

Newport Forward Comprehensive Plan Update

Updated List of Topics

4/2/20

Local Economy

- Economic development strategy to increase tax base/revenue
- Future of shopping center
- Limited land available for development (hillsides as obstacle)
- Potential of neighborhood retail vs future of retail?
- Lack of jobs
- Workforce development

Housing and Neighborhoods

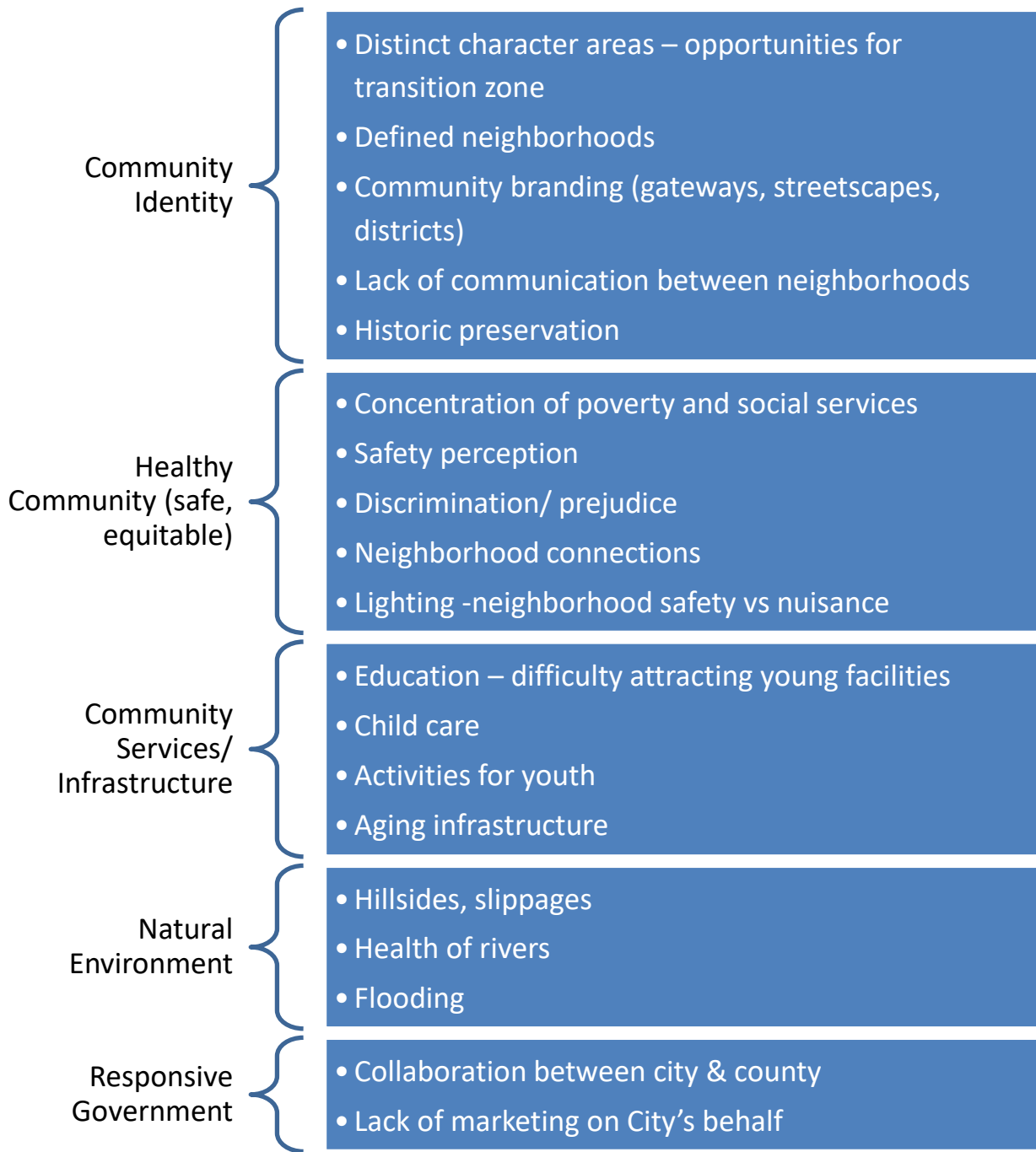
- Westside preservation/ redevelopment
- Potential loss of income diversity
- Limited land available for development (hillsides as obstacle)
- Vacant lots (opportunities)
- Renters vs owners
- Property maintenance

