

May 22 Transcription of Dots and Notes – VILLAGE CHARACTER

4 dots Objective: Preserve village feeling of neighborliness (total 21 dots)

- 3 dots 1) Encourage Historic architecture with small set backs and porches
- 2 dots 2) Encourage community events, parades
- 2 dots “rotating block parties” (handwritten post-it)
- 0 dots 3) Support safety, security and peacefulness
- 7 dots 4) Encourage pedestrian-friendly walkability to everyday needs
- 0 dots 5) Strengthen Gateways to signal the character of the village with welcome signs, keep lawn.
- 0 dots 6) At the Riverfront gateway, assure maintenance of the band stand and dock, and welcome at Main Dock
- 2 dots 7) At the train gateway, improve signage for visitors

Post-its, handwritten:

- “Improved signage to get to River and Station”
- “no mini-mansions” [sic]
- “scale – no big houses or double lots”
- “Place limit on square-footage. No place for mini-mansions
- 1 dot “train police to have better people skills!!!”

2 dots Objective: Preserve historic architecture and streetscapes (total 9 dots)

- 0 dots 1) Inventory historic properties in the village (before 1935) not yet documented
- 1 dot 2) Find ways to protect the historic character of neighborhoods, without including them in the historic district.
- 5 dots 3) Consider identifying additional neighborhoods that could be included in the historic district.
- 1 dot 4) Simplify the Historic District Architecture Review process

Photo: Streets with Older Houses: Morris avenue

- “no minimansions”
- 10 dots “Bury utility lines”

- 1 dot Objective: Encourage renovations and new development to be consistent with the historic character of the surrounding area. (total 15 dots)
- 4 dots 1) Create a simplified guide for renovations and new construction, based upon the Historic District's design standards.
- 7 dots 2) Develop streetscape specifications for neighborhoods to limit the scale of renovation and development so it is consistent with the character of the neighborhood.
- 1dot 3) Relax the standards for preserving historic architecture to accommodate adaptations to the structure for energy efficiency (such as permitting double-glazed windows and photovoltaic panels).
- 2 dots 4) Develop lighting standards to prevent glare, protect the night sky, increase safety, and enhance the village's night time character.

## RENOVATION / DEVELOPMENT

Handwritten comments:

- "Number one issue with village now for residents and visitors is the UNSAFE SIDEWALKS AND CURBS ON MAIN STREET. FIX NOW – before any other sidewalk work."
- "No historic st. -- Parrott"
- "Educate residents on sustainable aspects of historic preservation and existing built environment – existing building stock has embodied energy that has not been factored into energy efficiency equation. E.G. throwing out those single glazed wood windows only fills landfills, requires energy for new windows – payback for new can be significant—100's of years!"
- 1 dot "Bury utility lines – Main St."
- "Consider 'light pollution' and ways to minimize."
- "Make this town as non-car friendly as possible: maximum signage at bottom and top of hill w/ train schedule; even a hospitality sign that thanks people for using the train. Also, a simple map as people deboard – reward people for taking the train. w/ info, schedules, map and even a little town history."
- "Keep residential residential, business business district. Tourism should stay on Main St., Riverfront, dock."