

Midway City Council Workshop Saturday, February 12, 2011

Goals for FY 2011-12

The Midway City Council met to discuss their goals for the city during the upcoming fiscal year. After considerable discussion and brainstorming, the following ideas emerged through consensus:

GOAL #1 – Recycling – Continue to explore the opportunities to provide recycling services to the citizens of Midway. Consider grant opportunities that are available that will assist in making the service affordable and sustainable.

GOAL #2 – Address Water and Sewer Infrastructure – Explore ways to upgrade current infrastructure facilities and carefully consider the future needs of the city – both new expansion and replacement.

GOAL #3 – Improve the quantity and quality of community events. Several ideas were generated that would build on past success and provide new opportunities for the community to come together as a “family”. While this goal may not require a lot of budgetary resources, it will require the leadership of the mayor and council in bringing the citizen volunteers together to insure success.

GOAL #4 – Improve the city park.

GOAL #5 – Full occupancy of Railroad Street and of empty/abandoned houses and buildings.

Secondary Goals and Priorities for the Community

- Dog Park
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Cleanup the city and yards
- Focus on environmental issues in the community
- Pedestrian walkway through the park and over the creek
- Hotel or other lodging facility
- Better relationship with the community
- Increase community involvement

The mayor and council also generated a lot of ideas related to improving the various aspects of community life. These include:

QUALITY OF LIFE – What we love about Midway

- People
- History
- Downtown – Restaurants/Shops
- No Crime to speak of
- Everyone knows everyone
- Quaintness (horse farms, and college)
- Walkability
- Small community feeling
- Horse Farms

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Water Line issues
- Sidewalks
- Refurbish certain downtown buildings
- Parking lot
- Amphitheater
- City Wide Internet Service (free wi-fi)
- Improve City Park – connect to downtown
- Bike racks
- Railroad
- Side drains and culverts
- Finish paving sidewalks
- Lighting
- Property up to code

JOBS

- Jobs to enhance equine industry
- Green/energy
- Medical (nursing home project)
- College / elem. School
- Hotel
- Technical jobs

ENVIRONMENT

- Water
- Sewer
- Smoke
- Recycling
- Dog park
- Clean up days
- Tree Initiative
- Woods Lee's Branch
- Abandon houses
- Community rain gardens
- Improve entry into town with landscaping/tree plantings
- Bury utilities
- Walking paths

EVENTS

- Memorial Day
- MLK ceremony
- July 3rd or 4th
- Fall Festival
- Bourbon Chase
- 5k runs
- Develop new event with Midway College and merchants
- Public Art
- Woodsongs
- Little League Baseball
- Solicit Midway College Production
- Francisco's Farm expanding sense of community

SAFETY

- Take care of elderly and take care of neighbors
- Sidewalk repair
- Lighting (which we are addressing)
- Emergency management service
- Bicycle safety classes
- Safety training for our employees
- Neighborhood watches (with a phone tree)
- Driving classes for young drivers
- Improve Red Cross