Connectivity: Transportation and Parking

- Focus on bringing people to Newport (not through)
- Efficient traffic flow through Business Districts
- Commuter Corridors & Traffic congestion & safety (471/Rt 8, Pavilion)
- Connectivity - walkability and bike-ability (to community assets)
- Parking – enough, too much, perception
- Address future changes in transportation: electric charging: driverless cars; sharing economy

Gathering Spaces/ Parks & Recreation

- Potential for central park/community/ gathering space/living room
- Overall improvement to parks/ connectivity/access/ recreational opportunities (park system map)
- Future of riverfront – recreation, access, development



“FIRST CUT” Goals and Objectives

(based on Newport Stakeholder interviews and Steering Committee input)

- **Good Government - Accessible and Open, Fiscally Responsible**
 - Maintain ease of conducting business with City Government
 - Maintain a culture of transparency
 - Embrace innovations (technology) with a continual quest for improvement
 - Project a positive image
 - Practice responsible budget management through capital planning
- **Strong Vibrant Neighborhoods**
 - Enhance quality of life
 - Maintain and improve existing housing stock and provide all ranges of affordability in order to foster population growth
 - Celebrate the unique identity of neighborhoods
 - Ensure appropriate infill development (not replicating)
 - Encourage successful “corner stores”
 - Provide neighborhood parks
 - Design appropriate traffic patterns to manage traffic in neighborhoods
- **Meaningful City-Wide Connections**
 - Foster community activities and engagement
 - Promote quality design and public art to enhance placemaking
 - Increase communications and collaborations among neighborhoods and among business districts
 - Provide a compatible balance of historic / modern building types
 - Elevate arts, cultural and entertainment sectors to foster community pride
- **Economic Prosperity and Resilience**
 - Maintain and strengthen attractive and vibrant business districts
 - Encourage business growth to maintain diverse businesses
 - Promote workforce opportunities & support services
 - Foster collaboration with others in the region
 - Facilitate real estate development that maximizes public benefit
 - Promote smart technology
- **Well Connected Multi-Modal Transportation Network**
 - Improve and maintain infrastructure so residents of all ages can move easily throughout Newport
 - Increase connectivity within the city and throughout the region
 - Design complete streets that serve multiple functions and modes for all ages and abilities
 - Embrace future technology
 - Enhance parking management strategies

- **Environmental Sustainability**

- Protect our Natural Resources including the Ohio and Licking Rivers, hillsides, and urban tree canopy
- Encourage smart consumption by promoting recycling and composting
- Reduce and manage stormwater runoff through innovative gray and green infrastructure solutions
- Encourage use of alternative/ renewable energy systems on new and existing structures
- Ensure that new development is designed in way that respects and takes advantage of natural features, such as mature trees, hillsides, and scenic views
- Increase tree canopy

- **Healthy Community**

- Preserve and enhance quality of open space assets
- Enhance connectivity and access to well-maintained parks, open spaces and other gathering places (Riverfront Commons) for all users
- Continue to enhance the city's parks and recreation facilities and programming for all users.
- Encourage budget allocation for capital and operation (including maintenance, staffing, programming, and fundraising for capital projects)
- Foster active lifestyles through well-developed bicycle, pedestrian facilities including trails (Licking River Greenway /Ohio River Trails; Jacob Spears and Greenway/Water Trail)
- Ensure access to food from local sources