2006 Vision Post Card Survey

Summary and Responses
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The following is a summary of the 792 comments the city received in response to the Vision Post Card Survey regarding resident’s vision for the city over the next ten years. They are listed in order of most mentioned to least mentioned.

**Traffic-216 mentions**
- Traffic was mentioned 216 times out of the 792 responses. (27%)
- Most of the comments discussed the concerns on how the new development will impact traffic.
- Several comments addressed cut-through traffic and suggested bricking streets to alleviate this problem.

**Height-165 mentions**
- One hundred and sixty five out of the 792 comments mentioned building height. (21%)
- Most of the comments mentioned what heights are acceptable in certain areas. Taller heights for buildings along Fairbanks and 17-92 are suitable. Two to four story height limits are appropriate for buildings in the CBD.
- Residents want to ensure that city staff regulates the height of buildings.

**Village Atmosphere-107 mentions**
- One hundred and seven out of the 792 responses referred to village atmosphere. (14%)
- Of the 107 in this category, 93 want the quaint village atmosphere to be maintained.
- One resident specifically mentioned they want a village atmosphere with no obstacles.
- One comment mentions that the city needs to maintain the older homes in Winter Park in order to maintain the village atmosphere.

**Brick Streets-74 mentions**
- Seventy-four of the 792 responses referred to brick streets. (9%)
- Residents believe brick streets are acceptable in some areas of the city.
- Several comments stated that it is not cost effective to maintain brick streets.
- Twenty-five of the 74 comments are in favor of bricking streets as long as the bricks are smooth.
- Fifteen of the 74 comments are against bricking any street in Winter Park.
- Seventeen of the 74 responses stated they do not want any more streets to be bricked and to finish the areas they have already started.
- Ten of the 74 comments mentioned in some areas the brick streets are in disarray and need to be repaired.
Parking - 65 mentions

- Sixty-five of the 792 comments referred to parking. (8%)
- Residents want the city to find a solution to the parking problem.
- Eighteen of the 65 do not want to see anymore parking garages built.
- Nine of the 65 responses favor more parking garages.
- One resident wants to keep curbside parking for quick shopping.
- One comment stated they do not want anymore parking meters.
- One resident wants to see a parking code developed.

Carlisle - 52 mentions

- Fifty-two out of the 792 responses mentioned the Carlisle project. (6%)
- Thirty of the 52 comments are against this project and want to stop the project from being built.
- Twelve of the 52 responses wanted to see this project continue to move forward or are for the project.
- Two of the 52 comments wanted to see the Carlisle development scaled back.
- One comment addressed the concern of traffic management because of the new development.
- One resident would like to see more mixed-housing alternatives like the Carlisle project in Winter Park.
- One comment stated that the argument against construction is too late and all the city can do now is prevent similar projects.

Parks - 47 mentions

- Forty-seven of the 792 responses referred to parks and green/open space within the city. (6%)
- Twenty-three of the 47 comments want more parks in the city.
- Ten of the 47 responses want to ensure that the city restores and maintains the quality of the parks.
- Six of the 47 comments stated that Winter Park has great parks.

Schools - 28 mentions

- Twenty-eight of the 792 comments refer to schools and education. (3%)
- Eight of the 28 think Winter Park has great schools.
- Three of the 28 mentioned schools should be the top priority for the city.
- Three comments stated the schools are currently at capacity and more schools need to be built.

Electric Category - 26 mentions

- Twenty-six of the 792 responses referred to electric. (3%)
- Sixteen of the 26 comments in this category referred to the need to underground the power lines.
- Four comments addressed the need to upgrade the distribution system.
- Three comments mentioned the frequent power outages.
- Two comments referred to high power bills.
- The remaining comments were random and offered suggestions. One suggestion was a free home energy audit and another was automatic payment.
City Hall-19 mentions
- Nineteen of the 792 responses referred to the redevelopment of the city hall property. (2%)
- Eight of the 19 comments stated they did not want to see a public/private partnership for this project, and prefer it to remain city owned.
- Two comments want to see the redevelopment of city hall move forward.
- One comment asked if a public/private partnership was the only way to redevelop the city hall property.
- One resident wants the redevelopment of city hall to set the example for future development.
- One response mentioned the need for limitations on the amount of retail/commercial space in the facility.

Architectural Review Board-17 mentions
- The phrase architectural review board was mentioned 17 times out of the 792 responses. (2%)
- All 17 responses would like to see the creation of an architectural review board.

Commuter/Light Rail-17 mentions
- Seventeen of the 792 comments specifically mention either commuter or light rail. (2%)
- Eleven of the 17 responses are in favor of commuter rail. However, two of the 11 do not want a station in Central Park.
- One comment out of the 17 is not in favor of commuter rail.
- One comment brought up that rail should be free to the consumer and everyone should pay for it.
- One resident is concerned how the commuter rail project and station got approved.
- One resident mentioned that light rail should be along I-4, not in Winter Park.

