



Community Meeting Summary
County Square Meeting
May 13, 2008

Bringing ideas and issues, twenty-four people attended the ninth meeting for *Imagine Greenville County* at County Square in Conference Room D and mentioned, amongst many items, the need to improve public notification for any future Comprehensive Plan meetings. As of now, they stated the validity of the plan is based upon the participation of a small percentage of the total population and that should be corrected. Other issues addressed at the meeting included the need for pedestrian/bikeways, the role of schools in our communities, and the provision of recreation opportunities for our youth. Once all the issues were listed, meeting attendees then applied their dots and displayed what was most important to them.

RESULTS OF THE DOT EXERCISE

- Interconnected bike and pedestrian trails across the County – 26
- The reuse/revitalization of vacant commercial structures – 9
- Better Transportation Planning – 7
- Safe sidewalks/routes for children to walk to school – 6
- Schools as neighborhood centers – 5
- More and better recreation opportunities for youth – 5
- The need for smaller neighborhood parks – 4
- The positive aspects of density – 4
- Historic Preservation efforts – 4
- Affordable Housing – 4
- Preservation of our agricultural lands – 3
- Better cooperation among the public service providers – 2
- Area Plans for natural resource areas – 2
- The negatives associated with impact fees – 2
- Traffic Impact analysis for new development – 2
- Impact fees for multimodal transportation – 1

County Square Community Meeting Survey Results

<i>How important are the following issues to you:</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
Clean air and water	4.77
Maintaining natural beauty	4.54
Encouraging economic development	4.25
Community Appearance/Design	4.15
Providing housing for all incomes	4.00
Historic Preservation	4.00
Preserving rural areas, farmland and open space	3.92
Convenient access to schools from my neighborhood	3.92
Convenient access to my workplace from my neighborhood	3.75
Convenient access to recreational facilities from my neighborhood	3.69
Limiting development of flood prone areas	3.54
Convenient access to shopping from my neighborhood	3.23
Reduced traffic in my neighborhood	3.00
Sidewalks in my neighborhood	3.00
<i>Scale: 1 (unimportant) - 5 (important)</i>	
<i>Greenville County should:</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
Promote sustainable development and green building practices	4.46
Discourage growth in areas where adequate public infrastructure is unavailable	4.25
Encourage development in already developed areas	4.15
Promote commercial design to enhance community character	4.00
Provide information and incentives to encourage carpooling/vanpooling, etc.	3.83
Promote commercial development expansion along major highways	3.75
Encourage a mix of residential and commercial uses in the same development	3.67
Require businesses to share drive ways and parking	3.62
Promote commercial development in compact centers at major intersections	3.23
Reduce commercial development along major streets	2.85
<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	4.33
Restaurants/Bars	3.85
High Tech businesses	3.83
Retail businesses	3.50
Manufacturing	3.25
Malls/Superstores	2.42
<i>Scale: 1 (no support) - 5 (support)</i>	
<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
More passive recreation facilities such as greenways and trails are needed	4.46
More active recreation facilities such as ball fields and swimming pools are needed	3.23
Recreational facilities are too crowded	3.15
Recreational facilities are too far from my home	2.77
I am not interested in public recreation facilities	1.23
<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	3.36
Individual residents and subdivisions should contract with private entity	2.55
County should contract with private entity to provide curbside service	2.36
No curbside service	1.55
<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	4.15
Townhomes, patio homes, condominiums, etc	3.92
Retirement Communities	3.58
Apartments	3.42
Low income/Public assisted housing	3.17
Mobile homes	1.67
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
Please rate your support for the following types of housing in your community	Avg. Rating
Developments with a variety of housing types near shopping and services	4.15
Townhomes, patio homes, condominiums, etc	3.75
Retirement Communities	3.45
Apartments	2.92
Low income/Public assisted housing	2.67
Mobile homes	1.62
<i>Scale: 1 (no support) - 5 (support)</i>	
Transportation	Avg. Rating
County should add bike lanes, off street bike ways and other bicycle facilities	4.69
County should expand/establish public transit service	4.46
<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	4.00
Issue capital improvement bonds	3.55
Increase vehicle registration fees	2.83
Establish a County sales tax	2.58
Encourage the State to increase the gasoline tax	2.36
Increase property taxes	2.33
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
Please rate the quality of the following	Avg. Rating
Street aesthetics/appearance	3.73
Travel safety	3.67
Street connectivity	3.64
Greenway system	3.36
Congestion	3.25
Public transit service	3.00
Pedestrian safety	3.00
Bicycle mobility	2.58
<i>Scale: 1 (low) - 5 (high)</i>	
Overall	Avg. Rating
Please rate the quality of Greenville County's water	4.15
Please rate the overall quality of life in Greenville County	4.15
Please rate the quality of Greenville County's air	3.62
Please rate Greenville County's public recreation	3.46
Please rate the quality and effectiveness of Greenville County Government	3.09
Please rate Greenville County's public transportation	2.08
<i>Scale: 1 (low) - 5 (high)</i>	