

Town of Matthews Vision Foundation “The Desired Future and the Unwanted Future”

Identification of Concerns, Ideas, and Interests

Results of Special Town Meeting • Saturday, April 28, 2018 •
9:00 to 11:00 AM • Hood Room, Town Hall

This report presents a listing and organization of over 500 concerns and ideas identified and ranked by some 100 citizens during a Special Matthews Town Meeting held the morning of Saturday, April 28, 2018. The perspectives offered will be employed to articulate draft *Vision Statements* for the topics covered.

HOW THE CONCERNS WERE IDENTIFIED

Shortly after the April 28th meeting was convened, the following two-part question was presented for consideration by the entire gathering of citizens:

Today’s 2-Part Question:

- What are some aspects of a Desired Future for Matthews, as you see it?
- What are some aspects of an Unwanted Future for Matthews, as you see it?

Participants first recorded their thoughts, ideas and concerns silently. These concerns were then transferred to flip charts, working in small groups. After all the items were listed on the flip chart sheets, the entire gathering of citizens was invited to choose their top priority concerns and interests (from among all aspects of the desired and unwanted futures) by a simple voting process.



The following pages contain two lists of **concerns, ideas, and interests** that were identified as important aspects of (1) the **Desired Future** and (2) the **Unwanted Future**. All items have been typed up exactly as they were recorded on the flip charts. For the purpose of follow-up discussion and analysis, all items have been sorted into categories and sub-categories. These categories were suggested by the comments received, and turned out to be the following:

Desired Future (Categories)

- **Transportation and Traffic Management**
- **Downtown Matthews**
- **Walkable/Bikeable Community**
- **Small Town Feeling**
- **Parks, Greenways, Open Space**
- **Destination for the Arts and Culture**
- **Schools**
- **Growth and Development**
- **A Diverse Community**
- **Public Safety**
- **Transparent Governance and Engagement**
- **Other**

Unwanted Future (Categories)

- **Traffic and Transportation**
- **Loss of Small Town Feeling**
- **Schools**
- **Growth and Development**
- **Crime and Safety**
- **Segregation/Lack of Diversity**
- **Pedestrian Mobility Versus Cars**
- **Downtown Matthews**
- **Transparent Governance and Engagement**
- **Other**

The assignment of any one item to a particular category is a judgment call and is subject to other equally valid viewpoints. Similar ideas have not been combined so as to preserve the original content of each idea and to show the number of times that the same or similar ideas came up. The individual concerns within each sub-category have been arranged in order of the number of priority votes received. Items receiving no votes were awarded ½ point each so that their presence would at least be acknowledged. The results of the process are printed beginning on the next page, starting first with the **Desired Future**, followed in the next section by the **Unwanted Future**.

List of Concerns, Ideas, and Interests for the Future of Matthews
ARRANGED BY CATEGORY
 (Identified by citizens at the April 28, 2018 Special Town Meeting)

Town of Matthews Desired Future

<i>Comments – Desired Future</i>	<i>Votes</i>
TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT	104
Light Rail	43.5
Light rail	19
Connect to rapid transit (Silver Line)	10
Light rail connection to downtown Charlotte	8
Light rail	3
Light rail	2
More public transit/light rail	1
Silver Line to Union County – CPCC	.5
Traffic Management	26
“Smart” traffic lights	11
Divert pass through traffic on Trade St to allow better situation for businesses/shopping	3
Streets that connect neighborhoods	2
Multidirectional lanes to ease traffic – John Street/Trade, Weddington, Pleasant Plains	2
Work on traffic flow: Trade Street-Union County-beyond bridge widening	2
Commission major Ind. traffic study	1
Move traffic around Matthews instead of through	1
Slow traffic down	1

Diversion of traffic – business routes	.5
Charles Street connection to CPCC	.5
More local road connections of neighborhoods	.5
Golf cart-friendly	.5
Strategically located traffic signals	.5
Left turn arrow Sam Newell/N Trade at E. Matthews St/Matthews-Mint Hill Rd	.5
Road Improvements	18.5
3 lane or road diet John Street	3
Light all streets – such as Weddington Road	2
Fullwood/51 intersection improvements (do now!)	2
Street lights Wed. Rd.	2
More speed bumps on Charles Street	2
Widen McLeod Street	1
Tunnel John Street from 51 to Buckley Way	1
Light at Greylock	1
Intersection John /51 - engineer development: more attractive partner u/private developers	1
Widen E. Matthews Street	.5
More business corridors with a traditional street grid w/businesses	.5
Sidewalks and lighting on E. Matthews Street	.5
Use existing John Street footprint to have turn lane/sidewalks only	.5
485 finally being worked out	.5

