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