### Priority items in 2020

The following items were marked as the top priority for the comp plan task force committee as of 2020. This is a very useful tool that can be used when implementing the comprehensive plan.

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|  | Next steps | Project lead  and Partners | Budget and Funding source |
| Land Use | | | |
| Create a plan to make property ready for development and work to make “shovel-ready”, esp. residential. |  |  |  |
| Identify potential land for development and redevelopment, with special consideration of senior housing, multi-family and commercial. |  |  |  |
| Housing | | | |
| Work with the Swift County HRA to utilize housing programs such as USDA to address low-and-moderate income housing needs and any programs to update and renovate the existing housing stock. |  |  |  |
| Encourage single-family home owners to renovate existing housing into rental properties to increase rental housing availability. |  |  |  |
| Create a plan to have housing (both for sale and rental) available for the work force and retired-aged people. |  |  |  |
| Develop new senior housing. |  |  |  |
| Conduct a housing inventory and map potential housing redevelopment sites every 5-10 years. |  |  |  |
| Parks and Recreation | | | |
| Add crosswalk with flashing light across Hwy 12, identify solutions to crossing the railroad, and utilize creative solutions to create a walkable city with a safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle access for all ages. |  |  |  |
| Create a park and trail master plan for Kerkhoven that includes potential future improvements and activities to add the city’s Capital Improvements Plan. |  |  |  |

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| Economic Development | | | |
| Maintain and improve the city website as a marketing tool for economic development. |  |  |  |
| Promote the culture of “local business” and encourage the use of local goods provided in Kerkhoven. |  |  |  |
| Keep an updated inventory of existing businesses and available buildings and lots. |  |  |  |
| Public Infrastructure, Facilities, and Services | | | |
| Analyze and document the condition and capacity of all city infrastructure on a regular basis to determine need for replacement, repairs, or new services. |  |  |  |
| Create and implement a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to assist with assessing the long-term capital project requirements and to establish funding of high-priority projects in a timely and cost-effective fashion. Prioritize the short-term and long-term needs to keep all city infrastructure and facilities updated and in good working order and includes a plan to finance the updates. |  |  |  |
| Community Vitality | | | |
| Facilitate cooperation between all organizations to avoid duplication of efforts and create efficiency in the efforts: the city, Kerkhoven EDA, KMS Ministerial, Swift County HRA, community education and all other non-profit or task force groups. |  |  |  |