Enzian Theater-15 mentions
- Fifteen of the 792 comments referred to the Enzian Theater or having a theater in downtown Winter Park. (1%)
- Nine of the 15 want the Enzian to come to Winter Park.
- Three of the 15 do not want the theater next to the church.
- One comment mentioned they do not want a theater in the new city hall.

Holler Property-12 mentions
- Twelve of the 792 comments specifically refer to the redevelopment of the Holler Property. (1%)
- Four of the 12 responses mentioned that a large development on that property would make matters, specifically traffic, worse.
- One response suggested a discount parking garage be built on the property.
- One resident mentioned that this area might support an increased height limit.
- One comment addressed cutting off access to Fairbanks from the property, and said residents should use North and South streets.
- One comment stated a good plan for redevelopment of this area needs to be in place.
- The CBD should be the focus of the city right now.
- The recommendations of the task force appointed to this area need to be followed.
Annexation-11 mentions
- Eleven of the 792 responses referred to annexation. (1%)
- Nine of the 11 are against any further annexation.
- One response wants to see fewer annexations.
- One comment stated that it is a fallacy to think annexation broadens the tax base.

Leadership/Trust-10 mentions
- Ten of the 792 comments mentioned leadership/trust of city government/staff. (1%)
- Of those ten, five of the comments said they thought the commission was doing a good job.
- Two comments stated that city leadership can control development and protect the character of the city.
- One comment specifically mentioned he did not trust the leaders of Winter Park.
- One resident mentioned the city can grow with the proper leadership.
- One comment stated that the Mayor can demonstrate leadership by doing what is in the best interest of the city.

Misc.
- The West Side neighborhood of Winter Park was mentioned 24 times. Half of the responses addressed protecting this community and providing affordable housing to residents of the West Side.
- Twenty of the 792 comments specifically mentioned the comprehensive plan.
- The specific phrase “mixed-use” was referred to eight times out of the 792 responses. Of those eight responses, six comments mentioned they were in favor of mixed-use developments. Two of the eight comments want large mixed-use projects to be limited to certain areas.
- Floor Area Ratio (FAR) was used five times out of the 792 responses. One comment wants the FAR to be set at 65 percent. Another wants it to be maintained at 200 percent with the exception of cupolas, which must be limited in height. Additionally, a comment discussed the FAR being rescinded.
- The specific phrase “smart growth” was mentioned four times out of the 792 responses. They all addressed how smart growth is controlled growth and that is how Winter Park needs to operate.
- The specific phrase “economic development” was mentioned three times out of the 792 responses.
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*This report reflects the 792 responses the city received by the April 28, 2006 deadline, with the exception to 11 responses. The city has withheld the 11 responses because they have been deemed to include personal attacks on individuals which would distract from the legitimate debate, and would if spoken at a meeting be in violation of the city’s rules on meeting decorum. These and all responses are available for review on request."

ELECTRIC

The Winter Park Utility Company needs to offer a free program to inspect ductwork, AND a free home energy audit, like Progress Energy does!! Thank you! (Lots of customers are waiting for you to do this, and it is energy saving for the company!)

Underground power. Small town atmosphere. Reduce cut through car traffic. Move railroad out to I4 replace with a trail that would connect WP to downtown Orlando and Maitland.

I would like to see the preservation of our historical Park Ave and all of WP. I do not want to see big apartments buildings like the one that was allowed at the site of the post office. I do appreciate the reforestation program. Also, I would like all the electricity put underground and remove the light poles and the electric wiring,

Allow the WP utility to debit my credit card for monthly bill payments, automatically.

Look at Miller Ave brick stop-finish it all. Keep WP small, comfortable. 5 more years you will have to pull out all the brick street. Maintenance will kill you. It happened in the 60’s.. Here it comes. You people will kill us on electric bills. Ha!!! Here it comes.

I would like to be of help on these issues but I can’t seem to get a simple response out of city staff regarding the cost of replacing my electrical underground at our WP home. I am very frustrated!!! Maybe our new Mayor can help me.

I would like relatively small scale buildings. I would like homes that are purchased by builders or owners for speculation not to be allowed to remain vacant and in bad condition for over a year. I would like better care for roads and sidewalks all through the residential areas. I am talking about hoes and cracks in streets and sidewalks. I would like underground electric wiring for safety and hurricane protection such as underground buried cables.

No new buildings higher than 3 stories. Keep as much green space as possible. Don’t 4 lane Lakemont Ave. No annex of additional geography. Keep city as is. Send maps to residents of utility grid. What is the present time line for under grounding utilities?

No big high-rises, more parks and bike trails. East-west highway that bypasses Winter Park. Take load off Aloma to Howell Branch. Seems like our power goes out too often.

Underground electricity on residential streets to improve the area cosmetically and to prevent power outages. More police presence. Playground in Winter Park-younger parents more of an
economic boost. The flowerpots and hanging plants are unnecessary extravagant expenditure. Who is getting the contract for this? The parking spaces recently made on NY Ave just slow down the traffic and are not adequate for the amount of over development.

