



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Hornik & Community Vision Plan Committee

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RE: Senior Advisory Council: Community Vision Plan Meeting 7/1/08

Date: July 3, 2008

The following is a summary of the issues discussed at the July 1, 2008 Senior Advisory Council (SAC) meeting concerning the Township's Smart Growth Vision Plan. Approximately 18 individuals were in attendance and engaged in discussion concerning parking/public transit, recreation, public services, environment, town center, Township identity, and quality of life.

- **Parking/Public Transit:**
 - Insufficient parking at the Recreation Center, Town Hall, Library, and throughout Township especially for Senior Citizens. Create special designated parking spaces for Seniors, within existing parking lots.
 - Willing to pay for "designated permit," but will depend on how costly permits could be.
 - Provide more accessible routes for public transit.
 - Need for better "Commuter Parking"
 - Provide parking at bus stops, CVS, Regal Cinemas, Costco...etc.
 - Probable Solutions:
 - Parking added at Union Hill & Lowe's.
 - Shared services with parking garage in Manaplan.
 - Shuttle service possibly originating at the Recreation Center. Most agreed this solution was very plausible, given the chances of shuttle service materializing in the short term, rather than long term.
 - Especially provide shuttle services along major routes throughout the Township that also have access to the rail lines.
 - Shuttles should be scheduled to accommodate to rail schedules as well.
 - Help in easing the parking issue and would provide access to other methods of transit (i.e. buses, trains...etc.).
 - Route 79 location of possible train station with parking garage (near Marlboro Manor). Many felt this was a good idea, but too long term. More short term options were favored.
 - Must be environmentally cautious when implementing these solutions.
- **Recreation Center:**
 - Focus on services Seniors can use in the short term.
 - Senior population is increasing and will continue to expand. Expand current facility and services to include rooms to specifically serve Seniors.
 - Examples: lounges, meeting rooms, library, small flex space, community room, medical services.

- Interaction with younger individuals at center is still preferred, but there is a need for some separate Senior space, per specific activity. MIXED USE & COMMUNITY FEEL.
- Lunch services at recreation center encouraged. Felt this would be a good way to generate socialization.
- Current space to do aerobics is a tile floor and not appropriate for such exercise. A "gym space" should be provided with suitable flooring...etc.
- Potential Locations for new facility:
 - Former Hospital Site. Area/services, outdoor recreation not just for Seniors, but would appeal to various age groups. Children also need specialized spaces.
- **Hospital Site Cleanup**
 - Health hazard, but working on cleaning up now.
- **Entron & Bird Fly Bog Superfund Sites:**
 - Cleanup necessary, due to toxic elements affecting quality of life.
 - Within process to begin cleanup.
- **Town Center:**
 - Encouraged and endorsed this concept. Mixed uses of commercial and residential.
 - Historic "Town Center" area is located in the vicinity of Route 79 and School Road.
 - Create new Center from original site, but renovate.
 - However, traffic is terrible along Route 79. Another potential site should be explored.
 - Possible Town Center Sites:
 - Former hospital.
 - Former Airport site.
 - Vandenburg Road.
- **Lack of Identity:**
 - Need restaurants, retail, and a variety of businesses to pull outsiders to want to come to Marlboro. Compared to neighboring Freehold.
- **Misc.**
 - Low-Income housing needed & rent controlled.
- **Why live in Marlboro?**
 - Low Crime Rate
 - Ethnic Mix
 - Scenic
 - Easy mobility for driving
 - Central to both PA and NYC.
 - Bedroom Community
 - Clean
 - Good schools
 - Sense of Community & Quality of Life
 - Pride
 - Close proximity to beaches