

## August 19, 2006 – Retreat Notes on Boards -

### DOWNTOWN

\* represents number of times idea mentioned

#### What goals will inspire your commitment?

City Cleanliness\*  
Litter Control \*\*  
Clean up sex clubs for good \*  
Flower boxes on bldgs \*  
Better restaurant area for downtown  
Boutique hotel  
Restaurant center at Carnegie  
Restaurant close to Carnegie  
Bookstore  
Improved public transportation  
Public arts  
Trolley system-light rail  
Town square  
Grocery Stores \*\*\*  
Small retail stores \*  
Ice cream  
Professional – People- offices  
Cross-training- arts, bridal, etc. \*  
More downtown living \*\*  
Infrastructure Maintenance – Riverfront  
Underground Railroad connection  
Utility Projects done after bus. Hours  
No pawn shopping \*  
Keep up riverside area  
Boulevard-lighting – up- lighting \*  
Underground utilities  
Green Space increased \*  
Dog Park \*  
Rid of dilapidated bldgs/through rehab& property ownership  
Good directions to parking \*  
Convenient surface parking  
Unique restaurants  
Self contained living (needs met) \*  
Return city to former vibrant shopping  
Inclusive diversity  
Diversity in Economic Development  
Crafts products  
Kentucky Identity  
Places to congregate – benches  
Bring families together- not like Newport  
Theater in downtown  
Critical Mass- of entertainment- retail \*  
River Heritage Museum\*  
More planned events \*

River front- W. Pond- frozen in winter fountain  
Improved schools  
Dog Park  
Walk ability  
Gym  
Whole foods anchor store boutique  
Improve image  
Marketing downtown living  
Downtown neighborhood association  
Incentive for people who work in Covington to move here  
Repair streets and sidewalks  
Inviting atmosphere beautification  
Bike trails

### What patterns insights and deeper questions are emerging?

What is downtown?  
Communication needs to improve  
Downtown advocacy group \*  
CBC-type group for residents\*  
Appearance  
Central place  
More aggressive retail/appeal  
Volunteer's involvement  
Civic involvement  
Diversity in volunteers  
Actions – how to leader support to help increase minority participation  
Provide maps to all retail shops, hotels, & restaurants \*  
Focus on downtown living \*  
Critical mass \*  
Accountability to property owners  
Network of visual attractions  
Marketing cultural and historic areas  
Ec. Dev. Capacity to help small-scale businesses succeed  
Newsletter \*  
Better Communication about businesses (special offers)  
Map of downtown- shops, restaurants, galleries, etc.  
Fostering Civic Pride & Entire Community  
Changing Covington's image to its current (residents?)

### How could we achieve these goals?

Limited space to develop  
Perception-Covington is safe  
Diminishing City resources  
More money on publicity PR  
Revitalize public landing  
Effective marketing  
Physical improvement to Pike/Russell underpass

City sponsored radio broadcast  
Advertisements in Convention Center. Etc. (Businesses)  
Rework I75 entrance into City  
Provide casted city tours  
Advertise as group  
Aggressively pursue retailers  
Foster existing market  
Get large developer for nat'l stores  
Locate & attract small retailers  
Inventory available retail space  
Distinct districts – need to communicate  
Attract outsiders  
Invite friends to visit  
Removal of window advertising  
Sidewalk cafés  
Improved way finding signs  
Move social service agencies out of downtown area \*  
Include retail city website  
Help expand existing businesses  
City ambassadors \*  
City walking tours  
More residents downtown\*  
Parties to show off livability  
Architect  
Audio walking tours  
Visitor's info center  
Activities that get people outside  
More bed & breakfasts  
Improve walk ability for pedestrians- maps. Signs, clean environment  
Uniqueness  
Housing- decrease rental units  
Visiting other cities models of positive change in downtown markets – using their proven methods  
More open access to riverfronts  
Architectural tours  
Catalytic Development Corp  
Busy Saturdays  
Events to draw people  
Destination for arts foundry  
Add lighting  
Street guide  
Way finding system lighting  
Consider 2 way streets

## **PEOPLE**

Our people

High tech jobs that require training or college

Access to professional quality health care

Recreation complex, i.e. YMCA – something that would require membership

One stop entry point for people to become engaged in their community

Covington Create image of being tolerant & progressive

Celebrate Diversity

More recreation opportunities for youth, young adults, families \*\*

Our city would be environmentally safe & clean, homes are taken care of in regards to lead etc. \*\*

Educate people about lead etc. thru places like health depts. – city

Reward people for being “green”

Friendly, pedestrian connection to other neighborhoods

More accessible higher end stores & general merchandise stores - better grocery stores \*\*

Enforcing housing codes

More engaged citizens

Citizens are resources rather than just being served

People in high positions live in the city- also city employees etc.

