



**Dawson Springs
Community Design Session
June 4, 2012**

Table #6

- Focus on downtown
 - Preserve, fix up, do
 - Signage – Arcadia
 - Archway sign – banners
 - Property by fire station – city needs to buy for parking or development (mobile home is going in this location)
 - Gazebo needs electricity
 - Need facelift – dress up storefront windows on vacant buildings
 - Need flowerboxes – Color
 - Flags
 - Downtown decorated seasonally – Wow! Isn't downtown a great place to be?
- Need entrance sign at edge of town
- Need a hotel
- City Park – oval shaped track – develop center for kids

Table #7

- Signage at all 4 entrances
- Motel on Rick Bennett's property – across street
- Small businesses downtown
- Property on Water Street – public parking developed
- Need something in the Spec Building

Table #3

- Housing – Need multi-family housing, condos (lake in center), adult community, retirement community (amenities in place), market-rate housing

- 40 acres that could be developed next to 4H Camp
- Trails to connect 3 parks in city – benches, exercise stations
- Return to health-oriented community – hike, walk, kayak
- Fix up city park – posters, banners, signage
- Hotels
- Fast-food restaurant
- Loosen alcohol sales laws, restaurant seating requirements, Sunday sales, liquor by the drink
- Water park for kids – water features
- I-69 Corridor – infrastructure on other side of interstate before its developed
- Drive-in Restaurant

Table #4

- Motels/hotels out by parkway
- New downtown
 - Costly to renovate old buildings
 - Expensive to renovate, bat infestation
 - 3G in Dawson – Expand service
 - Floodplain change – big issue for development around the city
 - Need more property annexed
 - City annex some public lake access
 - Need young people – attract with lake activities/access

Table #5

- Infrastructure needs to be addressed (see areas on map #5)
- City garage needs a facelift
- Building on corner needs to be torn down
- Need to paint, cleanup
- New housing – losing middle-income people – not enough market rate housing to take care of needs
- Identify areas that are not in floodplain that could be developed (housing)
- Walkability, things to do – recognized as retirement community – identify rating categories and work on becoming certified
- Bike loop – Friends of the Pennyrile – Bike loop needed
- Bottled water, vitamin water, energy drinks – identify investors and develop and market

- Entrepreneurial center in Dawson Springs (partner with Murray State)
- Downtown 2nd story housing
- Bike shop – in Hayes Hardware building
- Sports center/Ag center in Spec Building – rodeos, horse shows, bike shows
- Park-to-Park Trail – Pennyrile Nature trail, Riverside Park, and City Park (5 mile trail with existing sidewalks)
- RV Park