

**Davie County Comprehensive Plan  
Senior Center Focus Group Meeting (June 27, 2018)**

- Cameron Colvin gave an introduction. Explained what is a comprehensive plan – document outlines goals so that future policies in the County can help reach those desired goals.
- CC – We want your input – what do you like about the County? What needs improvement?
- Passed out questionnaire, welcome to write responses down or share with group and we will incorporate comments into the plan
- CC – population is growing faster than Forsyth County, in 20 years, population will increase by one-fourth, population is about 42,000 now, a part of that is from W-S growing
- **Q1 – think about the County – what do you think about first?**
  - Home
  - Senior center
  - Good place to live
  - Hillsdale Church
  - Where I belong
  - Country
  - Less crime than large towns (safe)
- **Q2 – which categories of the Comp plan interests you most? What is most important?**
  - Health and Wellness
  - SSI
  - Need more housing for the elderly because it so expensive for them to obtain housing and apartments - need more lower income housing
  - Building new apartments out on 158 – who is doing that? They are section 8
  - **Need to fill some of these empty buildings** – repairing old structures – for the homeless – but usually this is done only for the wealthy
  - Need to think about the old people! They get shoved behind
  - Does Davie County have any Section 8 housing? Yes – PTRC oversees it. It is a program for low income housing, based on income.
    - Need to also think about middle class
    - Over a three year wait – no place for them to go in the meantime
    - Section 8 just got re-opened here in Mocksville
    - Brock Center upstairs has an office, only on Wed mornings
  - **Need to take better care of veterans**
    - Still takes 3 years to get help
    - Don't know of any services that are available
- **Q3 – what is missing, what needs to be added**
  - Programs for teenagers, they need something to do to help reduce the drug program
    - Some programs at Brock Center, but not enough
    - Parks & Rec is fairly new, working to increase (CC)
    - Give them a movie, somewhere to go
    - Most leave the County because there is nothing to do

- They go to Walmart parking lot to hang out and play ball
  - Teenagers need to be involved in making decisions
  - CC – we are doing a focus group in August at the high school
  - Need a teen center
  - YMCA in other areas have youth programs– need one here
  - Skating rink
  - What are they going to do with the old high school? The library is still possibly full of books, tables and chairs – why not re-use those and save money?
- **Q4 – what should change in the County?**
  - Different places to eat!
  - Sidewalks
  - Variety of supermarkets
  - Need funding for several years (senior center funding is for only one year, hard to plan)
  - Bring auto-mechanics back in schools so kids can work with hands (trade skills)
  - Took sign language classes out of schools – want it back
  - Industries of a certain size should offer apprenticeship programs
  - Industries here have had problems getting machinists – didn't have the skills
- **Q5 – what other ideas do you have?**
  - Greenway or park north of Mocksville
  - Davie and Forsyth are putting burden of taking care of the homeless on the churches – counties need to see how many people are **homeless**
    - No homeless shelters in the county
    - How many people are homeless?
- **Q6 – what else to consider? With regards to all the new people moving in to area?**
  - Take care of Davie county people that are here first
  - If you have a criminal record, you can't get a place to live – makes it difficult to restart
  - No compassion anymore, all about the dollar, very sad
  - Need to tear down dilapidated buildings and re-use
  - Need a place for concerts and gatherings (like Rich Park)
    - John Creeks Mill is good but too small and not enough parking
  - Challenge for renters with bad credit
- **Q7 – what other types of groups should we reach out to?**
  - CC - We already have plans to speak with farmers, youth, arts, recreation, and economic developers
  - Those people need to come to the senior center to inform the seniors of what is going on in the County
  - **We need to pass information to the senior center in future because many do not have access to the internet**

## **Hand Written Comments**

### **Q1 – think about the County – what do you think about first?**

- County
- A good place to live. Home.
- Good people. Good senior program.
- It is where I belong
- Hillsdale UMC, Senior Center
- Senior services
- Awesome senior center
- Hillsdale Church
- Safe living and religion oriented
- Small community
- Home, good place to live.
- Good county to live in.

### **Q2 – which categories of the Comp plan interests you most? What is most important?**

- Transportation, Recreation (trails & greenways)
- Housing Demand and Supply, Utilities, Health & Wellness
- Utilities, Health & Wellness, Transportation
- Cultural and Arts Enhancement
- Housing Demand and Supply
- Cultural & Arts enhancement, clean water (not well water), more sewer access, health & wellness programs
- Health & wellness
- Agriculture and farmland preservation, health and wellness, transportation, recreation (trails & greenways)
- All of the above
- Health & wellness
- All of the above

### **Q3 – what is missing, what needs to be added**

- Movie theater, recreation for teens.
- Something for children to do.
- Pool table, ping pong, K & W, Fish House, Family Restaurant
- Support for the homeless
- Programs, housing, & shelters for the poor and those with criminal records.
- Tai Chi classes
- More public bathrooms, taxi services

- Bowling alley
- Parks north of Mocksville
- More housing for elderly, taking care of veterans
- Nothing

**Q4 – what should change in the County?**

- Housing is too expensive
- More side walks on Maroney Rd.
- We need buses and taxis
- Farmers market on Saturday
- When one is on SSI, one cannot afford housing
- Apprenticeship programs
- Get rid or repurpose some of the old buildings
- Better transportation in and out of town for people who don't have transportation in and out of town for work purposes.
- Take care of veterans. More entertainment for kids.
- Everything.

**Q5 – what other ideas do you have?**

- The rich & famous take care of themselves
- We want side walks on Maroney Rd. Thank you.
- Public water & sewer
- Will Davie County continue to fully fund the Senior Center and Activities?
- More money for HUD to help the poor
- Movie theater for movie goers
- More restaurants

**Q6 – what else to consider? With regards to all the new people moving in to area?**

- Home for homeless
- Public water & sewer
- Better access to places for all senior citizens
- Just keep Davie beautiful
- More sidewalks

**Q7 – what other types of groups should we reach out to?**

- Ted Budd
- More public spaces
- Need homeless shelters