

## VERBAL COMMENTS RECORDED AT THE PUBLIC MEETING JUNE 9, 2010

### Question Posed:

### *What Would Progress/Success Look Like?*

Mismatch between housing and jobs is diminished  
Urban environment has more natural areas  
Public safety as essential in our story  
Alternative transportation is criticized given our current structures  
Infrastructure is aligned with flood practices  
We have harnessed our passion into projects  
Thinking more collaboratively

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Health and Wellness is considered another value sector  
Know the true population and demographics of the region  
When (can) we start talking about taking advantage of synergies (?)  
Town of Woodfin is an opportunity area  
Social equity

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Using permaculture principles  
Our solutions would reflect a reality that we live on a planet with finite resources  
Increased awareness  
Simple projects  
Schools would be more neighborhood based  
Wouldn't recognize everyone in this room  
Identification of the informal leaders, in all the villages in our region: who don't have the job title, aren't on the clock, aren't the ones you always hear from  
Documents like the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) would be more reflective of this aforementioned group, and less stuck on elected or official leadership  
This process today would be brought out to the churches, stores and community centers- "move the table"  
The development community would participate in things like this meeting  
More private representation  
Use 4H principles – head, heart, hands, health  
Youth would be here today  
Bus riders would be here today

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We have linked resources: Reading, Riding Retrofit as example  
Opportunity for educating our leaders re the global scale: start with global first as context, demonstrate new realities  
Work with state and local governments (vs. corporate aversion to these types of communications)  
Develop exemplar projects  
Federal mandates are opportunities  
Showcase local examples, e.g. LEED ND: Villages at Crest Mountain

Use Appalachian Regional Commission as a resource – how do we get them involved here?

Some populations are isolated from this conversation

We should choose to focus on the areas that need it the most, ie trailer parks in poor condition (renters)

### Cleaning up mistakes

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Start in low wealth communities -Burton St, Emma- and/or areas affected by I-26-southside- use this as a focus to creat a plan for sustainability w/accountability  
Inclusion of these people in the community to participate e.g Reid Center, Greenway planning not inclusive

Start project w/community capacity/education component, inclusive participation  
A restorative agenda – social plus physical investment  
We have an inventory of what we've got, e.g bldgs available for redevelopment, brownfields, list of incentives, know programs available for help,  
Assemble housing partners, transportation partners, environmental partners, and all work on water- clean water, access to water not only for drinking but for recreation, etc.

### Gather statistics/data/measurements

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Use an existing model from community- Asheville Design Center gave presentations to hundreds of groups, a 15 minute presentation shared with many trickled down into the community

we take the step to identify what is already going on

we look at the current move away from using GDP as the measure of happiness

we develop a greenplan for private lands

we pay people for things that are produces plus thins that currently have no financial value

### Regarding social justice/participation

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Encourage federal govt to change spending priorities

And approach e.g we cant involve latinos (in these efforts) when more resources are being spent persecuting them than reaching out to them

Visiting naturally occurring arenas to connect with others

Develop strategies for innovative engagement

Realities: racial profiling; minority needs for food clothing and shelter may be different; ICE/threats

Direct actions include voting for people who suggest supportive policies

Tool: Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative NRI- habitat, infill strategy, brush of kindness

We would have made progress if Census 2020 figures show more parity, especially in wealth/wages for different demographic groups

From Philippe Rosse (Eblen Charities): his organization (and others – churches, non profits- that work on the ground with many different groups in need) are willing

to engage in getting feedback and providing information on specific proposals, projects and issues linked to the SCI.

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