

MEETING NOTES - Steering Committee No. 2 – Aug. 22, 2019, 7 p.m.

Hampton Township Implementable Comprehensive Plan

KEY ISSUES BRAINSTORMING

1. A main purpose of this meeting was to collect the Steering Committee's opinions about the community's issues/needs. This is one form of public input on our road toward defining the Key Issues that the comprehensive plan will address.
 - On Page 2 is a consolidated summary, which groups "like" topics. Note that some line items could align with more than one category or the groupings could all be drawn in slightly different ways; this is all part of defining the key issues.
 - The original list of your input at Meeting 2 is provided on Page 3.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Stakeholder interviews – Please send names, brief description and contact info to Elaine ekramer@pashekmtr.com
2. Update on outreach from Amanda
These are under way:
 - Amanda: Public mtg on September 25 advertised in Post-Gazette
 - Fliers advertising the questionnaire and public meeting are available to hand out or email out
 - Fliers were posted on website, Facebook and Twitter
 - Hampton News will run press release on front page. Also Hampton Journal.
 - How about a booth at Farmers Market? If you can help to staff a booth, contact Amanda: Amanda.Gold-Lukas@hampton-pa.org
 - Township email blast
 - Hand out fliers at Community Center, Library, etc.
 - Suzanna notes that printed copies of questionnaire are popular if people are urged to take themOther possibilities for encouraging participation in public meeting and questionnaire:
 - Booth at first game?
 - "I talked back" stickers?
 - Duncan and Route 8 community sign?
 - Place fliers in shops/stores/real estate offices/houses of worship. If you can post fliers, contact Amanda: Amanda.Gold-Lukas@hampton-pa.org
 - Community part of school district website (Rebecca is checking)
3. Planning for Public Meeting 1, Sept. 25
 - Drop-in open house format with periodic mini-presentations
 - Casual, fun mood (snacks!)
 - Committee members help with tasks: greeters, sign-ins, photography, encouragement to participate
 - Would it be possible to advertise this as family-friendly (library and/or gym activities for kids, plus food)? Amanda is checking. Elaine will make a flier just for Public Meeting.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Public meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7-9 p.m., Community Center

Next Steering Committee meeting: Thursday, October 24, 7 p.m. at Community Center. Focus: to digest ALL input to date and home in on Key Issues.

CONSOLIDATED LIST OF ISSUES/NEEDS – from STEERING COMMITTEE 8-22-19

Dot count	Issue/concern/need/strength to build on
13	Route 8 – commercial corridor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve its appearance • Hampton’s identity • Add variety of businesses, particularly restaurants • Infill/filling vacancies • Improve relationships with businesses – especially smaller businesses – to help define Hampton’s future and help the community to remain viable economically • Change parking – slow down the traffic, serve businesses
12	Connectivity and active transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add bikeability, walkability, connecting places/people/businesses • Improve transit connections to downtown
7	Conservation, Community Health, Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the design and utilization of public and private-property green spaces, such as trails, parks, shade trees • Incorporate green infrastructure to help mitigate flooding/storm damage and protect streams • Begin air quality monitoring before the cracker plan begins operations, to establish a baseline • Improve communication with and pro-active service from Duquesne Light regarding downed trees and power outages
5	Traffic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing congestion is frustrating • Many problems are related to PennDOT and Allegheny County roads and out of direct control of the Township
3	Sense of community/our “center” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better two-way communication, particularly when “we can’t do something,” to provide education/awareness/explanations • Increase demographic diversity • More activities (e.g. block parties) to drive a sense of community • No sense of a downtown/center in the community
2	Recreation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More diverse choices in recreation programming, such as new offerings and ideas from the community
1	Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply is not keeping up with demand. Hard for families who want to move in to do so

ORIGINAL LIST OF ISSUES/NEEDS – from STEERING COMMITTEE 8-22-19

Dot count	Issue/concern/need/strength to build on
7	Route 8 image – its appearance and what it says about Hampton’s identity
9	Greater connectivity – bikeability, walkability, connecting places/people/businesses
2	More diverse choices in recreation programming, such as new offerings and ideas from the community
1	Better two-way communication, particularly when “we can’t do something,” to provide education/awareness/explanations.
2	Improve the design and utilization of public and private-property green spaces, such as trails, parks, shade trees
5	Incorporate green infrastructure to help mitigate flooding/storm damage and protect streams
0	Reach out to as many people as possible to gather opinions during this planning process
2	Add variety of businesses on Route 8, particularly restaurants, and particularly when vacancies occur in existing buildings
3	Improve transit connections to downtown
0	Improve communication with and pro-active service from Duquesne Light regarding downed trees and power outages
1	Housing supply is not keeping up with demand. Hard for families who want to move in to do so
5	Traffic congestion and many problems are related to PennDOT and Allegheny County roads and out of direct control of the township
2	Begin air quality monitoring before the cracker plan begins operations, to establish a baseline
4	Improve relationships with businesses – especially smaller businesses – to help define Hampton’s future and help the community to remain viable economically
0	Increase demographic diversity
2	More activities (e.g. block parties) to drive a sense of community
0	No sense of a downtown/center in the community
0	Change Route 8 parking – slow down the traffic, serve businesses