

Greater Wards Corner and Denby Park Community Visioning Exercise

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Following are the notes taken during the October 19th meeting. We will follow up with a suggested approach to address issues raised at the meeting and any recommendations for changes to the comprehensive plan, *plaNorfolk2030*.

Greater Wards Corner—STRENGTHS

<i>Item</i>	<i>Votes</i>
<i>Location</i>	20
<i>High ground</i>	6
<i>Diversity</i>	2
<i>Interstate access</i>	13
<i>Wellness Center</i>	5
<i>Schools/Hospital</i>	13
<i>Transportation—Walkable/Bikeable with improvements</i>	7
<i>Naval Base</i>	2
<i>Tradition/History</i>	10
<i>Harris Teeter</i>	0
<i>Near Bay</i>	2
<i>Buying power of community</i>	0
<i>Relatively low crime</i>	8

Greater Wards Corner—WEAKNESSES

<i>Item</i>	<i>Votes</i>
<i>Traffic</i>	10
<i>Train crossings</i>	2
<i>Lack of green space/mature green trees</i>	11
<i>Mattress stores</i>	2
<i>Speeding</i>	5
<i>Dallas property vacancies</i>	11
<i>Jaywalking</i>	3
<i>Litter</i>	8
<i>Traffic/Interstate noise</i>	0
<i>Lack of activities for youth</i>	13
<i>Lack of close department stores/soft goods</i>	1
<i>Blight—notable pockets</i>	5
<i>No library</i>	2
<i>No safe bicycling routes</i>	5
<i>Lack of quality chain restaurants</i>	1
<i>No green in parking lots</i>	1
<i>Overhead power lines</i>	7

Greater Wards Corner—ASPIRATIONS

<i>Item</i>	<i>Votes</i>
<i>Little League Complex</i>	14
<i>Green Space/Parks/Bike and Running Paths</i>	8
<i>Homeownership/Lower Density/Families</i>	19
<i>More Active Uses/Outdoor Dining</i>	0
<i>Arts/Concerts</i>	5
<i>Adequate Parking</i>	1
<i>Better or more complete Sidewalks/Public Infrastructure</i>	8
<i>Good Lighting</i>	6
<i>High Quality Schools</i>	10
<i>Home Renovation Support/Programs</i>	1
<i>Safe Secure Place to Live/Play</i>	8
<i>Environmentally Friendly</i>	1
<i>Locally Owned Shops/Restaurants</i>	6

Denby Park—SHORT TERM DESIRES FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTIES AND AREA (next five years)

Green Space/Dog Park
Keeping properties mowed, maintenance
Temporary ball fields, recreation with lighting
Screening, hedges, fences for safety (keep children from going into street)
Trees along perimeter
Speed bumps/traffic calming at San Antonio
Play space/picnic shelter with consideration for safety
Bike/multipurpose trails
Clean litter/broken glass
Crosswalk across Little Creek Road
Farmers market
Build single family homes south of San Antonio where the City has already acquired property

Denby Park—ASPIRATIONS (Long term)

Not commercial
Parks, recreation, green space
Single family homes, not townhomes
Quiet, family friendly
Safe pedestrian/bike passage under interstate
Hotel
Mix of uses like Short Pump—green space, hotel, commercial, bike paths
Housing for seniors, maybe mixed use
Sidewalks, curbs
Access to light rail station
Park and ride for light rail
Parks for children, sports fields, lighting

POTENTIAL LIGHT RAIL STATION LOCATIONS

Bus transfer station
Southern Shopping Center