Welcome and Purpose of the Meeting

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Survey & Meeting Results
Who Responded? (Survey)

59% live in Fountain Inn

- 0 - 5 years: 36%
- 20 + years: 26%
- 11 - 20 years: 21%
- 6 -10 years: 18%

41% do not live in Fountain Inn

- 56% of these live within 2 miles

ONLY 19% work in Fountain Inn

- the same number of respondents are retired

AGE Brackets

35 - 44: 22%
55 - 64: 22%
45 - 54: 21%
25 - 34: 17%
65 +: 16%

*Percentages are rounded*
What Encourages/Discourages people to live in Fountain Inn?

Encourages:
- Quality of Life
- Sense of Community
- Cost of Living

Discourages:
- Job Opportunities
- Recreation Opportunities

Quality of Life Scale: Average: 7.77
Public Service & Property

Police

Fire

Public Works

Infrastructure

Residential

Industrial/Commercial

2.84 of 4

2.91 of 4

2.75 of 4
Type of Housing

85% said YES to Single Family homes

79% or 447 people said there is lack of affordable housing

67% WANT LARGE LOT subdivisions
Visual Survey - Residential

Large Lot Subdivision

- R-15
- RS
- R-12

74%

Small Lot Subdivision

- R-7.5
- R-10
- Patio Homes

26%

Private Open Space

28%

Common Open Space

72%
Commercial Development

What?
- Restaurants (not fast-food)
- Supermarkets
- Entertainment facilities

Satisfaction
- Slightly better than indifferent

Where?
- LARGE Commercial along I-385 & HWY 418
- small Commercial anywhere in the city
Visual Survey - Commercial

Downtown Commercial
- Historic: 91%
- Modern: 9%

Non-Downtown Commercial
- Big Box: 31%
- Small: 69%
Industrial Development

Heavy Industrial

or

Flex space/light industrial

if environmentally sound

and

Located only along I-385 in new industrial parks

and

explicitly nowhere downtown
Visual Survey - Industrial

Heavy Industrial 10%

Light Industrial 34%

Flex space 56%

Flex space developments allow both light industrial and office uses.
Budgeting Station Results

$573  Roads & Sidewalks  22%
$433  Police  17%
$371  Fire  14%
$370  Economic Development  14%
$336  Performing Arts  13%
$270  Recreation  10%
$267  Public Works  10%
Environmental Issues

Fountain Inn should protect:

- 88% wildlife habitat
- 84% diversity and abundance of wildlife
- 80% opportunities for hunting/fishing
- 92% opportunities for wildlife viewing/nature walks

92% Air Quality

98% Water Quality in streams & rivers
Protect Open Space?

YES 89%

Why?
- to help maintain rural character
- to protect rural vistas
- to protect wetlands and sensitive areas
- to preserve forested lands
- to preserve agricultural land
Growth & Development

In Favor:

- 93% protect historic structures
- 91% control TYPE of development
- 86% increase recreational opportunities
- 84% control RATE of development
- 83% improve traffic flow
- 79% attract new business/commercial/service
- 76% increase public parking near city center
- 60% increase residential construction
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Summary

I. Recreation is important.

II. Growth is Expected.
   - Preference for Single-family homes with large lots or open space
   - Separate the Residential districts from Commercial and Industrial

III. Infrastructure, Police, and Fire are top priorities.

IV. Environment and Open Space are important.

V. Maintain Historic Character and Structures
Next Meeting:
May 24th at 6:30pm
at the Fountain Inn Activities Center