared this idea October 29, 2014

## 12 Votes | To tear down the empty building next door to the Eagles and create a small park, with much needed parking accessed from Monterey Street.

Linda Dettmer shared this idea Oct 25, 2014

### 2 comments

- [Michael Schumann](#) commented October 28, 2014 4:57 PM

Even without the Eagles club, I believe the property is large enough for a nice sized library with other uses on the second and possibly third floors.

- [Linda Dettmer](#) commented October 25, 2014 2:16 PM

This unused eyesore, once projected for low income housing has been vacant much too long. The Eagles will not sell their corner to create a huge library, so back to the drawing board. Tear it down, Just a little gardening and trimming will create a beautiful park frontage to a wonderful and much needed parking lot. Thank you.

## 10 Votes | Farmer's Market winter relocation

With inclement and brutal winter weather threatening closure of the Farmer's Market, it might be a great idea to relocate it indoors into the Community Center for the season. This would keep the Market open, and provide a central location that would be a bit more convenient and just as recognizable.

I never shopped outdoors on Thursday Market days after work when it was dark and cold and windy, but I'd go to the well lit, warm and comfortable CC, for sure. Being able to get indoors to shop on a Sunday morning would be much more pleasant, too.

There are places to offload product for the vendors both in front and in the back of the facility, with room for seating for coffee and cookie sales by MOB or food from the Lions or whatever organization wanted to vend (like the Girls Scouts or the fund raisers sponsored by BEST). That "cracker barrel" space would increase community interactions and would add to our already robust home town charm.

In addition, it would likely increase ancillary sales at Midtown Market.

Molly Burke shared this idea September 26, 2014

### 2 comments

- [Anonymous](#) commented October 04, 2014 08:40

yes! What a great idea --- good one, Molly! BDW may be using the CC for classes during the Thursday hours (?) but perhaps there is some kind of comparable, unused space that the city can

offer for this purpose -- the Teen Center (too small?). Maybe the city can approach owners of one of the many empty storefronts in the Village or on Visitation about a short-term situation.

- [Jane Shaffer](#) commented September 26, 2014 15:00

This sounds like a great idea. It's tough on both customers and vendors to have an outdoors market after dark during the winter.

## 8 Votes | More merchants selection for our Farmers Market Days

[Donald Wong](#) shared this idea October 10, 2014

### 2 comments

- [Anonymous](#) commented October 16, 2014 22:14

I whole heartedly support this , more the better, this will bring more foot traffic to Farmer's market.

- [res](#) commented October 13, 2014 12:27

I am sure vendors need more residents to shop at the Farmer's Market to make it worth their while to come to Brisbane. It would be nice to have a flower or the orchid vendor come before a holiday or now and then so residents don't have to go out of town. When the market first began it was said there were going to be twenty vendors, but the number is now way down now, probably because of lack of support from residents?

## 8 Votes | Encourage a SMBO or resident to open a B&B

I'd love to see some (maybe a Mom-preneur?) open a Bed&Breakfast. So many families have short-term houseguests they can't accommodate comfortably and who want to stay right here in town. Love to see something along these lines sprout up in Brisbane. Don't know if special zoning is required if it's a commercial business in a residential area?

[Jennifer Bousquet](#) shared this idea September 26, 2014

## 7 Votes | Rock Climbing Gym

Bring a rock climbing gym to the industrial park. It's great exercise and a lot of fun.

[Anonymous](#) shared this idea Oct 28, 2014

## 7 Votes | Engaging youth in activities at Sierra point

The marina is somewhat underutilized. Redwood city has a great youth program and has some facilities for them. There is currently a youth sailing program in Brisbane-but they are constrained because they lack land based facilities.

Kayaking-sailing and rowing are wonderful activities. Oyster point has a small boat ramp also. Some kind of meeting place for community activities would also be good. There are new marinas planned for Candlestick pt. And they are including kayaking and small boat facilities.

**Native** shared this idea · October 17, 2014

## **6 Votes | A wine and tapas bar as an alternative to a bar style way to socialize and experience quality wines and tasty small plates**

**Anonymous** shared this idea · Oct 28, 2014

### **1 comment**

◉ **Anonymous** commented · October 28, 2014 10:24 PM

I would love a wine and tapas bar, too, but how is city council supposed to make something so specific happen? Would you like to open one?