More incentives for public employees to live in city- ex. Tax incentives no property taxes

## **NEIGHBORHOOD FOCAL POINTS**

### **Goals**

Empty stores could become coffee shops & ice cream parlors, etc. \*\*  
Improve existing gathering spaces by adding chairs, tables, benches \*  
Expand use of existing gathering spots \*  
Possibility of connecting such spots – bike trails  
Change traffic patterns so they are not in neighborhoods  
Each neighborhood have gathering spots such as park, halls  
Bigger improved library  
Cultural enter in Randolph Park  
Mixed Housing & officers & business \*  
Neighborhood Identity Celebrate Differences  
Develop landmarks

### **How could we achieve these goals?**

Need to get other groups involved  
Need to get other groups involved – Boy Scouts, etc.  
Promotion of Covington as easy access place to live – access to greater downtown area  
Promotion of activities – family – cultural  
Promote family activities and family life  
Advertising to help more people “discover” our neighborhoods  
If it is to be it is up to me  
Citizens have to come up with resources and work with City  
Champions- someone has to make it happen  
Streetscape  
Mosaic signs & signage  
Assistance to neighborhood objectives – Focal points should help neighborhoods achieve their goals  
Connectivity between neighborhoods  
Cross – neighborhood participation  
More integrated neighborhoods  
Share & commit to whole City of Covington  
Common idea steps measurement  
A unique destination promote creativity attract artists  
Identify gathering spots –positive  
Comfort quality of space inviting  
Pedestrian friendly  
Focal should be FUN  
More small cultural events – neighborhood – music  
Look at other communities who have connections i.e., Northside  
Synergy with residents, government, churches, schools \*\*  
Join & work within your neighborhood association  
We need all age groups to participate  
More availability of business- open later, easy access  
Incentive support of small “niche” business

### **Patterns, insights, themes that emerged....**

Need pride in neighborhood and whole community  
Communication between cultures (focal points/gathering places provide opportunities for this)  
Citizens lead in partnership with City  
It's all about relationships

Social & physical issues (focal/gathering places promote social connection & improve physical environment)

Understanding that it is a social issue not just city issue

Attention to age diversity (gathering places should appeal to all ages)

Creative in developing focal points

Promote neighborhood image

Pride (focal points help demonstrate neighborhood pride)

Marketing the pride \*

Low-cost improvements – born from within

Don't wait for city help

## TRANSPORTATION

### How?

Adequate resources & staff (city) \*  
City initiate GIS map of City illustrating city/public owned land \*  
Elected officials see transportation as a priority \*  
Make sure you have a ramp system that is compatible with land use  
Lobby legislature for funding of 4<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge  
Column in paper to refresh people on traffic rules, signs, etc.  
City sponsored events educational opportunities – seminars- schools- lunches- road rally  
Request assistance - KTC, OKI, NKPC, Southbank \*  
Give authority to committees \*

### Goals:

Better coordination with other jurisdiction KY T.C. OKI Southbank \*  
2 ways in 400 block of Scott (Traffic)- farmer's market access  
Light rail, buses, trolleys, trams, to help visitors find out attractions easier  
Park and Ride for tourists  
Turn lane (U Turn) parallel parte with bridge to put motorist back on 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Implement the Madison Avenue Redevelopment Plan \*\*  
Eliminate/Reduce sign pollution \*  
Educate public to traffic regulations in community including signage  
Improved enforcement existing traffic noise and safety \*  
Prepare an updated transportation plan for Covington \*  
Unlock commissioner's minds regarding new ideas \*  
State highway removal from Greenup & Scott and place on Madison Ave. \*\*  
Reduce fare to promote public transportation  
Implement St. Rt. 9 extension to relieve N-S traffic in Covington  
Active participation in I71-75 planning  
Re-do 4<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge – convert to lane of 4<sup>th</sup> St. to one way to Greenup  
Educate public to bike regulations  
Alternative enforcement (traffic) involve citizens \*  
Widen Altamont Rd. – from highway Ave. to Devou: Entrance – John St. to Elizabeth St. to Devou Park Rd.  
traffic has quadrupled & street is too narrow.  
Widening hands Pike with sidewalks  
Traffic light at end of Hands Pike on Taylor Mill Road  
Cooperation between cities  
Committees Resources Working together  
Bike lane on streets  
Bike parking  
Community Education \*\*  
Walkable (North & South) city plan  
Merging bike paths with street bike lanes  
Connect Ohio E.W. Bike path with N.S. Licking river park  
Transportation Committee with community involvement \*\*  
Create walk/bike way along licking river \*\*  
Sidewalks along Taylor Mill Road – in So. Covington area  
Signage & maps to communicate bike paths, historical routes, shopping, parking  
Support public transportation \*  
Regional bike plan  
Better access to bridge structures entering Covington