Northeast Parkway N to 51 needs additional left lane	.5
Better street lighting at intersections	.5
Bus Services	13
Matthews shuttle around town, ex: community center, parks, senior center, etc.	4
Trolley downtown to move people so they can park elsewhere (no more parking lots)	4
Matthews streetcar or trolley	2
Local bus routes to be able to get around Matthews	1
No bus stops mid-block	.5
Cross town bus or trolley transportation	.5
Efficient and well-connected transit system that considers high employment areas	.5
Bus service	.5
Highway 74	3
Improve 74 to make it more of a bypass for Matthews – avoid through town	1
74 finally being worked out	.5
Improve traffic flow – Independence around Matthews	.5
Attractive crosswalks across 74	.5
Old “51” & “74” – decide & pick solution	.5
DOWNTOWN MATTHEWS	94
Downtown Generally	42.5
More diversity of businesses downtown	16
Attract small business/artisans downtown	12
More teen-friendly offerings/amenities downtown	5
Architecture – townhouses w/architecture look	2

downtown	
Downtown retail shops	1
Implement Downtown Master Plan	1
Downtown residential density	1
Denser downtown core	1
More breweries downtown	.5
Tighten/amend allowed businesses in downtown (ex. tattoo parlor)	.5
Downtown retail	.5
Continue to support small businesses in downtown	.5
More outdoor seating to encourage night life (Trade Street)	.5
John Street – possible development as entry corridor into downtown	.5
More family-friendly food establishments downtown	.5
Downtown Parking	34
Parking deck behind Cotton Gin Alley w/green roof	8
More parking downtown	7
Parking garage near post office – walking bridge over train tracks	6
Parking deck (downtown)	4
Expanded downtown parking	3
Parking downtown	2
Build a 3-4 level parking garage in downtown	2
Downtown designated parking	1
Parking structure in downtown	1
A Walkable Downtown	17.5
Improve pedestrian crossings in downtown	9
More sidewalks into and in downtown	3
More visible crosswalks in downtown similar to	2

what is existing by Café 157 (blinking lights)	
Planned corridor/connectivity between Sportsplex and downtown	2
Better ped & bike paths so people have alternative ways to get downtown	1
Sidewalk connecting greenway to downtown (Monroe Road)	.5
WALKABLE/BIKEABLE COMMUNITY	72.5
Walkability	31.5
Pedestrian-friendly streetscapes – landscape, benches	12
Walkability (pedestrian friendly)	8
Total walkability	2
Pedestrian bridges (over or under) for high traffic streets	2
Safe, walkable neighborhoods so we are a great place to live/play/work	1
Walk and live	1
More walkable community – drug store, restaurants	1
Walkability to neighborhoods	1
Continuation of sidewalks, walkable town	.5
Walkability	.5
More walking trails & along roads	.5
Encourage walkable small businesses	.5
Pave path in Crestdale Historical Trail	.5
Places to get water that work along walking trails	.5
Pedestrian friendly	.5
Walking and Biking Generally	23.5
“Connected” biking & walking trails	11
Safe walkable/bikeable town (throughout town)	9

Roads safer to walk, cross and bike on	3
More sidewalks/bike lanes	.5
Crosswalks	6
More controlled crosswalks across John Street (all parts)	3
Pedestrian crosswalk enhancements	1
Safer pedestrian crossings – 51, 74, Trade & John	1
Crosswalks that are pedestrian friendly to all areas of Matthews – accessibility	.5
Lower/larger pedestrian crosswalk signs	.5
More Sidewalks	6
More sidewalks (connectivity) throughout downtown	3
Continuous sidewalks on Pleasant Plains Road – both sides	1
Build sidewalks in old neighborhoods	1
More sidewalks/foot traffic	.5
Sidewalks both sides of Fullwood	.5
More Bikeways	5.5
More bike lanes	2
Bike share	2
Safe bike transportation for seniors (sidewalks) ok	.5
Bikeable	.5
Bike lanes – general but particularly McKee & Weddington (overpassed either bike or walk)	.5
SMALL TOWN FEELING AND IDENTITY	66.5
Town Heritage	23.5
Retain history & quaintness of downtown:	12