## **6 Votes | Corporate events at the Pool**

The City could hire an event planner to come up with some theme packages (a Hollywood glamour pool party, a tropical pool party, whatever) and then have it staged, a bar, etc. and then sell it as an event package to some of the prosperous biotech firms and high-tech companies that are looking for somewhere unusual to have their company parties. The event planner produces the party, and shares the proceeds with the City. You could probably charge \$5,000 a party! The setting is gorgeous.

**Jennifer Bousquet** shared this idea · September 26, 2014

• **Anja Miller** commented · October 21, 2014 19:40

Fine, just don't sell the pool use to corporations during normally open public swim hours. It's a slippery slope when you start prioritizing money-making, whether by the City or businesses, at the expense of services to the people.

◉ **Jennifer Bousquet** commented · October 20, 2014 14:10

So I just ran across this event when loading events into Hulafrog...it's a Haunted House in San Bruno at their pool. I called them and apparently they have an event producer that they contracted with. It will run for 3 nights and they get the ticket proceeds. Just fyi. Thought it was pretty creative.

<http://www.bayareahauntedhouse.com/>

## **4 Votes | Brisbane days at the pool where the pool would be reserved for people with current Brisbane I.D. and their dependents.**

This would be great way for folks to meet othe town folks that may not meet.

**Bill Van Raam** shared this idea Sep 26, 2014

- **City of Brisbane (Community Engagement Coordinator, City of Brisbane CA)** commented September 26, 2014 3:55 PM

The software doesn't allow you to vote against an idea; it only allows you to add votes to the ideas you like. The ideas with the most votes will trickle to the top.

- **Jennifer Bousquet** commented September 26, 2014 3:33 PM

How do you vote against something? We need to be looking for inclusive ideas that will bring business to our town. We have lots of events where our community members can meet already.

## 2 Votes | Citizens Appointed Economic Development Commission

The city council should create an economic development commission, appointed by the council, in which local residents serve a two or four year term similar to other commissions. This commission would focus on economic development opportunities vital to our community year round while interfacing with the city council economic development sub-committee.

**Danette Davis** shared this idea October 13, 2014

## 2 Votes | A Revitalized Crocker Park

Interesting that the City tells us that Crocker Park is at 91% occupancy. Doesn't look like it -- lots of signs and empty buildings. We need an economic development director who will reach out and find companies that will strengthen our economic base and bring a sense of excitement and life to Crocker Park. All it takes is landing one tech company with a big name, and we will see a huge change in our industrial park. Takes time and the right person to get out and find these companies, we can't passively wait for them to come to us.

**Anonymous** shared this idea Oct 1, 2014

## 2 comments

- **Anonymous** commented October 17, 2014 8:18 PM

Appreciate Anja's insights because it is hard to see any evidence of change; Visitation is probably not a good barometer for all of Brisbane, but it's what many of us see on a daily basis, and it's discouraging. But, it looks like the economic landscape is truly improving and perhaps we're coming out of the recession.

- **Anja Miller** commented October 9, 2014 11:55 PM

We already have a Chamber of Commerce. It is supported by City funds as well as membership fees. It is an active group with an Executive Director who is doing a lot of outreach. There are also many commercial real estate brokers reaching out as best they can to sell or lease any vacant properties, many of whose owners are not local and who sometimes actually benefit by keeping their buildings vacant.

We really do not need to spend more taxpayers' money to hire another City employee and somehow expect that person to do any better.

### **1 Vote | Consistent parking enforcement**

Our streets are quite narrow. There was a time residents did park their cars the right way on our streets. Now it appears, residents park any old way that they want, making a hodge podge and messy look to streets. And of course there are the cars that still park across the sidewalk, so people are forced to walk into the street. I used to see cars get tickets for crossing the double yellow line on Visitacion Avenue to park their car. Residents used to get tickets for these things. I suggest we have consistent enforcement here for continuity and safety on our streets.

[res](#) shared this idea Oct 13, 2014

### **1 Vote | A Zip-Line from the top of San Bruno Mountain down to the Community Park**

I know this will never happen; residents would get tired of people falling off the zip-line and through their roofs. But wouldn't it be cool.

[Michael Schumann](#) shared this idea October 28, 2014