Patterns:

Southbank Shuttle from Covington to Newport easier

Develop alternate transportation system – light rail, bus ways with shelters \*\*

## GREEN SPACE

Re-awakening of late 1800's arts/parks era  
By connecting the green space we connect the people  
Green space that can & will be used as gathering spaces  
Mobilizing etc. volunteers with incentives \*  
Community involvements  
Education  
Pattern- missing political green representation at development table  
Everything is "doable" \*

### Patterns:

Encouraging diversity  
Broaden citizen engagement in a variety of ways  
Buy in from city to encourage people live in city- also financial buy in  
Celebrating living in Covington  
Change negative perception of Covington  
Safety concerns  
To be able to live work shop and play in Covington  
Wanting Covington to be a place where other people want to live

### What patterns, insights and deeper questions are emerging?

Pet latrines with running water\*  
Pet parks urban  
Green space at corridor entry to City  
Licking River (e.g. Austinburg) trails & walk ways \*\*  
Riverwest (by IRS) more green space \*  
Vacant lots like 20<sup>th</sup> & Garrard turned to green space and identify other spots to convert  
Reduction of paving  
Mountain bike trail to connect multiuse trails to Devou & parks etc. \*\*  
Inspired by more actual green spaces  
Preserve natural riverfront (i.e. not concrete) \*\*  
Reclaim riverfront as green space \*  
The original 1900's development plan for green space in downtown come to life.  
To have a visible green space for everyone visiting Covington.  
Green space throughout the Covington Areas \*  
Pocket parks in Covington  
Green space that promotes pedestrian traffic  
Water run-off to feed green space  
Linking of bike trails with pocket parks larger parks etc.  
Pocket parks more  
Functional environmentally useful green space \*\*  
Garden clubs available in various Covington areas \*  
More slides in park & facilities plan ground equipment  
Green space expansion by Roebling murals  
Historical signs on trail  
Eagle scout route markers  
Update 1900 plan  
Integrate elements e.g. Bike, pocket parks, walkways, larger parks, development projects etc.  
Identify map current green spaces  
Target easily changes ones that don't require property acquisition

Green space group with authority to act  
Covington employees get paid time off to work on community projects  
Permeate parking lots with trees & gardens  
Mobilize existing community groups  
City development & projects must include green space  
Connect local gardeners to each other  
Incentive for green space development (e.g. pay fines by donating land) \*\*  
Tax breaks “for owners” to city for green space- vacant lots becoming bike racks – more of them \*\*  
Laws need to promote green space not pavement  
Funding mechanism for neighborhood groups to acquire property  
Advertise interest for garden club \*  
Master plan for green space  
Landscape architects to help plan green spaces  
Use library renovation for green space possibilities  
Top local residents with interest already visible passion  
Place matters be a demonstration project  
“Adopt a park” programs  
Inner city community gardens – (expand)  
Senior Citizens Involvement \*  
Green space business- employing necessary people  
Establish way of communicating goals \*

## ARTS

### What patterns, insights and deeper questions are emerging?

Preservation of culture and arts of KY  
Covington will be the arts darling of the nation  
I envision Covington as a destination  
Covington is a unique culture center  
Preservation of uniqueness  
Marketing cultural & historical areas  
Get rid of dilapidated empty buildings  
Neighborhood focuses all communities on arts, etc.  
Arts communities all work together  
Every body can do art  
Culture and preservation should be priority in all underling principles \*  
Covington is a piece of art\*  
Plan of action mission formal plan planning  
Education & awareness \*  
Culture preservation arts and priority for the City  
Funding (everyone – not just the city)  
Speaker's bureau  
Mission vision values  
Picture of a bridge  
\$\$\$\$\$\$ \*  
Marketing \*  
More public art \*\*\*  
Arts supply cooperative \*  
Umbrella organization for the arts & artists \*\*  
Artistic savvy realtor- welcome wagon  
Smarter preservation without fossilization  
Balance Development w/ preservation  
Balance b/t artistic expression and Gov't regulation

