

MAIN STREET ND

MAIN STREET BEST PRACTICES: CAVALIER

Population: 1,203

Type of project(s): Youth Engagement

Project Description and Goals: Mayor Lacey Hinkle was interested in engaging youth in decision making processes in her community. Being on the younger side herself, she knew the students in the community had valuable input and fresh ideas to bring to the councils and boards that ran much of the city.

How They Did It:

She reached out to the superintendent of the school and asked him to help her recruit students. He

- made an announcement about the opportunity during the regular school announcements.
- She met one-on-one with each student to hear about their passions, desires, and what they would like to see added, changed, and made better in the community.
- She let the students pick which boards they wanted to be involved in and still meets with them on a monthly basis.



This is a Best Practice Because:

- It allowed youth to bring their unique lens to community projects, capturing and sharing things about their town that others may not have noticed.
- Because the local high school was a leading partner in this project, it did not cost the community anything.
- Students are encouraged to have passion for their community and are able to take ownership of the future of it through being involved in major decision-making processes.

Learn More:

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