

Townhall Meeting – Managed Growth for Greater Sheridan
Tuesday, July 26th 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Council attendance included Mayor Stump, Council person Rahn Abbott, Mike Walter, and Tammy Todd. Clerk Ginger Galiger was also present.

Guests: Allen & Dixie Schallenberger, David & Carol Delisi, John & Andrea Hammerman, Jean Prough, Sherry Huff, Steve & Kali Stender, Steve & Joyce Dobbs, Wes & Cheryl Chisholm, Dan & Kate Rose, Eileen Pearce, Carolyn Bartolomei, Doris Fischer, Tom Roberts, Gary & Doris Hilliker, Rick Hecker, Rick King, Cory Hardy, CeCe Weldon, Corey & Kaylie Theis, Carl Larson, Judy Edwards, Paul Kramer, Nancy Males, Alan & Lois Paige, Lon Seidel, Bill Colldeineih, David Smock, Luke Cordingley, and Rosemary Ita.

Carol Delisi facilitated tonight's meeting to identify the community members concerns about growth in Sheridan and prioritize these concerns, then form a community member driven working groups to find possible solutions and come up with potential conditions for future managed growth.

Town Councils Concerns were taken first and listed below.

- Lack of water issues
- Number of housing units per acre
- Fire/Ems ability to fill the needs
- Additional water storage
- Impact on the current residence
- Impact on school, medical services, and law enforcement
- Traffic impact
- Infrastructure fees not going to current residence
- Water and Sewer infrastructure maintenance

Public comments and concerns.

- Traffic, road maintenance and parking
- Garbage – Dump
- Impact on the sewer system
- Sudden influx to impact the town employees
- Subdivision lighting will pollute the night sky
- How would affordable housing be implemented through this plan? Where is the commitment and parameters?
- Concerns about affordable housing vs low- income housing
- Affordable housing is a “mis-number”, it will cost the town dearly
- New, larger town hall and buildings
- Flipping affordable housing or creating Airbnb's
- Covenants that ride with the deed
- Traffic specifically to Water St., Poppleton St. going onto Main St.
- We don't want heavy enough traffic to cause a need for stop lights
- Property rights vs Community
- Loss of historically AG land
- Capital Improvement Plan – current needs
- Explore a cap on short term rentals – specific to the subdivisions
- Sidewalks and maintenance
- Implement zoning
- Managing the growth rate
- Impact on the sense of the community
- Rate of anticipated growth within the subdivision. What kind of time period?
- Need to employ a city manager

Andrea Hammerman talked about creating a strategic plan to develop a vision and a mission for the towns goals in order to manage how to grow the town by working together as a community.

Next Carol handed out index card and asked everyone to choose their top 12 priorities from the list. There were 20 votes total.

The top prioritized items by vote

1. Lack of water
2. Impact on the schools
3. Traffic Impact including parking and sidewalks
4. Fire/Emergency ability to fill increasing needs tied with Implementing zoning

The remaining people in the room were asked to volunteer to form a team to work together to come up with some solutions for the top 5 concerns. Team leaders were designated and will report back to the council.

1. Lack of water – CeCe Weldon will be the team leader, Tom Roberts, Doris Fischer, Steve Dobbs, and Mike Walter
2. Impact on schools – Luke Cordingley will be the team leader, Kali Stender, Jean Prough, Jason Hardy, and Tammy Todd
3. Traffic Impact – Gary Hilliker will be the team leader and Lon Seidel
4. Fire/Emergency – Doris Hilliker and Rahn Abbott
5. Implement Zoning – Cory Hardy will be the team leader, Nancy Males and Carl Larson