Renfrow & farm :historic buildings	
Preservation of historic Matthews homes & businesses	3
Preserve town history	3
Keep the historic sites	2
Self-guided historical walking tour (w/app)	1
Historic preservation	1
Properly maintain historical properties	.5
Expand historic district	.5
Town to highlight history of Crestdale and Tank Town	.5
Small Town Feeling	21.5
Keep small town feel	10
Maintain small town atmosphere, low density	8
Preserve small town feeling	2
Enhance John Street without disruption to town charm	1
Maintain small downtown feel	.5
Community Appearance	21.5
Keep trees	11
Underground utilities	4
More roadside cleanups for town	2
Enforce town ordinance – junk cars – parking on lawn	2
Widen sidewalks and bury utilities between Plantation Estates and 51 on Trade Street	1
Prioritize quality over quantity: development: roads:businesses	2
PARKS, GREENWAYS, GREEN SPACE	47
Greenways	24.5
Greenway expansion (Sam Newell & 4 Mile	6

Creek)	
More greenways and connectivity	5
Extend greenway beyond railroad tracks	4
Greenway expansion and more neighborhood access	3
Expand greenway to connect other greenways	2
Connectivity/greenways	1
Connect parks with greenways as an attraction	1
Expand the greenway – get the greenway system built	.5
Maintained and upgraded greenways	.5
Connect and build more greenways	.5
Expand 4 Mile Greenway past Pleasant Plains	.5
Better greenway parking	.5
Parks	17.5
More parks!	4
Playground for teens/supervised	2
Park developed named for veterans	2
Utilize Duke ROW for parks	1
More pocket parks	1
Tennis & basketball facilities at sports complex	1
Finding an outlet for skateboarders	1
Continued growth of ENT district	.5
Park with equipment for children	.5
Citizen involvement to determine programming of Purser-Hulsey Park	.5
Splash/spray park & amphitheater	.5
Clean/safe churches and parks	.5
More parks	.5
Want improvements to Squirrel Lake Park – parking, entrance drive & lake	.5
Start developing Rice Road Park & Purser Hulsey Park	.5

Dog park – corner Weddington & Pleasant Plains	.5
Dog park	.5
Increased parking at Squirrel Lake Park	.5
Green Space	5
Large green spaces like Hwy 51 park	3
Green space included with new development	.5
Expanded green spaces	.5
More green space - expand Stumptown - more pocket parks	.5
More community gardens	.5
DESTINATION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE	43
Town Events	18.5
Cultural venues and events	3
Town sponsored events that support local business	3
Continue town events and parades	2
Continue events and activities in Stumptown Park	2
More entertainment for elderly and families besides beer	1
More community activities/festivals	1
Keep Food Truck Friday	1
Occasionally close downtown section of Trade Street for weekend evening	1
Food Truck Friday – long term	.5
More town events (concert M-A)	.5
Parades (MORE!)	.5
More community events	.5
Open street markets	.5
Festivals	.5
More music festivals i.e. bluegrass	.5

Continue cultural events	.5
Create destination opportunities for Matthews, festivals, sports park, to bring visitors	.5
Support For The Arts	18
Affordable arts and science for the family	5
Ability to fund more public art	3
Continued support for arts, parks & rec, entertainment	3
More artwork in downtown (sculpture, art work, contest)	1
Increased class & cultural offerings at Community Center and at McDowell Arts Center	1
Thriving arts community	1
Dedication to the arts	1
See more public art	1
Value local artists	.5
Promoting an arts district and bringing in more art – protect history	.5
Continue to strengthen cultural & recreation offerings	.5
Arts	.5
Farmer’s Market	6.5
Repurpose farmers’ market area during the week for community purposes	4
Farmers market	1
Better farmers’ market – more choices	1
Eliminate parking spots in front of Farmers Market	.5
SCHOOLS	40.5
CMS and/or Charter Schools	22