### How could we achieve these goals?

Representation of all arts & artists  
Covington Business Council (as a lender coordinator)  
Effort to engage families in arts  
All community to support preservation & arts  
Marketing plan & Brand website, newspaper, newsletter, etc.  
Youth involvement in the arts - outreach programs for disadvantaged  
Policy primacy  
Neighborhoods connected by art  
Cityscape of varied size, restored historic bldgs filled with/unusual shops, galleries, performance interesting  
restaurants, unusual food, varied ethnicity, w/people walking  
To be the "Paris" of N.KY & Greater Cincinnati \*\*  
Art is fundamental to everything we do  
Philosophy to preserve and not destroy  
Expended historic preservation area  
Design review for all communities  
Covington Arts & Technology Zone for Tall Stacks (like pigs in Ciny)

Arts & culture as the Raison D'etra for all other areas – the point of community pride

Corporations and community make an art a priority

Bigger, better library

Increasing more arts in schools\*

Marketing Program

Accountability of current programs (i.e. reports)

ID potential locations for public art

Creative re-use of historic bldgs.

Update and modernize design code

Carneige school of performing arts\*

## **EDUCATION**

### What goals will inspire your commitment?

Reward good teachers  
Accountability at all levels  
Raise quality and accountability  
Raise money for our schools  
Money is important  
New audible school for 6-8  
Uniforms at school  
Fail students who don't achieve  
Retain good teachers  
More boys and girls clubs  
Reduce emphasis on organized sports more curriculum  
Change the school calendar  
Community college in downtown Covington \*  
Positive reinforcement for education excellence  
Nurture intrinsic motivation inspire!  
More alignment between grade schools & high schools  
Help adults "reinvent" themselves  
Apply proven models  
Make it a crime not to go to school  
Changes in leadership  
Find ways to attract and keep the best teachers  
Every child that starts school graduates  
Better teacher pay to retain good teacher  
Incentives home purchase in Covington for school employees \*

### What patterns, insights and deeper questions are emerging?

Partnerships can provide new resources without new \$\$  
Business partnerships- technology, skills, resources  
Business internships  
Partner with local colleges  
Strive partnerships; volunteers contact the program, set into action  
Technology- partner with business to ID needs  
Neighborhood schools partner with neighborhood associations  
Programs to educate adults to provide a competent work force  
Getting business input  
Provide a competent work force  
Share resources  
Collaborate with chamber of commerce and businesses  
Business partner with bad schools to provide opportunities  
Partnership with new  
Strive partnership  
Program to educate students about good in community  
Develop student leaders in schools to lead students to improve school  
Involve students in discussion about what to do  
Change the way people evaluate themselves, free selves from early failures  
Preparation for participation in global society

Specific evaluation of education system to excel and compete in global society  
Multi-language courses in elementary schools  
Flexible programs to address each child's special needs  
Full complete of extra circulars  
More arts, humanities, positive values  
Motivate students to try different things  
Multi- modal ways of educating children – different learning styles  
Different models of instruction/philosophy need to be explored  
Create world class education system in urban core  
Provide schools with the money they need to excel  
Lifelong education opportunities, children and adults  
Get the word out about what's good  
Schools that are a source of pride  
Schools that are so good that families will move to Covington so their kids can go there  
Community that values education  
Every graduating senior is prepared for college  
Encourage students to look at wider values of choices for college  
Educate every child to his/her potential  
Pre-school focus  
Programs to prepare kids to start school  
Every child who begins school is ready to learn  
Educate families on how to get their kids ready for school  
Parental involvement with contracts for parents  
Get 100 volunteers in every school from all sectors  
Community out-reach to involve parents & families  
Parents involved & supportive of education  
Change educational expectations for kids & parents  
Mentors

