

New City Housing Forum - January 20, 2011
Written Comments

Sheet Number	Other reason	Other housing	Liked Best	Liked Least	Layout Comments
1			No apartments on west side & enforcement of zones		
2		Keeping down deer population	Nothing	One sided vested interest for business owners	I would like more protection of single family homes
3		Mixed residential on Maple Ave., 3rd St., 2nd, 1st & Demarest	Keeping us informed	Too much frustration from M.C.	I would be interested in moving to a revitalized New City & purchase a home.
4		Trees		It was not balanced to serve the interests of the homeowner	
5	It's quiet	Trees			More Code Enforcement
6			Michael Allen's professional presentation	The moderator, Shirley, very defensive attitude. Not informational - did create a forum with an open discussion.	My concern is for less congestion on Main St. & for additional parking rentals may bring. I am a young family who chose this hamlet to raise my children & utilize a nice community to live in a walk through. I want my children to be safe. I want to shop downtown. I want nice businesses. If rentals can be maintained & done in a tasteful way we would not oppose such a revitalization.
7			Shirley Thormann	Alex Gromack	
8					Affordable Senior Housing
9	Already live near Main St. The re-work is why we stayed.	Townhouses/condominium - homeowners better than renters	I like the CAPS on implementing apartments	Delve deeper into the specific areas	Good slow approach
10	Live here already.	No - mixed use (residential over commercial)			
11			Shirley! Standing up & keeping order!	The negativity of residents who don't want any changes.	Liberalize the zoning CAPS for more sensitive development. Apts. - great idea.
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13	Don't live, but work in New City & public transportation would be very important for our staff.	True middle income rental Mixed use (residential over commercial) with elevator, not walk up	Consultant presentation	Planning Bd. Chair was very "paternalistic" and was attempting to convince audience members of her view.	
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15				The presentation was too one sided	
16			No	No	
17			All were heard	Presentation from the Town was one sided. Did not show downside or impact to community.	My family/household would probably not be interested in moving to a revitalized downtown New City.
18			Government is asking for our opinion.	Some people do not listen to what is being said.	
19				Needs to have both sides presented	Too many wires. Too much traffic on Main St.
20	Suburban environment			It seemed to be one sided in favor of business owners.	
21	Suburban setting				
22	Education. (Never lived in New City, live in New Jersey.)				
23	Lovely city				
24	Family, grew up here (Currently live in New City)		Good examples	Didn't talk about numbers being saved renting from mix homes. Is mixed use the only way to go?	When asked if satisfied with current hamlet layout, I'm in the middle of yes & no.
25	One family home on 1/2 acre (A 45 year resident)			Building over existing stores	
26	Family				Uniformity in signage (commercial). More open space. I doubt my family/household would be interested in moving to a revitalized downtown New City.

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27	Family nearby	Single family homes - safe guarded	Good examples of structures. Reference to zoning codes	Too little examples of effect on life-cycle of intended residents.	<p>Adhere to respect of SFR backyards as is street aesthetics for shops! What opportunities are here for young adults to "save" their way into a purchase of their own SFR. Are we zoning the Town out of their reach?</p> <p>In regards to moving to revitalized New City, feels that you are moving in the right direction but looking at the wrong thing. Need Economic Development not Zoning Development. Got to tie life cycle models with Technology & Industry. I don't think a high end dress shop is going to let my child move into New City. The employees will most likely have to live outside of New City & <u>transportation costs</u> commuting will sap any ability to "save" for a SFR purchase. Street revitalization certainly brings joy to the "elitist" in me. But it is painting the Titanic unless <u>unsustainable costs</u> are reversed or some <u>new technology</u> or <u>natural resource</u> is discovered, to increase wealth opportunities in a massive way!</p>
28	Family. (Young people don't live in New City because they don't work here.)	Senior Housing doesn't want stairs.		Q&A - Shirley seemed to take citizen comments personally. More neutral would be better. Would have liked older materials, ex. Vision plan	Similar facades to connect the aesthetics of the downtown.