Matthews needs to work with CMS	6
Keep our schools integrated and in CMS	5
Another CMS school-avoid overcrowding–invest!	4
Maintain existing traditional public education relationship with CMS	4
Charter sch	1
Charter schools	.5
Independent school district	.5
Matthews schools break from CMS	.5
Collaborate w/CMS	.5
Schools Generally	18.5
Inclusive, well-funded public schools	4
Good neighborhood schools	4
Less crowded schools w/diversity	2
More strict regulations to maintain school facility conditions – well-kept school campuses	2
Equitable education for all	2
Community schools – close, parent involvement, etc.	1
More schools	1
Strong schools	1
Option to have options w/education	1
Improved teaching methods (project-based teaching)	.5
GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	39.5
Economic Development	17.5
Add local jobs :live, work, play, pray	5
Visible/creative innovative community – incubator – kiln	3
Mayor’s office to help develop/launch/small businesses expand	2

Variety of businesses – encouraging	2
Pro small business environment	1
Attract major corporate employer	1
Living wage	1
Incentives by Town to promote more shops coming into downtown	.5
Collocated businesses space work	.5
Continued support for community events and local businesses	.5
Increase local businesses	.5
More diverse eating establishments and groceries	.5
Affordable Housing	16.5
Multiple price point housing	5
Affordable/subsidized senior housing	3
Affordable housing	3
Embrace all incomes and all housing sizes	2
Affordable housing that town staff can afford	1
Affordable patio homes w/alleys	1
Houses on small tracts of land – inexpensive	.5
Developers inspired to create affordable housing	.5
Ways to help foster affordable housing	.5
Mixed Use Development	6.5
More mixed use developments to encourage foot traffic and more local shopping	3
Mixed-use parking deck	2
Master planning – remaining properties in Matthews	1
More mixed-use development downtown (like North End) or elsewhere too	.5
A DIVERSE COMMUNITY	28.5

More intentional diversity on all boards	11
Diversified community	5
Neighborhood and school diversity	3
Diversity: racial & economic	2
Diversity in the community	2
Town viewed as progressive/inclusive	1
More diverse Town Council	1
Diverse town, accepting and welcoming of all people and cultures	1
Inclusive brand for town	1
Increase diversity – all demos	1
Highlight cultural diversity, especially Latin & Vietnamese neighbors	.5
PUBLIC SAFETY	18
More enforcement of traffic laws – left turn lane, etc	5
Downtown beat police patrol on weekends	4
Crime enforcement and action in all areas of town	2
More police presence – 74 corridor & John Street	2
Kid friendly – activities, safety resource for kids	1
More police/fire/EMS stations	1
Enforce zoning code, enforce police code	1
Police visibility – “on the street” - walking	.5
Fast 911	.5
Responsive 311	.5
Safe neighborhoods	.5
TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE AND ENGAGEMENT	18
Communication & engagement from local leaders – elected	5
More community discussions (racism, etc.) –	3

city level	
More resident input on significant town decisions	3
More transparency/town staff	2
Open dialogue re: social issues	1
Transparency in gov’t – more community input	1
Awareness of social issues of greater metro area	.5
Elected officials who attend vision meetings	.5
Would like to see coffee with a council member	.5
More community forums like this	.5
More citizen surveys on town matters	.5
Consistent community engagement and planning	.5
OTHER	47.5
Wifi	9
Google fiber network	5
Wifi city	2
Choice of internet and cable providers	1
Free public wifi in downtown area	.5
Free public WiFi downtown	.5
Environmental Quality	8.5
Proactive use of alternative energy	3
More building – environmentally friendly – better management of eco-friendly systems	2
Limited use of pesticides & herbicides	2
Better water quality	.5
Increased environmental information	.5
Clean environment	.5
Age Specific Preferences	6.5

Services and activities for “empty nesters”	4
Attract younger families	1
Encourage more partnerships between seniors and millennials	1
Committee designated for kids and teens in town	.5
Restaurants	4.5
Better restaurants	4
Great restaurants	.5
Identification Signage	2
Welcome to Matthews at Sardis Road	1
Signs for Crestdale community	.5
More signs about Crestdale neighborhood	.5
Miscellaneous	17
Create destinations outside downtown	5
Polishing the amenities we already have	2
Neighborhood programs for Crestdale	2
Stormwater problems handled by County	1
Enforced leash laws	1
Human animal control	1
Develop veterans hiring policy	1
Expand hospitality offerings to accommodate visitors	.5
A real bakery in town	.5
Quality animal control	.5
Community Tai Chi	.5
Attract university	.5
Manageable property taxes	.5
Relocate post office	.5
Less Red Brick Partnership influence/power on what happens downtown	.5

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Town of Matthews Unwanted Future