My wife and I want to have the utility lines put underground quicker.

The price is too expensive. There are power turnoffs or outages more than 11 times a month. Could it be made less costly and more efficient and effective

Please bury power lines and poles! Split cost city/residents

Limit building heights. Limit variances on building codes. Keep upgrading power lines. Limit city debt.

Please consider these ideas along with your concerns about condo development: 1. grounding all electric lines 2. pressuring the transportation authority to lift tolls to alleviate traffic in Winter Park 3. repaving of Palmer Ave—it is a mess!

Visit comparable communities and learn from their successes and failures; accumulate surpluses in the strong economic times and build an endowment, maintain significant green spaces and have a few high concentration areas, upgrade the frequent power outage areas and maintain a strong professional police force. Improve water quality of lakes, do not sell off valuable commercial property to developers, initiate some small city owned commercial development, and incent long-term residents with tax breaks.

Would love to see Winter Park with underground utilities, all brick streets, vintage street signs and vintage lighting. Building heights should be restricted to four stories.

No more rough streets (brick or cobblestone) that screw up my car’s suspension. If you must put down brick, make it smooth. Put a stop to brief power outages—this has grown worse lately. Plant more oak trees to replace lost trees from storms. Put overhead lines underground.

Start improving the water drainage systems. Especially in “right ways”. Stop employing contractors who use “illegal aliens” for city work. Start changing power distribution system to underground. Stop wasting money on changing streets to bricks, which heavy city vehicles destroy within months. Start enforcing codes on developers who push limits.

No more buildings over 2 stories on Park Ave. or on the east side of New York Ave! Low cost housing for those being displaced on the west side. Fix Temple—the road is beyond terrible. Increase budget for tree trimmings. Underground electric, phone and cable. Improve electrical system to cut down outages.

Winter Park has lost its quaint small town appeal. When I hear people talk about Orlando they include Winter Park as an offshoot not a separate city. Also, the power rates are too high since taking over from Fla Power. Bricking the streets forcing people to pay for it who are against it! This does not slow traffic. They drive faster to get off the bricks.
Address traffic increase resulting from Baldwin Park. Do not allow lots to be subdivided to smaller lots to allow increased houses. Proceed with moving electric/telephone underground. Revise old tree cutting policy and increase your service to remove potentially dangerous trees.

Speed bumps on Lyman Ave, from across tracks to Denning Dr. for cars speeding. Too many tall buildings, living in Winter Park is like living in a business section not residential. Change City of W.P. utilities-bills much higher.

Leave it the way it is. Stop so much construction, such as the Carlisle, and save the ambience of Winter Park. Also, it would be nice if we didn’t have a quick off-and-on in the electrical current almost daily.

It’s unfortunate that each year I’m away from mid June to mid Sept., when W.P. holds its critical Public Hearings! The population explosion has hit W.P. as well as the whole state. Developers trying hard to put more building and less quality on valuable WP land are common knowledge! How a group of qualified WP architects and designers to decide topics such as building height, scale, color, density and traffic sense? Also, I would like to see the City bury all the power lines. That would enhance beauty and prevent hurricane destruction, money well worth the expense! Overall- it’s wise to prevent errors than undo mistakes like giant condos-Thank you for asking!

Focus on getting power underground, on “quiet zone” for trains in WP, on lakes/waterways (cleanliness), on live oak trees, on protecting central park (& expanding), on architectural integrity/consistency in the downtown areas.

Updating building codes for hurricane loss prevention, protections Need red light cameras, trimming of large trees to prevent electrical outage, prevent spoilage of lakes, lower rates for people who conserve water, electricity

**ON TRACK**

Move forward with current plans. Change is good.

Thank you for sending the card regarding the above. Unfortunately, we are seasonal residents from the UK and, as such, do not know so much yet about the locality. We just know that we prefer to be on the north side of Orlando, rather than with all the other British who tend to congregate near the Theme Parks. That way we have got to know some really nice American neighbors and we enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

All we can say is try not to change things just for the sake of change. Winter Park is a really lovely area. In some areas, it feels almost European, especially around the lakes and Park Avenue.

Good luck with formulating your plan.
I love Winter Park as is.

The comprehensive plan that was approved was not to bad, we do like WP the way it is today.

We are hopeful that Winter Park will NOT adopt a reactionary “no growth” policy that ultimately will park avenue merchants in jeopardy. We don’t want to see more empty storefronts & whether people like it or not, the city need more density in order to sustain viable commerce. Unfortunately, problems with parking as well as upscale shopping destinations like the Mall at Millennia, have hurt Park Ave. Put more people within walking distance of stores and restaurants- and it’s hard to imagine why that wouldn’t be a shot in the arm for the business community. Before we moved to WP, we probably shopped here 5 or 6 times a year…maybe. Now we patronize local restaurants and shops 3 or 4 times a week! Responsible carefully planned growth is the answer. But no growth is a bad policy also; we’d love to see the new Enzian here! And we’re members of First Congregational.