## HOME OWNERSHIP

Upgrade rental property  
Long-range condo plans?  
Increase home ownership to at least 65% \*  
Increase property values  
Housing will be safe – lead free \*  
Increase home ownership  
Balance preservation & new development  
Mix of quality rental and owner/occupied \*  
More efficient & quicker code enforcement  
Interior/exterior home inspections \*  
Proactive code enforcement \*  
Penalize “slum” lords  
More code enforcement officers  
Code enforcement strike force  
Code Enforcement volunteers  
Establish administration court/magistrate for landlord/tenant (remove from district ct.)\*\*  
Law enforcement and undesirables will leave  
Tougher law enforcement  
More code enforcement  
Shorter code enforcement process  
Volunteer to assist code enforcement  
Customize codes to better enforce codes, more code enforcers  
Planned approach to boarded up property being returned to use & timely process  
More systematic planned approach to code enforcement  
Increase code enforcement budget  
Increase penalties for code violations \*  
Code enforcement is key  
Code enforcement follow-up accountability  
Higher expectations  
Responsibility of ownership  
Landlords more responsible  
Emphasize city encouraging loans, low interest, to builders  
Incentives for good landlords  
Support those buying homes  
Help folks to be able to buy if you can rent you can buy  
Encourage in-fill housing or productive use e.g. Green space  
Develop incentive program for city/school employees  
Home ownership zones  
Treat home ownership the same way we treat business incentives  
Payroll Tax rebate for Covington residents who own home \*  
Vacant property has tax rate increase even when vacant for x- years  
Legislative changes  
Parking – better for residents dealt with in a better way  
Special taxing zones for development with citizen/city working together  
More interaction with city staff, officials, “lobby them”  
City holding property - sell them to bring in more property owners  
Property home loan program first time homeowners target neighborhoods with less than 50% home ownership  
Encourage incentive programs  
Cap number of rental units in bldgs. Moratorium on rental property  
Cap # of rental units per building

More mixed income – affordable – housing \*  
Quality housing for low-income residents  
More neighbors that know each other  
Residents help take care of City  
More citizen involvement is critical  
Knowing neighbors better  
Block parties- get to know your neighbors  
Support group for “habitat” homeowners  
Families want to stay in Covington \*\*\*  
More stable family homes to encourage families to stay in Covington  
Improve on perception of quality of public schools  
School system with quality reputation \*  
Cleaner city  
Trees  
Improve sidewalks-pavers & streets  
Be known for something/something unique (gas lights; pavers)  
Improve streets (pavement)  
Neighborhood beautification  
Major north and south blvds.  
Attractive city- less crime\*  
A walking city  
Route traffic better through (around) neighborhoods  
Covington has a positive image  
Improve perception of inner city as a good place to live  
Empty nesters in certain neighborhoods to build ranch style homes  
Increase home ownership- advertise the positives  
Educate public RE: home ownership  
“How to” home ownership seminar  
Educate renters about their rights – legal aide  
Connectivity between crime/home ownership  
Inconsistent treatment of neighborhoods  
Basic living skills – class in school?  
Neighborhood development corp.  
Closely monitor over-marketed property purchases  
Job creation – good wages  
Increase taxes if necessary

## **RIVERS**

### What patterns, insights and deeper questions are emerging?

Making it all fit & tie together- arts, public square, education, cultures, recreation, and economic development  
View riverfront as regional asset and require regional support  
Use river as a unique place to work & live for all of Covington\*  
River will improve quality of life  
City Government commitment to river as a resource  
River as an Icon from Covington  
Set river as city propriety  
City identity focused on river  
Rivers our big part of Covington's identity \*  
Rivers natural heritage of Covington \*  
Create access to the river  
Citywide connectivity on the river  
Connect community to river \*  
Link neighborhoods to the river \*\*  
Work with schools to educate river import \*  
Take advantage of entire riverfront "West Covington"

### How?

Port authority or legal entity to be coed. Riverfront – taxing authority  
Identify & locate & leverage federal conservation & green space experts  
Federal & state grants  
Land & water conservation grants  
Lobby politicians to improve river  
Connect with existing organizations create dialogue with business community  
Develop model of possibilities  
Review existing regulations regarding river  
Riverfront history as tourist component  
Pull out Angelo report by Tri-Ed  
Programs & presentations on value of river  
Guideline for protection of river views \*  
Create river development plan – Ohio licking Banklick  
Encourage major developments  
History book on Covington's riverfront heritage  
Obtain right-of-ways from private entities  
Bank stabilization work w/USCOE  
Better licking sanitation  
Promote the history of Covington via history of River  
Connect the economic expansion of Newport & Cincy  
Promote the improvement quality of rivers and recreation  
Ped river walk  
Best land use practices  
Create river development zones- protection  
Support other cities that border river  
Collaborate w/other river Cities and organizations

### What goals?

Best management practices for national res. Management  
Beautify the earthen levy  
Create an intimate human environment

