



Community Meeting
Carolina High School
April 10, 2008

Twenty people attended the fifth Community Meeting held in the auditorium of Carolina High School. The meeting started with a review of the definition of a Comprehensive Plan and the planning process that will be used to update the County's current Comprehensive Plan. Following this presentation, meeting attendees were asked to identify issues and concerns they had regarding future growth in their community as well as countywide. Some of the discussion focused on improving the appearance of the community, providing more and better shopping opportunities, the need for more cultural and other quality of life opportunities for the community, expanded public transportation, problems with landlords maintaining their property, substandard manufactured housing and its related crime problems, more crime prevention and law enforcement, and additional green space and recreation opportunities.

Of all these needs, the question then became which—amongst the list—was most important? Attendees determined as much in the next phase by placing their dots by the appropriate items. The results are shown below.

RESULTS OF THE DOT EXERCISE

- Crime prevention/more law enforcement – 13
- Economic Development/private investment – 12
- Quality Affordable Housing – 9
- Expanded Public Transportation – 7
- Improve Community Appearance – 5
- Mobile Home Park Problems – 4
- Lack of Community Pride and Identity – 4
- Need for more recreation opportunities – 4
- Quality and Convenient shopping – 3
- Code enforcement – 3
- More home ownership opportunities – 2
- More green/open space – 2
- Adjust school student attendance districts – 1

Carolina High School Community Meeting Survey Results

<i>How important are the following issues to you:</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
Clean air and water	4.67
Sidewalks in my neighborhood	4.64
Maintaining natural beauty	4.58
Providing housing for all incomes	4.58
Community Appearance/Design	4.58
Encouraging economic development	4.50
Preserving rural areas, farmland and open space	4.42
Limiting development of flood prone areas	4.27
Convenient access to schools from my neighborhood	4.27
Historic Preservation	4.17
Convenient access to recreational facilities from my neighborhood	4.08
Convenient access to shopping from my neighborhood	3.92
Reduced traffic in my neighborhood	3.75
Convenient access to my workplace from my neighborhood	3.45
<i>Scale: 1 (unimportant) - 5 (important)</i>	
<i>Greenville County should:</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
Promote sustainable development and green building practices	4.33
Provide information and incentives to encourage carpooling/vanpooling, etc.	4.00
Promote commercial design to enhance community character	3.90
Reduce commercial development along major streets	3.80
Encourage a mix of residential and commercial uses in the same development	3.58
Require businesses to share drive ways and parking	3.55
Discourage growth in areas where adequate public infrastructure is unavailable	3.50
Encourage development in already developed areas	3.27
Promote commercial development expansion along major highways	3.27
Promote commercial development in compact centers at major intersections	3.17
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
<i>Please rate your support for the following types of businesses in your community</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
Professional services/offices	4.42
Retail businesses	4.42
High Tech businesses	4.08
Restaurants/Bars	3.83
Malls/Superstores	3.75
Manufacturing	3.67
<i>Scale: 1 (no support) - 5 (support)</i>	
<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
More active recreation facilities such as ball fields and swimming pools are needed	4.50
More passive recreation facilities such as greenways and trails are needed	4.42
Recreational facilities are too crowded	3.50
Recreational facilities are too far from my home	3.50
I am not interested in public recreation facilities	1.58
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
<i>Please rate the preferred method of curbside garbage and recycling service</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
County should provide curbside service	3.83
County should contract with private entity to provide curbside service	2.92
Individual residents and subdivisions should contract with private entity	2.67
No curbside service	1.67
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	

Greenville County should encourage the following types of housing	Avg. Rating
Developments with a variety of housing types near shopping and services	4.25
Retirement Communities	4.08
Low income/Public assisted housing	4.00
Apartments	3.75
Townhomes, patio homes, condominiums, etc	3.33
Mobile homes	2.17
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
Please rate your support for the following types of housing in your community	Avg. Rating
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Mobile homes	2.42
<i>Scale: 1 (no support) - 5 (support)</i>	
Transportation	Avg. Rating
County should expand/establish public transit service	4.58
County should add bike lanes, off street bike ways and other bicycle facilities	3.92
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
In order to pay for public road improvements, Greenville County should	Avg. Rating
Establish/Increase fees for development impacts on public roads	3.00
Issue capital improvement bonds	2.73
Increase vehicle registration fees	2.00
Increase property taxes	1.75
Establish a County sales tax	1.75
Encourage the State to increase the gasoline tax	1.75
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
Please rate the quality of the following	Avg. Rating
Travel safety	3.67
Congestion	3.64
Pedestrian safety	3.33
Greenway system	3.18
Street connectivity	3.08
Street aesthetics/appearance	3.00
Bicycle mobility	3.00
Public transit service	2.83
<i>Scale: 1 (low) - 5 (high)</i>	
Overall	Avg. Rating
Please rate the overall quality of life in Greenville County	3.67
Please rate the quality of Greenville County's air	3.58
Please rate Greenville County's public recreation	3.17
Please rate the quality of Greenville County's water	3.08
Please rate the quality and effectiveness of Greenville County Government	3.00
Please rate Greenville County's public transportation	2.33
<i>Scale: 1 (low) - 5 (high)</i>	