More redevelopment projects in the central business district…4-story building are ok! The Carlisle must go forward as originally presented. City must give more support to Chamber of Commerce, Park Ave association in the form of advertising dollars. Support economic development!

Our city needs to be progressive and allow our city to keep-up with the times. Recent development of commercial and residential has been good for out city with the exception of the old Jacobson site-especially the height of the garage. Many people would like to work as well as live in Winter Park.

Keep on keeping on. Mind growth, clean industry. Replace lost trees.

As things are going now. I visualize a city of expensive/large homes on small lots. Many new condos about 3 stories highway too much traffic. Many high ends stores. Good restaurants. A greatly expanded West side. Winter Park will still be a wonderful city, but way too congested.

I like Winter Park as is. Existing buildings and facilities should be maintained, repaired, and replaced as necessary. I am against any new or additional development. I am also against any further annexation.

I believe the city leaders over the past few years have moved the city in the right direction. While I believe policies and regulations are necessary for orderly growth, I think the past and current city leaders have been exercising good judgment in approving recent Park Ave/Central Park projects. Keep up the good work.

My husband and I are both happy to see Winter Park grow smart- it will grow, so I’m happy the city is taking a proactive role and planning for the long term. I was saddened to see Kip replaced-I have been happy with all that has been done. Growth is inevitable-so let’s not bury our heads in the sand. Thanks for the new urbanism!

Remain on present path for steady improvement and more density. This is essential to keep economic balance and diverse community amidst metro Orlando.
Winter Park must retain its unique Park Ave—encourage non-franchise stores to join us. Do not encroach upon Central Park. Continue to allow outdoor eating and to welcome dogs. As for the residential areas of Winter Park I live on Lake Knowles and am impressed with the constant and good care our neighborhood receives.

Whatever our elected leaders decide—I trust them. Don’t like much change.

The start up expenses are paid for in Winter Park. Stabilizing the township, lockup the town with its current population allows the current population to enjoy a stable community—no additional support services required. No new taxes required.

Just the way it is—that is what attracted me to Winter Park—I moved from Tallahassee in 1988. Winter Park offered tree covered streets, long time families with family values and great school. As a native Floridian I do not think big is better. I love Winter Park just the way it is.

I support new development. I enjoy seeing our city change and grow. I do hope that the scale is kept small, “quaint” and appropriate to the original architecture of the city. I like keeping Park Ave. Building 2 story but I also like that the other side of Central Park is being developed (a bit large, however) keep moving forward but modestly please.

Winter Park is an oasis and poorly zoned, chaotic sprawl. Further, it is date, an example of a livable city to the nation and the world. It is in the same category as Santa Barbara, Park Forest, and Carmel. As such it has an obligation to preserve those qualities that make it so special. Among these qualities are; scale, workability, parks, character, etc. The WP must identify those qualities and guide further development accordingly.

Continue building and expanding—quit worrying about new construction— it is very important that WP expands its building program, be they big or small.

As a business owner and resident of Winter Park, I believe in responsible growth. It is ridiculous to expect the city to stop developing and growing. I am interested in beautifying the Fairbanks stretch into the city (including developing the Holler property) and the Orange Ave corridor from 17-92-Fairbanks (including developing the Fla. Power property). I am not opposed to bringing more people to our city, but these corridors and their intersections need to be corrected and improved. Regarding building height, I think a limit on height is important with a good balance throughout.

We need to move forward not to be stuck in the past. Larger, higher buildings are fine as long as they are in scale and are beautiful. City services are great and the new town hall needs to reflect the excellence of our community.

A community that allows controlled, tasteful growth. If we look at several years ago, Park Ave. retail was suffering. It is now booming. We need to encourage controlled development that supports the business community. PLEASE let’s not bury our heads in the sand. Look at where Dexter’s is now located, what a wonderful change.

An urban village—high density residential—walking distance to everything—no need for a car. Build them as big and as high as you can!
My family supports all growth that Winter Park is able to achieve! We wish it would be more liberal and progressive so that our children can have a better future! We support all forms of urban growth!!

I hope to see the city keep on the same path it has been. I love the new high-rises going up. As a storeowner on Park Ave. I love the direction and seeing people coming back to the avenue! Let’s move forward, stop living in the past!

It is my belief that the big uproar in Winter Park started with the construction of the building at Park and Canton which is looking better with the landscaping and could be improved more with change in color. As far as the Carlisle, which I’m confident, this is addressing. From seeing the rendering I feel this is will be a wonderful addition to Winter Park with the added park area, courtyards and landscaping they have planned coupled with downtown homes, restaurants, shopping, and post office. What a terrific addition. We receive lots of comments on our lovely town and for the most part “extremely” complements from visitors, young people, middle aged and retirees. Let’s not go backwards in our fabulous community. We are a vibrant, fun community-with shoppers, restaurants, etc., a far cry from 3 years ago with all the empty stores. Keep us growing. I see 4 stories, 55 or 60 ok in many locations. The trend nationwide in vibrant communities is bring residents in to town- we’re doing it.

