

Council Goals Comment Boxes Tally and Comments

There were a total of 74 responses in the 6 comment boxes (Dino's, Tom's, Senior Center, Emporium, YS Library and Bryan Center). Below are the totals for each individual goal, followed by additional suggestions for goals and specific written comments made.

- Provide an affordable community with a high quality of life that encourages a diverse resident base in terms of race, age, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, ability and religious affiliation. **41 responses supported this goal**
- Execute a housing development model that encourages all types of housing, with intentional focus on affordability, accessibility, rental units, mixed income developments and accommodating local workforce and families, to maintain a vibrant, healthy and diverse community. **36 responses supported this goal**
- Engage in continuous infrastructure development that promotes Dig Once, Complete Streets and other economical & strategic best practices to facilitate a more robust and resident/business friendly community. **30 responses supported this goal**
- Embody a Village culture that is welcoming to all, anti-racist and proactive about maintaining a diverse community. **32 responses supported this goal**
- Execute a Sustainable Economic Development Strategy to support existing businesses & entrepreneurs and attract new opportunities that support the values of the community. **34 responses supported this goal**
- Establish a model Village Justice System that promotes anti-racism and respect as well as ensures sensitivity to individuals from all backgrounds. **26 responses supported this goal**
- Develop a high quality integrated surface transportation infrastructure system that contributes to improved quality of life by promoting safety, recreation, environmental sustainability, health, equity/inclusion and economic development. **19 responses supported this goal**
- Complete the protection of key properties in the Jacoby Greenbelt, protecting 1000 additional acres in sub watersheds, encouraging conservation practices that protect soil and water and preserving the integrity of the Yellow Springs community. **34 responses supported this goal**

Additional Suggested Goals

“Develop a “true” reduce, reuse, recycle by first eliminating the use in/from, stores/restaurants plastic bags, forks, spoons, knives & straws. This is achievable! There are alternatives for all of the above. Individuals would get a heads up when this would be implemented. Then we can provide our own bags, etc. or for a reasonable cost purchase what they need. Folks will catch on quickly and the results will be noticeable. The state has not taken the lead on this. Thanks.”

Comments

- The biggest priority for me is finding a way to recycle more, get businesses to reduce plastic & waste and figure ways to increase what is currently accepted as recyclable in Ohio.
- Can we explore: getting rid of plastic bags and ban smoking in all of downtown.

- Working together more closely –schools, Village Council, utilities, etc. Working within a sustainable budget for more than just upper middle class & above.
- (Goal #5) (this) is key to achieving other goals.
- Addressing housing is of the highest importance. A plan to add 500 households to the Village is necessary to have the desired impact on prices. This is a complex undertaking if done right. Critical to the mix of partners needed are: landholders, investors, developers, builders.
- Recycling, please.
- Consult the taxpayers (property owners) re: affordability – don't just push an idea w/o having a solution to fund it 1st. I don't want to pay more to supplement someone else's lifestyle they can't afford.
- The Village needs to focus on our current infrastructure & making sure the system supports what we have today. Stop confusing diversity w/affordability. The Village should govern & make sure we have a balanced budget. Let developers develop. Bring in business!
- (Goal #1) almost not possible, utilities too high. (Goal #2) not necessarily a government driven project. (Goal #6) Including all mis(demeanor) cases handled here. (Goal #7) including trail connection.
- The Village should focus on providing services and infrastructure. The budget **does to (not?)** have excess money to spend on subsidized housing. We need good roads, proper plumbing and consistent electrical service before we go into the housing business.
- Keep doing what you are doing – don' give up!
- Expand Village corp. limits to be able to increase space for houses/condos w/o building on top of other homes.
- Council's obsession with "affordability" is both stupid and damaging. There are 4000 definitions of what's "affordable." Concentrate on attracting jobs!
- All points marked (goals 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8) will end up supporting the 3 points unmarked (goals 1,4 and 5).
- The ones I have not checked (goals 3 and 7) are not my personal priorities or well understood by me, but I would likely support them if they contribute to the realization of those I have checked (goals 1,2,4,6, and 8).
- Acceptance and inclusion of minors and teens.
- These are all GREAT goals & all are important. But I picked Housing Development w/an emphasis on affordability because I think we have to increase the population of Yellow Springs so that the costs of living here can be shared by more households. Making the Village more affordable to live in will (then increase) diversity.
- I think if our/my priorities #1, 2 & 3 are being continually improved, the rest will follow. PLEASE make the Village affordable! Thanks.
- The Village needs to focus on making our current infrastructure support what we have. Stop confusing diversity & affordability. The Village should manage our government effectively & w/in budget & let developers develop. Housing can be affordable all day long but when the school taxes keep rising (& utilities) housing is the most expensive cost to a community. Focus on running government w/in budget & effectively (so taxes don't continue to go up – not affordable) & 1st encourage businesses to come here to offset taxes, help schools & bring jobs. What depts. or services are we not going to get because tax dollars are being diverted to affordable housing?

- All good – but you will have to figure out how to achieve them.
- It really bothers me that this Village is so insensitive to delivering essential services such as: electricity, water, sewage treatment and public schools AT AN AFFORDABLE COST. This place is totally OUT OF CONTROL. These costs, coupled with the new fire station, property taxes and income taxes make this Village EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE for working people. It's shameful.
- The survey appears to promote a Yellow Springs that will be just like several nearby communities already around - - except, of course, for the racism. Yellow Springs has always been different – and we like our differences. Please try to promote an affordable, friendly and diverse community we used to be!!
- I am 72 years old and have lived here in Y.S. all my life. If the utilities and taxes keep going up, I will have to move, which would make me very stressed and sad. I am on a fixed income and love Y.S.
- All are good priorities.
- Every week there are new please. Utility offset for example, to help people who can't afford to live here. At what point does the Village government become part of the solution. If you want affordable housing prove the infrastructure, personnel are adequate & have a cushion w/a balanced budget before taking on projects that sound great but force budget minded people that can afford to live here to leave. It is not my responsibility to pay for everyone else to live where they want. Let those dead set on affordable housing privately fund it.
- If the three checked criteria (goals 3, 5 & 7) are accomplished, the other ones will follow. Council needs to be economically responsible and stop wasting money.
- Support school levy.
- These are all worthy goals and it's difficult to rank them in order of priority. Council has a huge job, and I appreciate your dedication. #1 and #5 seem to “say” pretty much the same thing. Thank you!
- Please prioritize school funding! Community will decline without it.
- It is clear that your diversity/inclusion is perversion, degeneracy & white genocide.
- Promotion of motherhood and (good) (local grown) apple pie are missing. How about village broadband?
- Abolish policing.
- Make doghouses.
- Free beer and wine.
- Proximity does not equal profundity. Jean Kappel