

DONNA SMALLWOOD

11.18.19

- Group of 7, split between young Moms with kids in schools + longer serving seasoned Town volunteers) ACTIVIST
- Some themes -
 - Folks valued open space, facilities for ~~WALK~~ WALKING (TRAILS + SIDEWALKS)
 - NEED: SERVICES/PROGRAMS FOR KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
 - NEED: Better TOWN FACILITIES MANAGEMENT; CAPITAL PLANNING for LARGE SCALE projects
 - TENSION: KEEP TAXES IN LINE V. ^{DESIRE} ~~NEED~~ for IMPROVED SERVICES
 - CONCERN - TRAFFIC, OVER-DEVELOPMENT

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Visioning Session

The main concerns from my group was traffic, ~~and~~ transportation and safety. There was a concern with crosswalks -- speeding cars going through, lack of visibility, heavy congestion, etc. This led to broader conversation about traffic and lack of public transportation. The group felt that if we could provide more coordination of public transportation then it might help ~~to~~ reduce the traffic.

My group was a diverse group of ages, interests, professions, ~~and~~ neighborhoods and involvement within the Town. We did not have one topic dominate the conversation. They came up with a lengthy list of opportunities and challenges for the future. We didn't have one voice dominate the conversation.

- Liza O'Reilly

11/18/2019 Visioning Session

The Main driver and issue in my group related to the School System. It is clearly a main reason why citizens move to and live in Hingham. There is a lot of concern about over crowding in the classrooms and schools as well as strain on the system by the development in town. There is also a concern about the potential for a lack of funding for the schools and the need for Porter School issues to be addressed.

Hence under left

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Sherry Robertson

Takeaways:

- Timeframe was adequate / worked well for ability to record thoughts
- dots could be replaced with just using a marker to star priorities in the same way
- Sticky-note - boards seem to be a hit
- maybe ^{conduct a short} ~~initial~~ initial activity before beginning questions to allow for late arrivals
- ending discussion noting priorities of each group worked well

Nancy Kerber
Nov 20

General Concerns & Conversation

* Traffic - impacts of development
on traffic

all see some kind of INTRA
Community Shuttle

* Concern about development
but with an underlying
understanding and hope
that apartments would provide
affordability

* Lots of love for the open spaces.

V6 - SUMMARY - NOV. 18, 2019 -

1. LIKE MOST.

Streetscape
Water / Land relationship
Sense of community -
Volunteerism
Historical character
Town agencies

2. LIKE LEAST.

Design of large projects, density
Diversity of housing
Economic and cultural diversity
Impact of people on open space;
encroachment, fire danger;
egress.

3. What is Missing in HINGHAM -

more vibrant mixed generation
community center.

Management of outdoor recreation
space
Speed control - traffic

4. PREDICT ISSUES FOR PLANNING -

Manage growth
Climate change
Demographics = aging
population, connection of
young people to town

5. The THING TO IMPROVE HILLOHAM
manage resid. & comm'l.
development.

Governance - Town Manager
(not Administrator) and
5 selectmen.

Transportation for all.

Information distribution in
crisis.