Comments – Unwanted Future	Votes
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION	127
Traffic Cutting Through Town	42.5
Matthews as a cut through, not destination	20
Extreme traffic on John St	5
Throughway traffic- Town becomes throughway for Union County	4
No Hwy at John Street	4
Traffic on Trade	2
Traffic choke pts. John-Trade Fullwood/51	1
Freeway through downtown	1
Don't divide Town with Hwy John Street	1
No way to avoid downtown when driving	.5
Traffic through downtown- esp. trucks	.5
Traffic backup on E John St.	.5
Traffic Fullwood/Hwy 51	.5
John/Trade continued traffic jams	.5
More traffic S Trade/ Pleasant Plains	.5
Increased traffic Trade & Fullwood	.5
Traffic Monroe/Morningwood	.5
Difficult to turn left into Fullwood Station from Trade St.	.5
Road Widenings	31
John St. widening	2
Wider roads that promote higher traffic speeds	1
Proceed with road widening before other area projects are completed	1
John Street widened from downtown to 485	1

More road widening	.5
Widened streets	.5
John St widening	.5
Expanded lanes on area roads	.5
Superstreet	31
No superstreet (Good design of roads)	16
Don't want superstreet	3
Superstreet	1
Superstreet	1
74 toll roads	4
Too few ways to cross Independence after improvements	2
Traffic Hwy 74	1
Traffic Concerns Generally	16
Changes to 51 that make it difficult to turn left by Fullwood	4
Don't put road projects through low-income areas	2
Lights not timed	2
Idlewild round about too congested/ too much speed	1
Traffic as barrier to: safety & development	1
Lack of focus on traffic	1
Post office traffic issues	1
Poorly lit roads- hard to drive at night (E John)	1
Unwanted on ramp @ Weddington Road	.5
Too many new roads- NE Parkway etc.	.5
4-way stops- Windsor apts.	.5
Heavy traffic on Charles St.	.5

Air quality due to increased traffic	.5
Downtown traffic congestion	.5
More traffic	.5
Traffic	.5
Lack Of Neighborhood Connectivity	5.5
More cul-de-sacs- unconnected existing neighborhoods	2
Too much connectivity- open cul-de-sac's in neighborhoods (S. Freemont) Jefferson	1
Creating isolated neighborhoods- avoiding one way in/out. Cutting off foot traffic	1
Cul-de-sac streets	1
Housing w/out connection to grocery stores- food desert	.5
LOSS OF SMALL TOWN FEELING AND IDENTITY	83
Loss of Small Town Feeling	34
Do not lose small ID	14
Don't squeeze out service businesses- "Small services"	10
McDonalds-ization of Matthews – loss of small business/locally owned	3
Don't lose small town feel	2
No homogeneity- "No cookie cutter"	1
Fear of growth in residential community that does not fit small town character	1
Don't want us looking like Pineville	.5
Different from Charlotte- don't lose	.5
Too much growth; interferes with small town feel	.5

No small town feel	.5
No small town charm	.5
Planned generic urban development	.5
Loss Of Tree Cover	25
Loss of trees & open land	16
Loss of trees	3
Don't lose trees- development should not be allowed to clear cut	2
Reducing tree canopy- want to increase	1
Stop cutting down trees	1
Deforestation	1
Trees compromising power lines	.5
Keep the trees	.5
Loss of Historic Character	24
Lose historic charm	8
Loss of historical character	6
Destruction of historic bldgs.	5
Loss of historic preservation	5
Community Appearance	11
Undesirable structures that need to be condemned or updated	4
Rundown/Vacant homes	3
No parking in people's front yards	2
Unattractiveness of 74 in Matthews- aesthetically	1
Blight	.5
Dirty streets and unkept Town	.5

SCHOOLS	96
Municipal Charter School	23.5
No municipal charter school	6
Charter schools HB 514/don't exit CMS	6
Charter Schools	4
Matthews Charter school	4
Do not want municipal charter schools	2
No charter schools	.5
Stop trying to break off from CMS	.5
Don't want to force Matthews students to go to CMS schools	.5
Segregated Schools	16
Segregated schools	10
Segregated schools	5
Segregated schools	1
	6
Overcrowded Schools	
Overcrowded schools	3
Overcrowded schools	2
Overcrowded schools	.5
Over population- schools	.5
Loss of School Quality	1.5
Loss of school quality	.5
Low quality schools	.5
School quality degrades	.5
Miscellaneous School Issues	1

