

DOWNTOWN DALLAS LCI

02/11/2020 KICK OFF MEETING

MAPPING ACTIVITY RESULTS

Favorite Places

- 1. (Silver Comet) Trail
- 11. Eastbound and Grounds
- 12. Eastbound and Grounds, The Theatre, Courtyard by Courthouse
- 13. Coffee shop, Tin Bucket
- 17. Tin Bucket, Eastbound and Grounds
- 19. Homestead Marketplace, Hickory Hut
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- 24. The fountains. I love to see people taking photos there. But we need to create photo opps downtown to drive people to the merchants and the square
- 29. Tin Bucket, 213 on Main, Homestead Market
- 33. Helping Hands
- 34. Helping Hands
- 35. Helping Hands
- 53. Coffee shop, Tin Bucket, Movie Theatre
- 60. McCrackens when it finally opens
- 64. Eastbound and Grounds
- 66. 213 on Main and Eastbound and Grounds
- 68. 213 on Main
- 70. Coffee shop

Personal Memory or Event

- 27. Making friends with my neighbors and feeling like I'm part of a community. Also, watching movies at the theatre. Seeing the city change with the seasons.
- 31. New Year Celebration
- 32. New Year 2020 Celebration, The opening of Homestead Marketplace
- 48. Nights at the Theatre
- 49. Food truck Fridays, with crowds and bands and people having a great time. Also, "It's a Wonderful Life" was great!
- 74. Halloween. (Side note: Close Main Street during the event)

Enjoyable Social Event

- 19. Concerts
- 23. Food Truck Fridays
- 25. Food Truck Fridays and concerts
- 26. Food Truck Fridays
- 44. Food Truck Fridays and Farmers Market (wish we had more vendors)

- 50. Food Truck Fridays...but need more shops and restaurants to stay open and support them.
- 72. Concerts
- 75. Would love to have more restaurants and diners in downtown.
- 76. Halloween Movie Night
- 77. Nice restaurants and pups

Potential Safety Concern

- West side of town
- 2. The speed at which people drive on Confederate Avenue. It would be great to have speed bumps and/or lower the speed limit to 25mph.
- 3. Reroute tractor trailers through New Hope to Old Cartersville Hwy to keep them off Confederate Ave. Shakes the houses. Dangerous. Speed control on Confederate – Speed detectors do no good. Need bumps/table.
- Speeding traffic on Confederate
- 7. The pedestrian walkways are not clearly marked and are dangerous. I mean on the ground, not just the signs. And stop the speeders!
- 8. Close Main Street for Halloween and all events.
- 28. Fast traffic through Dallas Main Street. Awful!
- 37. Dallas Motel, Liquor Store, Homelessness
- 43. Speeding
- 57. Redoing properties that may have asbestos and either not testing or safely removing it. Concrete factory – the dust that's created and the huge trucks. Abandoned buildings around town – need to do something with them or destroy them.
- 59. Concrete factory trucks on brick pavers
- 61. Speeding down Main Street and homeless people
- 62. Speeding
- 63. New jail

My Idea

- Expand nursing center
- Multi-level buildings with retail on the bottom and condos above
- 5. Welcome center where Dallas Women's Center is located.
- 6. Build a welcome center on the corner lot downtown where the eyesore Dallas Women's Club sits. It is falling down and presents an ugly appearance.
- 9. Entertainment area. Restaurants open after 5pm.
- 10. The streets surrounding downtown need a clean up. The trashy houses need updating or enforced city ordinances on trash in yard. I wish a developer would buy and update!
- 14. Change downtown speed limit to 15mph. Painted crosswalks.
- 15. A nice restaurant. Sporting goods store.
- 16. More restaurants

- 18. Need to purchase old homes along Church Street and Park Street to grow density in the downtown area. It will help beautify the square.
- 21. 5K or 10K races – maybe 2 or 3 per year. Example: Marietta Gobble Job or Hot Chocolate 10K. Ice cream shop. Restaurant that serves dinner.
- 22. Gateway entrance on the Hardee Street end. Symmetrical to the Confederate end.
- 30. More retail shops
- 36. Remove government offices from downtown and build onto Hardee Street area.
- 38. Sara Babb – resurface the tennis courts. Are there walking/running trails? Also reroute 18-wheeler trucks.
- 39. Dog park. Move Farmers Market here.
- 40. Sara Babb – more bike trails to Downtown.
- 41. Create “deer head” place into a restaurant or store. More parking across street where trucking company is currently located.
- 42. Beautify ugly tire place on Merchants/Dallas-Acworth Hwy and other extremely unsightly buildings.
- 45. Make restaurant “whistle stop café” at the “deer head” building w/ parking across the street. Park at the truck repair yard.
- 51. More restaurants. Mixed use buildings with retail on the bottom and condos above. More bars.
- 52. Upscale restaurant
- 54. Restaurants please
- 55. Train horns in the city should be outlawed. Movie events at theatre.
- 56. Keep an eye on accessibility as improvements are made. With a wheelchair bound child, it is something we have to keep forefront on our minds.
- 58. Restaurants and bottle shops/brewery. More nightlife places.
- 67. Park
- 69. Give incentives/fines to clean up neighborhood.
- 71. City to buy up some of the rundown homes and develop them as townhomes or mixed use. Encourage more restaurants to open! Would be cool if the old courthouse was turned into something more than an art exhibition or could be used as that and something else. More movies at theatre. Adopt a pet events.
- 73. City code for buildings and businesses to beautify their stores. Paint and upkeep as necessary.

Gotta Have, Nice to Have Activity Results

Gotta Have:

- Restaurants (10)
- Bars (5)
- Lessen the red tape to open a business (2)
- City codes/beautification efforts for buildings that appear run down on Memorial and neighboring streets (2)
- Nightlife (2)
- Microbrewery/brewery (2)
- Live entertainment (2)
- Tell the public that Dallas is open for business (2)
- More parks (2)
- Multi-use trails
- Bike trails/access
- Annexation of all property inside the LCI area
- More speed bumps or more traffic calming on Main
- Tabletop speed bumps on Confederate and/or reroute tractor trailers
- Access to bike trails
- Restaurants
- Purchase rundown properties and offer for development
- Places that stay open until 9 or 10pm
- Welcoming business environment

Nice to Have:

- High-end loft apartments/condos (2)
- More green space
- Mixed use with retail
- Park at north end of Confederate (where sidewalk ends), across from graveyard
- Shuttle for events from new courthouse parking lot
- More parking
- City entrance marquee on the Hardee Street end
- Ice cream shop
- Dallas is not business friendly. Instead of scaring off businesses, they should assist them in following the code.