Unique public/natural space  
More green space – open space  
More natural non-commercial  
River & stream buffers for protection  
Connect – link from Ohio River to south west city \*  
Change “dirty” image  
River access for boating swimming, etc.  
Improve adopt a river- clean banks  
Engage river education history & biology  
Raise appreciation of our rivers  
Icon image to relate to river (major one)  
River heritage  
River branding for Covington  
PR around river events  
Connections to many parts of the City  
Plan special events to celebrate river  
Gathering places along river  
Maintain long distance views of river  
Connect parks with bike path  
As much access public to rivers \*  
16<sup>th</sup> East major park 11 acres  
Canoe livery  
Clean water and banks  
Connect to Devou park  
Rosedale major park licking  
Include west Covington as River Development  
Restroom facilities \*  
Bike & walk paths  
Marina on licking  
Marinas  
Along licking & Banklick  
Restoration river banks  
Create people places along river  
No pay for public access  
Restaurants  
Smaller unique restaurants  
Concentrate focus on West Covington Riverfront development  
Open urban core to river access  
Water shuttles Covington to Cincinnati  
Clean water act enforcement in licking  
Cord. Plan w/KYTC to assure access to River areas\*  
Erosion control  
Need boat dock and public ramp \*\*  
Support Cincinnati economic development  
Retail & entertainment  
Consideration of Private property ownership  
Use river as economic \$\$ driver  
Conservation & Development o hand –n- hand  
Balance economic development w/ home ownership rights & public spaces  
Create balance

## SAFETY

Over all themes- Neighborhood Community, Key Players, Police, Parent/youth education

Police – increased relationships \*

Increase resident-police interaction \*

Communications- Police-community

Mutual Respect \*

Better communication b/t neighbors, community, police

More bike patrols

Police working with neighborhood associations, communities on safety issues \*\*

Horse patrols (more) especial weekends \*

Increased Police motivation thru leadership

Police Ride a-long

Ombudsman for community dispute resolution

Encourage friendly relations between police and citizens

Perfect community oriented policing

Diversity on police force to reflect community & fire dept.

Encourage police residency \*

Encourage police officers to live in Covington

Increased neighborhood involvement \*\*\*

Citizens respond to & protect one another

Community participation/involvement

Resident's visibility

Neighborhoods engaged in maintaining their neighborhoods\*\*

Citizen's police academy

Neighborhood welcoming committees

More substations in neighborhoods

More faith groups involved in community

Know your neighbors

Citizen's police academy

Neighborhood foot traffic

Respect your neighbors and your/other property- Whole culture change

Increased connections among neighbors

Improved ways for citizens involvement for reporting crime

Workshops related to safety & security

Education of citizens on police systems/process

Know your neighbors

Safety education – not just police issue

Education of all levels \*

Minimize petty crime

Clean streets\*

Traffic pattern impact “speeding” \*

Physical neighborhood appearance

Nuisance crime enforcement

Address the little things “broken window theory”

Zero tolerance on petty crime

Graffiti eliminations

Noise ordinance \*

No loud stereos

Actual vs. perceived crime \*

Partner w/media to change perceptions

Change perception of Covington- positively!  
Marketing – tell the good news  
Hire more police \*  
Other sources of revenue than tax payers  
Police allocation of resources\*  
Home ownership- increase it  
Home ownership incentives  
Home ownership\*\*  
Home ownership and landlord’s responsibility  
Covington – specific handbook for home-buyers  
Youth have a hopeful outlook  
Increased youth involvement\*  
Parent involvement\*  
Youth  
Improved schools  
Schools- get them involved\*  
Safe place for our youth – youth center \*  
Youth employment program to engage other youths  
Youth with engaged parents  
Light parks & playing fields  
Lighting – porch & street  
Well lit areas\*  
Porch lighting  
Encourages responsible landlords\*  
Home ownership and responsible landowners\*  
Encouraging responsible renters  
Better code enforcement \*  
Comprehensive approach to prevent/reduce violence – acknowledge race as an issue  
Increase connections across race/culture  
Racial Relations  
Panhandler control\*  
Need for regional focus on public safety  
Safety for cyclists  
Homeless matter of concern?  
Police – prosecutors should target violent criminals and lock them up  
Don’t ID people who call the police as “snitches”  
Safety for pedestrians on walkways  
Bedroom community  
Gang Activity – graffiti, drug activity, cruising \*  
Safe Utilize parks \*  
Citywide free wi-fi access  
Surveillance cameras  
Targeted anti-violence campaign  
Enforcement – police, judges, etc.  
Police Presence \*  
Employment opportunities  
Fire safety education  
Regional cooperation  
Crime prevention through environmental design  
Reduction of street corner impacts  
Faster response by police \*