A vibrant community with a small town feel and a viable downtown having retail, restaurants and residential establishments. I visualize a “walking” city.

I am please with the work done by Mayor Marchman and the commissioners and the staff during his tenure. We must move forward with the times and carefully select the best for Winter Park. I am concerned about the increased educational activity of the Baptist Church. There are 5 or 6 school buses apparently used, cars and giant food delivery trucks and their landscaping on Beloit does not screen the parking lot. Thanks to code enforcing and current rules.

I would like to see Holler Honda developed soon because it is becoming an eye sore, and is collecting trash, broken beer bottles, and strong alcohol containers worries me as to who might be using the property

I agree with the position taken by Mayor Strong during the recent campaign.

**TRAFFIC**

All brick streets to discourage non-residents from cutting through our neighborhoods. Sidewalks on all our neighborhood streets (i.e. Magnolia, Hibiscus), closer inspection of blueprints so we don’t have homes unfitting the style of WP. Police seem to be way over funded for the size of the city-please redistribute.

More density in the urban core so as to create a walking neighborhood environment. Not excessive but tasteful infill and redevelopment. I do not see a problem with the R3 height of
35’ nor the R4 height of 55’. More traffic calming by allowing buildings closer to the street and by adding brick. More retail in the core.

Growth is inevitable, but we need to plan the growth. One idea that I offer to control traffic in our downtown is to close off Park Ave and make it an outdoor pedestrian market-charming, European style as a designer I have many ideas, feel free to call.

Either make Country club Rd really a private road or make it two lanes all the way from Gay Dr to Lee Rd. Cars parked in the street, plus parking area at the attorney’s office at the corner of country club dr, where cars are actually parked in the road, make it a one lane road much of the time. There are too many cars cutting through from 17-92 to Lee rd for a one lane rd. Keep the Park –it is the essence of WP.

I am very concerned not only with the height of the buildings on Park Avenue but also loss of the tree shaded sidewalks. Buildings need to have setbacks to keep green space. Development is the cause of traffic congestion. People do not walk! More density=more traffic. Baldwin Park is evidence of the traffic problems on LAKEMONT.

Too much traffic already! Would like to see WP keep all upscale village feel with 1-3 story buildings, window boxes and small non chain stores. No more large condo buildings!

Regarding tall buildings- go to Edgewater College Park see how that looks to a once small area, traffic should be number one when thinking about what that would do to residents/ Look at Lee Rd what a mess not much you can do after the fact.

A diverse community where “progress” is always balanced against the impact on individual families, homes to the city’s history. A specific concern is the aggressive driving on Fairbanks and Aloma that at times rivals I-4. The issue is not the amount of traffic. It is the reckless disregard of the 30 mph speed limit. Brewers curve has tire treads on the sidewalk as if it were part of the road. Moms with strollers, Rollins college students, joggers and residents pulling out of their driveways are all at risk from these reckless drivers. There needs to be a formal campaign to control the speed.

No more condos on City center. No more high-rises. What can be doe about traffic situation? Lakemont traffic is especially bad.

Low density residential. No more high-rise developments in Park Ave area. Traffic control-more speed humps-more traffic lights-timed-ex: Phelps and Aloma needs a left arrow.

I have no problem with structures up to 6 stories in the downtown district as long as they are residential or mixed-use. In order to maintain the viability of the downtown district we need more housing. However, I would like those structures to fit when certain constraints such as setbacks (i.e. SunTrust Bldg) this country is moving toward a more urban lifestyle-live, work, play. yes people will walk have you seen gas prices? That helps alleviate traffic.

Brick streets damaging my car. Avoid all eating and drinking establishments located in these areas.
All of our roads need serious attention! I think I am living in a 3rd world city-Minnesota has potholes everywhere! Brick streets are appalling in heir unevenness!! As far as buildings we are losing our small town atmosphere! I think it is called progress.

Something needs to be done to alleviate traffic congestion on Fairbanks Ave. Building a large condo on the former Holler Property would make matters worse.

A few years ago, the road was repaved (great) and widened to include a bike path. BUT the problem is that cars RACE down the portion between General Reese and Winter Park Road. The speed limit is 30 and most go 40-45 or more. This is not acceptable for a once quiet neighborhood. Thank you!!

WP doesn’t need any more condos or multi-family type facilities. Each new family will add at least one and possibly two more cars to our already overcrowded roads. Aloma, Fairbanks, Lakemont, and 17-92 can’t handle the traffic it ha snow.

One of WP’s most important assets is Rollins College. We should promote this asset and provide an agreeable and desirable atmosphere of the college town for businesses that want to settle here. It should be apart of our mission statement to establish a favorable milieu. Gainesville and DeLand should do the same. On a more mundane note. We should keep our raids in top repair. Generally speaking we are way behind Orlando in road maintenance. Whoever in the city was responsible for the Gen Reis repair should be removed from office.

