

What kind of community do you want?

Has job opportunities for youth out of high school or college, young professionals

Safe

Low crime

Public transportation, especially for elderly

Low-income housing--not rental but ownership, very difficult

Recreation & art

Given what we just said, what are the 2-3 most important issues or concerns when it comes to the community?

Education/Spending/Facilities/Libraries

Job opportunities for young adults/young couples

Elder issues i.e. housing, healthcare, transportation

What kinds of things could be done to make a difference?

Work with legislators to revisit tax rates/encourage supervisors/school board to work together

Revisit plans for new schools

Encourage economic development to support tax basis--provide varied employment opportunities

What kind of community do you want?

Successful

Friendly

Activities for all ages

Parking--new fees may be a problem

Open dixie theatre

Provide public spaces--more tourist focus

Given what we just said, what are the 2-3 most important issues or concerns when it comes to the community?

More traffic downtown

Better welcome for tourists

Retain the county courthouse in Staunton

What kinds of things could be done to make a difference?

More economic development--jobs

More residential buildings downtown

Attract more business not dependant on location, i.e. internet business/live here

Create a "public square" meeting/ leisure space or park downtown

What kind of community do you want?

Dynamic, Entrepreneurial environment

Law abiding, small growth

Healthy, more positive communication, less criticism

Less underemployment, more jobs

Future of county court house

Keep AHC well and functioning

Given what we just said, what are the 2-3 most important issues or concerns when it comes to the community?

Improve education system

Underemployment jobs

Health system

What kinds of things could be done to make a difference?

Education

More vocational training

Keep K-12 teachers

What kind of community do you want?

Good jobs

Great education system

Opportunities for recreation

Cultural opportunities

Diverse economy

Given what we just said, what are the 2-3 most important issues or concerns when it comes to the community?

Education

Improve the tax base

Health/Aging population

What kinds of things could be done to make a difference?

Education: Look at funding, eliminate tenure, undisciplined society

Improve Tax Base: Better jobs, focus on development, workforce development

Health/Aging Population: Educate on healthy lifestyles, increase in-home care, provide recreation opportunities for older adults

What kind of community do you want?

Keep the courthouse in Staunton

Greater Cooperation between city and county (merging services)

Continue investment in public areas

Greater investment in Education

Collaboration in County & Cities in the county for education, services

Given what we just said, what are the 2-3 most important issues or concerns when it comes to the community?

Cooperation economy of scale (schools/ services)

Education priority for new business owners

Courthouse in Staunton

What kinds of things could be done to make a difference?

Cooperation City/County services/schools

What kind of community do you want?

More Jobs/Financial Stability

Healthier people

SAW work together better

Resolve breakdown of family and breakdown of faith

Given what we just said, what are the 2-3 most important issues or concerns when it comes to the community?

S.A.W. working together and sharing resources

Qualified applicants for jobs

Community outreach leaders

What kinds of things could be done to make a difference?

Committee of the right people showing proof of results

Less government control and involvement, more people back toward the church

Business involvement in colleges with development programs

Mentorship programs

What kind of community do you want?

One like we have!

Develop Beverley street into a mall

A more welcoming community

More community centered activities

An ice rink, other inforcements especailly for teenagers

More reasonable cooperations between city and county

Need to stimulate jobs in the area, open public works for the youth

Jobs, jobs, jobs

Given what we just said, what are the 2-3 most important issues or concerns when it comes to the community?

Develop Beverley Street into a weekend mall

Winter events for teenagers such as ice skating rink

Stimulate jobs in area for adults and teenagers

What kinds of things could be done to make a difference?

Start a municipal community jobs program, get kids accustomed to having jobs/responsibilities, working for nonprofits, serving the elderly, ect

Jobs could require real care and responsibility

Downtown mall on beverly started on the weekends

Ice rink--flood one side of the wharf parking lot and make an ice rink, city would operate

What kind of community do you want?

Good schools--support students and teachers @Bessie Weller, esp.

Scores are too low, students not supported at home (food or reading), 70% of all students @ Staunton City Schools free/reduced lunch, 100% at BW/Warre

We need intelligent, tax paying citizens as adults to stay in area

Additional housing for lower income

Rotarians volunteering in schools--set good examples for them, read, help after school

Given what we just said, what are the 2-3 most important issues or concerns when it comes to the community?

Not that many housing for lower income or owners will not accept vouchers

Education

What kinds of things could be done to make a difference?

See Mark Armstrong (Staunton Mentoring Alliance) for mentoring Staunton City Schools

No one wants lower-income housing in their neighborhood