

Summary of Results of Steering Committee
Strengths & Weaknesses Exercise
June 14, 2007

Strengths of the Steering Committee identified at that meeting included:

A. People & Housing

1. Diversity
 - i. Housing
 1. Prices
 2. Architectural styles
 - ii. People
 1. Community character
 - a. Small town feel
 - b. Sense of community
 - c. Attitude/pride
 - d. Know your neighbors
2. Safety/security
3. Volunteer group & organization activities such as the
 - i. Citizens Advisory Committee
 - ii. Historical society
 - iii. Lions Club
 1. Halloween parade
 2. Easter Egg hunt
 3. Tree lighting?
 - iv. Greenbelt Association
4. Other community events
 - i. Memorial day picnic

B. Transportation & Community Facilities

1. Good transportation corridors
2. Public transportation
3. Convenience of location
4. Individualized/personalized community services
 - i. Responsiveness
5. Elementary school
 - i. Walkable
 - ii. Neighborhood character
 - iii. Good reputation
6. Greenbelt
 - i. Outside traffic
 1. Visitors
 2. Customers
7. Parks
 - i. Well maintained
 - ii. Potential for improvements
8. Cemeteries
 - i. Well maintained
 - ii. Expansions
9. Historic church
10. Trees

C. Land Use & Development

D. Downtown

1. Diversity of businesses
2. Funeral homes
3. Well kept
4. Convenient/convenience
5. Sidewalks
6. Trees/tree lawns

Weaknesses of the Steering Committee identified at that meeting included:

A. People & Housing

1. Perception of “there goes the neighborhood”
2. Landlord
 - i. Maintenance - lacking
 - ii. Responsibilities - lacking
3. Enforcement
 - i. Time and money needed
 1. Architectural styles
4. Taxes
5. Parking
6. Volunteer participation – lacking
 - ii. Lack of incentives
 - iii. Lack of business incentives
 - iv. Lack of recognition
7. More community events

B. Transportation & Community Facilities

1. Sidewalks need repaired
2. Speeding on Derry Street
3. Lack of crosswalks
4. Enforcement of pedestrian crossings
5. High volume of rush hour traffic
6. Codes & ordinances need a lot of work
7. Borough website improvement

C. Land Use & Development

1. Lack of buildable land
2. Codes & ordinances need a lot of work
 - i. Regulations out of date
 - ii. Too restrictive

D. Signs

E. Lack of professional offices

F. Downtown

1. Parking
 - i. Lack of parking
 1. No shared parking
 - ii. Diner parking lot inhibits pedestrians
 1. Need curbing
 - iii. Sidewalks need repaired
2. Volunteer participation – lacking
 - i. Lack of incentives
 - ii. Lack of business incentives
 - iii. Lack of recognition
3. Lack of character businesses
 - i. Need higher end yuppie shops
4. No business association