We should provide development opportunities to both residential and commercial that enhance the community. We need to maintain a “quality” perception in the mind of the public when WP is discussed. We should eliminate traffic signs with traffic restrictions on an hourly basis. This is prolific on Lakemont Ave. Senior citizens have enough challenges obeying traffic signs. The hourly restrictions are ridiculous. We need to concentrate on driving not watching our clocks while driving.

Informed by its past, WP should be move forward for a better future. 4-5 story residential buildings in the downtown and other parts of the city will reduce traffic, put feet on the street and make WP a better place to live. Every effort should be made to encourage outdoor dining on park Ave and other parts of the city.

Due to so many houses being , unfortunately, demolished in my neighborhood, there’s an increase in heavy traffic. The brick streets are in disarray. I don’t know if that’s worse or the newer brick streets that get your car radio and car out of alignment.

I live at a condo located on 1500 Gay rd. If something isn’t done immediately to resolve the parking and traffic flow problem created by the strip center by ABC, the ice cream store and now the new fish restaurant , someone or worse, multiple injuries and promise then deaths will occur. Please help before a child is killed.

Stop wasting taxpayer’s money on brick streets. Synchronize traffic lights to save gas money and peoples tempers. Do not allow buildings over four stories tall. Save money on speed signs—no one drives that speed. On Aloma the posted sign is 35 and the cars go 50. Stop using
speed bumps—let Police give tickets to help pay their salaries. Why does a fire truck have to follow an ambulance.

Traffic congestion is the biggest problems we have in the City today. It is detrimentally affecting our quality of life. Stalled in gridlock has become a daily occurrence. Although much of the traffic is generated outside of the control of the City, we must manage what is generated in the city. Future redevelopment, wherever it is located in the City, should be planned as traffic generation neutral or minimal impact as part of our overall strategy. Our downtown is the center piece of the community and should be maintained as a "village scale". As it had been for years, the height of buildings should be limited to two stories to avoid creating a canyon effect, cutting off sunlight and destroying our unique quaint downtown. Setbacks with street frontage should be far enough from the street to allow for pedestrian friendly sidewalks, landscaping and trees; all open to the sky. The length and width of new buildings should be limited to allow for light, air and where possible create additional green space. A special emphasis should be to protect Central Park from the kind of development around the park that could negatively affect its open space and views of the park.

No more Brick roads! Affordable utilities, and have a care about more than just the rich people.

Traffic, building height, density-subjects that concern our neighborhood. Also the destroying of perfectly good black top street-just to install car destroying brick-has angered many residents. Baldwin park is and will continue to cause heavy traffic in our area. We need curves and sidewalks.

Winter Park has almost reached capacity. Having lived here for 60 years I like how the city has grown but traffic is a big problem also too much on street parking causing vision problems at intersections. I hope the Carlisle project is approved- its too far along to deny and people waited too long to object- Let’s be open miracles- WP is for all it’s citizens not just cliques that want it all its way.

Support the Carlisle project and other projects that have favorable economic impact in the city. Find a resolution to the traffic and noise caused by the freight trains (many frequent long blockage from stopped/ok long teams and extended horn blowing)

As the city of WP grows, I think it is important to keep two factors in mind: beauty and traffic. As the buildings are added, please don’t forget the beauty that “green” can bring to our community. Also, traffic is something to keep in min. More business brings more traffic. I avoid I4 for a reason. Please don’t bring it into my neighborhood.

Growth is inevitable due to the popularity of living in Central Florida. Density increases made possible by development should be paired with road capacity increases (adding lanes, etc.) If this is not possible or desirable, this will either create traffic problems or “stunt” growth and redevelopment of WP land. Neither is good. How do I envision WP? As a nice place to live where people care about each other and their town. Slow, Careful growth has my vote.

Please- no more brick streets they are a waste of money and tough to drive on!
1. Get rid of ALL the Brick Roads, or at least keep them in decent repair. They are ruining our cars!!

2. Fix the power outage problem. It’s too frequent.

Way too much traffic on Pine Ave. in Winter Park. Please make our street “one-way” or re-design the intersection at Lakemont and Lake Howell such that cars cannot cut through our street to avoid the light at Palmer!!!!!!!!!

My vision is to never have to drive down a brick street again. What a waste of money! The wear and tear on our cars is enormous based on the poor installation!! Why aren’t they all like the little section at New York and Holt? I would also love to see an equalization of taxes based on the true value of your property, not on how long you have lived here. The newcomers are paying way too much!

1. Get rid of brick streets- damaging cars, noisy, can’t bike

2. Too many stops signs; wasting gas, slowing traffic

3. Build higher density near Park Ave. Good for downtown

4. Set backs are too small, allow more height, get more green space. With Giant tress, higher homes, condos, would allow for more green area, from between buildings

4 Lane south Lakemont. Permanent Barrier to Lake Baldwin subdivision. Build sidewalks on all residential streets. Realize there is much more to our town than Park Avenue. Get School buses off Wood crest. 3 Lane traffic on Aloma during rush hours.

Those brick roads are ruining our cars, and due to heavy trucks on them, they are getting potholes and in the long run, they will be costly to repair.

