

Excerpts from June 2005 Council Retreat Summary Report by Dick Bowers

Key Result Area #4: Neighborhoods

- The City held a neighborhood task force last year. Consider the results of that work as we go forward.
- Student housing issues are a primary concern... much like other college cities.
- The number of unrelated inhabitants in a single dwelling is a concern.
- Noise, parking & poorly maintained property are part of the problem.
- Bryan is currently having the same discussion. Can we collaborate?
- We are taking proactive actions but citizens still see it as a major unresolved problem.
- We need an established program that will mitigate major issues quickly & systematically.
- How can we get to the students/parents to share suggestions directly?

Neighborhood... Actions

- Support the formation of neighborhood programs to address issues.
- Engage the University for their participation in party/noise/parking control.
- Establish dialogue with University on new opportunities to solve problems.
- Work with off-campus housing in collaboration to minimize problems.
- Review current code to determine its adequacy to help deal with neighborhood issues?

Short Term Specifics for Neighborhoods

- Engage the associations and traditional neighborhoods
- Have a registration program for rentals to assure a responsible point of contact
- Use WTAW radio spot every Friday to share with the public. Cable channel seems to have strong viewership. Take advantage of the opportunity.
- Consider a way to convene neighborhoods to enhance communication on an ongoing basis