Busing distance for school students	1
GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	49.5
High Density Housing	16
No more apartments	6
High density housing downtown	5
Housing too dense	1
Future apt. complexes	1
No apartments downtown	.5
No apartments in Crestdale	.5
High density housing that affects traffic	.5
High density housing downtown	.5
Apartments outside downtown core	.5
Too many apartments	.5
Overdevelopment	11.5
Uncontrolled Dev.	3
Developers in control	2
Residential growth that outpaces business growth	1
Out of control growth - condos/apartments	1
No more pavement	1
Don't want an exit that looks like Ballantyne Exit 52- overdevelopment	.5
Overcrowding- too many people	.5
Development without impact on roads & schools	.5
Too crowded (People)	.5
Too much residential development	.5
Over commercialism everywhere	.5

Unrestricted growth in downtown area	.5
Affordable Housing	10
Unaffordable housing	7
Unaffordable housing- can't afford to live here	3
New Business and Jobs	9.5
Town not active about job loss	3
Employers not attracted to Matthews	3
Smokestacks (industry)	2
Having Town involved in private/public partnerships	1
Development stagnation	.5
Big Businesses	2.5
Chain/Franchise businesses	1
No small independent businesses. Less big box	.5
Commercial businesses	.5
No more strips/big box	.5
CRIME AND SAFETY	31
Crime	9
No increase in crime	2
Loitering at gas station at Trade & John	2
Increase of crime	1
Noticing more crime at night- more patrol	.5
Drug trafficking	.5
Car & house break-ins	.5
Crime- car break-ins	.5

High crime and drug dealing	.5
Increased crime	.5
Crime increase	.5
More crime	.5
Speeding/Traffic Enforcement	6
Poor speed control on roads	.5
Speeding along S Trade	.5
Speeding on US 74	.5
Speeding on John Street	.5
Speeding on Sam Newell	.5
Poor law enforcement/ running red lights	.5
	3.5
Inadequate Public Safety Services	
Slow Police/ Fire/ EMS response (understaffing, congested roads)	3
Inadequate Police and Fire	.5
SEGREGATION/LACK OF DIVERSITY	25.5
Lack of diversity at or in town events	7
Segregated town- folks don't mix together	6
Segregated town	5
Age specific communities	3
Fearful community of diversity	2
Gentrification/Exclusivism	1
Gentrification	.5
Rampant gentrification	.5
Lack of sense of community connection among all residents	.5

PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY VERSUS CARS	24
Pedestrian Mobility and Safety	21
Don't want road crossings that are unsafe to pedestrians	7
Cutting off foot traffic	4
Lack of pedestrian crosswalk/safety	4
Remain pedestrian friendly	2
Making changes that don't encourage pedestrian safety	1
Loss of walkability	1
Unsafe walking and pedestrian downtown	.5
Non-ped friendly	.5
Unsafe crosswalks in front of women's club & ME	.5
Not stopping at crosswalk @ Greenway- S Trade	.5
Automobile Dependency	3
Car dependency	2
Car dependency	1
DOWNTOWN	18.5
Chain restaurants in downtown- don't want them downtown	5
Not more beer/bar locations or tattoo parlors	2
Too many bars downtown	2
Lack of diverse businesses downtown during day	2
Too many bars and breweries	2
Another bar- serving beer- get something different	1

Don't want more businesses coming in without more parking- especially downtown	1
Discourage new business in downtown area	1
No large downtown park	1
Too much alcohol sales downtown	.5
Lack of parking	.5
Don't like party downtown atmosphere	.5
LACK OF GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY	14.5
Lack of government transparency	3
Town Commissioners conducting business in private forums	3
Oligarchy of town leaders	3
Council members profit from development	3
Town not listening to residents	2
Town Council who doesn't listen to all constituents, only a few	.5
OTHER	10.5
Sport Facilities	2
Loss of space for recreation/sports	1
More sports venues	.5
Lack of info about Sportsplex events	.5
Events and Festivals	2
No community events	1
Do not increase number of festivals	.5
Lack of larger park and event space	.5

Miscellaneous	6.5
Too many deer (don't feed)	2
Animosity with greater Charlotte area	1
Property taxes too high! increases	1
Higher property taxes	.5
Noise pollution	.5
Homeless camps	.5
Poor focus on outskirts of town	.5
Name change of streets	.5