More traffic control-speed bumps are needed on North Phelps. Also 15-mile zone for school on North Phelps. Police officers without radar guns are useless in traffic control. (all police cars do not have radar guns). More residential code enforcement. Vacant houses need to be identified; some are vacant as long as 3 years with selling or renting!

No high-rise building. More affordable homes for low-income families. No more brick roads.

Keep building codes etc same. Please, no more brick streets built as these were. Traffic and parking are bad enough now in downtown Winter Park. I am opposed to development plans that would make these even worse. Preserve the beauty of Park Ave and Central Park.

1. Keep trees trimmed. This would result in less damage during storms. 2. no more speed bumps or “round abouts” 3. No more bumpy brick streets 4. Open Lakemont Ave at Baldwin Park.

The development of the Holler property should not provide access to Fairbanks Ave, but be limited to North/South streets.
I would like to see the roads and schools considered before adding any further stress on them. Quality of life is suffering because of both the traffic is awful in Winter Park—it is worse by the day. And education needs to be #1 job-kids are our future. It’s a crime to have our schools be so poor! Have you driven around lately? Everyone is angry! Too many people-too few road/parking, think about it please!

Keep the height of buildings on Park Ave and Central Park at 30 ft according to the comprehensive plan. Keep Winter Park village image, no more condos. If any septic tanks still in city, get rid of them. No more land annexations. Make Fairbanks attractive. Monitor closely the health of our lakes-always.

Do day bus stop here?

Very strict guidelines for tearing down existing residences, i.e. only if the planned replacement fits neighborhood and is in the best interest of the surrounding area. Fairbanks Ave west of I-4 is a blight and an eyesore. City needs to put area on sewer system, get rid of the car dealerships and tacky businesses there and encourage aesthetic development of the area. Relieve traffic congestion of 17-92 and Fairbanks roads.

The site and proliferation of condo buildings is very upsetting to me. I’m for growth but am very disappointed by the city’s willingness to allow so much development while ignoring traffic concerns. It appears to be all about money. Traffic is a huge issue also, look at all the cars parked by Manor Care making it difficult to maneuver.

Any plan must include plenty of space for parking-not just valet parking or 2 story-parking garages. There must be convenient and safe entrance and exit to the area. We think another area similar to Winter Park Village would be nice with restaurants and small shops that will give space priority to the mom and pop store owners that you forced out of the high (rent) prices on Park Ave a few years ago.

New Urbanism-residential infill to support the downtown is needed! We also need mass transit! Winter Park would be doing its citizens a grave disservice to not support light rail with a stop in downtown Winter Park!

Relocate rail lines and depth along Denning Dr. Use present rail right-of-way for walking and biking trail. Relocate post office into new city hall and expand Central Park area to include all area north of Morse. Organize land west of Interlachen between New England and Lyman up to backs of stores on Park and create Urban Park similar to Bryant Park in NYC. Brick Interlachen and Palmer to slow traffic. Park Ave to become a walking street-no cars Fri PM to Sunday. Thanks for asking!

I do not want parking garages in downtown Winter Park. Women, mothers and older people do not feel secure in garages. Most people avoid them. Do not eliminate any more surface parking.

The city needs growth. This is essential to maintaining the financial health or merchants on Park Ave. Also, we need recreational growth-bike lanes and parks (e.g. the Morse0Genius
property on the lake should be granted to the public) the Morse-Genius and Edith Bush foundations should pour more funds back into our city.

Two developments in our city are examples of desirable design: the Sun Trust Plaza building and its parking structure, and the Winter Park Village. Let’s analyze their characteristics, capture them in a set of principles to be expressed as ordinances or guidelines to impose on plans for commercial structures and for shopping/dining/entertainment complexes. Adopt plans (not just goals) including annual budget provisions to: brick all much-traveled streets. Eliminate all septic tanks, underground electric utilities along all feeder line streets.

I have no city planning experience, but I do believe it is vitally important to control traffic. We must maintain our business tax base and even increase it, but if customers cannot access businesses conveniently, particularly Park Ave, they will drive (no pun intended) to the large malls. Perhaps a system of always available shuttle buses from fringe parking would help.

All of the issues in your letter concern me-land use (no more condos) building height (condos again), scale, density and most especially traffic!! Noise abatement is another concern. The trash collection occurs way too early in the morning-sometimes 3:30! Not a pleasant sounds or easy to sleep through!

My vision for the city of Winter Park is avoidance of the plight of Casselberry- a road to somewhere else. Vehicular traffic I see as our most pressing problem, imprisoning residents and restricting our own freedom of movement. Most of this traffic neither originates in nor ends in Winter Park. Express bussing of commuters should be encouraged. Traffic impact from new developments should be primary concern before approvals are granted. We should preserve what’s left of the scale and character of the CBD-before it is completely replaced with big boxes. Respect the comprehensive plan, restrict variances to rare events. Limit new building heights in the CBD to 3 stories, with setback on the 3rd floor. Public and private enterprise should be kept totally separate-no joint-venture real estate developments enabling private profits from public needs, whether a city hall, post office, or parking garage. Preserve Central Park and residential west side from encroachment by commercial interests. Condemnation should be used only for meeting public needs, not for increasing the tax base, in spite of the decision in Kelo vs. New London.

