

Summary of Stakeholder Interviews

The following summarizes the comments from stakeholder interviews with residents and community leaders.



Land Use & Zoning

- ❖ Underserved market: restaurants, and day to day necessities in eastern portion of planning area.
- ❖ Land use mix in certain areas with inadequate buffering/landscaping.
- ❖ Depressed commercial corridors.
- ❖ Maintain the existing character of the Greater Hilltop's residential areas from inappropriate commercial and industrial development.
- ❖ Create senior housing close to health center.
- ❖ Demolish some of the vacant houses that are not rehabable for residents to purchase for sideyards or community gardens.

Urban Design & Development

- ❖ Vast and has diverse mix of neighborhoods.
- ❖ Pockets of commercial development that do not contribute to streetscape.
- ❖ Lack of definitive gateways for area.
- ❖ Lack of identity for Hilltop and its neighborhoods.
- ❖ Improve the Highland West District by implementing the West Broad Street Economic Development Strategy and West Broad Charrette report.
- ❖ New construction should fit in with the Broad Street corridor to keep the look and feel of the corridor.
- ❖ Need to improve the appearance of older residential areas.
- ❖ Need more street trees and landscaping along the commercial corridors.
- ❖ Street boulevards should be preserved.
- ❖ Railroad overpass needs to be maintained.
- ❖ Pay tribute to Broad Street as National Road.
- ❖ Development opportunity sites include: Tonti site on Briggs Road, the vacant northwest corner at Powell Avenue and Broad Street, the vacant building at Algonquin Avenue and Broad Street that has space for parking, 2285 Broad Street where a building exploded, the northeast corner of Broad Street and Terrace Avenue (possible deli), and in the area around the new health center develop a medical research hub – encourage start up companies in biometrics and nanotechnology.
- ❖ Build off the stable residential base of Westgate and develop an active commercial corridor on Broad Street that offers services for residents.