

Town of Georgetown Comprehensive Plan

Planning Commission Workshop
Key Issues

January 31, 2017



1. The appearance of The Circle and the surrounding buildings was mentioned frequently and seems to be important to the Community.
2. The number of educational facilities was mentioned and seems to be important.
3. The historic character of the Town seems to be important.
4. The responders seem to want more retail options.
5. The responders seem to want single family homes and do not want apartment complexes.





6. The responders seem to feel that a parking problem exists within the Town.
7. The responders seem to feel that traffic is an issue.
8. Many of the responders mentioned that the Town's Government and Staff were strengths.
9. A lack of recreational activities, primarily for the young was mentioned as an issue.
10. The run down condition of some of the buildings was cited as a concern.



11. Lack of code enforcement was mentioned as a concern.
12. Looking at age of the responders it appears that the youth of the Community are not very involved or interested.
13. Looking at the race and income level of the responders it appears that the survey only a small segment of the Community participated. This lack of involvement shows in the overall participation of the Town's events and government.



14. The responders seem to want more professional types of job opportunities. This ties in with item 13 above.
15. The responders seem to want the retail and commercial growth to take place along Route 113.
16. Pedestrian friendly and sidewalks seemed to be an issue.
17. Bike friendly seems to be an issue.
18. The absence of activity in the Downtown after 5:00 PM was seen as a problem.



19. Attracting and retaining businesses was seen as a priority.
20. The need for more senior housing was mentioned. I did not see much about starter housing for our young people. Code Enforcement
21. Maintaining Small Town atmosphere
22. Maintaining Historical flavor of the town
23. Increase single family housing
24. Crime prevention initiatives



25. Improve walking/biking opportunities within the town
26. Keeping downtown an example of small town USA while promoting larger commercial on 113
27. Address transitional housing expansion – this is mentioned many, many times
28. Recreation inside and out, kids and adults (Brick Hotel/firehouse tour Example)
29. Keeping small town appeal



30. Need more stores and restaurants
31. Parts of the town look run down
32. The Hispanic effect
33. Many comments on how bad the town looks
34. Need to attract more business, but other forces are keeping business out (i.e. lack of code enforcement, Town's physical appearance other than The Circle)



35. Shuckers, 16 Mile, and The Brick are bringing in folks from other towns, but they look at the shape the town's in with a non-objective eye
36. Apathy of residents
37. Negativity/hostility toward the Hispanic community
38. Too many buildings in a state of serious disrepair
39. Rental properties are deplorable. Need aggressive rental ordinances and inspections



40. Lack of shopping and dining options
41. Need stricter code enforcement
42. Too many half way houses, sober houses and other special needs housing
43. Need to implement recommendations in the Housing task force report including occupancy standards, registration and distance requirements
44. Vacate out of court settlement that has tied the hands of the town with regard to inspections of rental properties



45. Market Street is unappealing, dirty, and buildings need paint and repair. Appearance works against town redevelopment efforts
46. Panhandling, prostitution and drugs. Homeless living in wooded areas
47. Poor management of low income housing e.g., Dunbarton. Police intervention is constantly needed
48. Realtors steer potential buyers away from Georgetown



49. Reinstate residency requirement for key staff e.g., Town Manager
50. Point to The Circle as a focal point
51. Friendliness of the Town government
52. Lack of understanding and knowledge about Hispanic population. Involve La Esperanza.
53. How to provide news and information to residents
54. More recreation centers



55. Pedestrian and bike paths

56. Like small town environment

57. Safety and security

58. Shopping

59. Historical significance continuance



nextsteps



Thank you!



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