Use utility bills to communicate with residents of Winter Park matters more frequently. Poll for awareness and understanding and for pro/cons. Enclose west side swimming pool. Originate more fines for code enforcement items. Create more staff for enforcement. Sidewalks free from sprinkler water, broken concrete and uneven heights, overhanging foliage, and cars parked across the sidewalks, and dogs that lunge and bark at you. Street crossings-that are safe for pedestrians, children, strollers and pets, and not scary of frightening or risky to cross; that include coordinated traffic lights, crossing lights, cameras, automatic fines for infractions, speed bumps to control speed, posting speed more frequently, painted crosswalks in neon yellow with red accents and signs at every crosswalk that says “cars may not enter the crosswalk when pedestrians are present” and the amount they will be fined. Spell out car/pedestrian relationship and include utility bills. Architectural review board-to review buildings constructed in Winter Park that are commercial, industrial, residential, recreational. Physical models mandatory where visual speaks to the population more adequately than
words or drawing and paid for my construction/developers. Eliminate buildings that do not conform to the village scale and that intrude over sidewalks, or public property viewed by the public; enforce population sampling for awareness an approval of projects.

More brick streets—never mind what the folk with fancy Suv’s say. They add to the quaintness of the town. Have some green spaces in the redevelopment of the Holler and Project energy properties. Stop taking over the west side!

The city’s efforts to slow traffic through Aloma/Lakemont result in more traffic through residential areas. Effort should be directed to creating a more efficient and faster route through the city. Road construction often ties up 2 or more parallel streets, creating additional traffic problems. The city should coordinate improvement projects to allow/facilitate maximum traffic flow.

Need more bike parking/racks (Like in Baldwin Pak). I only know of 1 bike rack over by the train station.

Beautification of Aloma Ave from Lakemont to 436 to include landscaping and thoughts of limiting height of store signs. This area does not do the city of Winter Park justice. It is somewhat of blight on our image as an elegant, prestigious, historic town.

Stop annexing! The name Winter Park is losing its cache and meaning. Also the stretch of Aloma Ave between Lakemont and 436 looks terrible! We should consistently landscape the median and the land bordering the roads of each shopping center. Limiting the height of store signs and billboards as is done in many cities in affluent neighborhoods.

Please have the pedestrian walk lights hold a little longer. It is very difficult trying to cross the street with a walker or cane before the light changes and the cars start to come through. They have no patience with people with disabilities. I have come close to being hit several times.

Finish bricks via Tuscany—(the paved portion has become a speedway). No condos higher than 4 stories. Most street signs are bad and should be replaced by signs fitting the character of Winter Park.

There is too much traffic on Symonds Ave directly across the street from my new home. All night partying should be stopped. All the old homes should be torn down and rebuild or ask home owner’s to sell. Home that no one lives in next door should be sold. all property should be cleaned up.

Winter Park beautiful homes and gardens have gone by the way of condos and garages. There is a sturdy flow of traffic from Park to the village, which makes it difficult to come out of my driveway. Please replace the light on Canton and Pennsylvania. Quaintness has gone with the tall buildings.

Please smooth the stones on Pennsylvania Ave. I have both a car and scooter, which has required maintenance because of the constant rattling on that road. On my scooter, the handle bars vibrate so violently that they actually came apart while I was riding. If I had been injured, this could lead to a BIG LAW SUIT!
Growth is inevitable—it just needs to be appropriately managed. Frankly, I’d like what I’ve seen, although the magnitude of the Carlisle has been a concern. My question is “how will traffic be managed?”

Subject: bricking of Pennsylvania/Lake Sue Dr. I had written to commissioners when this project was started without any response. I believe that the extreme roughness of this road is a disservice to the residents of southwest Winter Park who must use this arterial road to go to downtown Winter Park and other locations across town. Perhaps someone would speak to me about how it might be connected.

Try not to overpower us with high-rise building and congestion. Do (no right turns) off Lakemont (so many) help all of us? (coming from Glen ridge)

I hope Winter Park don’t end up like downtown Orlando. The density and traffic is too high now. Limit the number of high buildings, that’s what I mean about Orlando. What bothers me the most right now are the streets. Brick streets look good, but do they have to be so rough? I don’t use those streets.

I would like better traffic control. Most cars are going 50-55 mph on Lee Rd—the car noise has increased because of Winter Park Village. We also need more parks and green areas. I do not feel safe walking on sidewalks next to these busy roads. I would like more attention paid to residents-local interests, not just bringing tourists and visitors from outside Winter Park area.

Traffic with resultant noise is a major problem affecting the quality of life in Winter Park. Aloma Ave is particularly bad! How about putting on some “quiet-residential neighborhood” signs that are used in other cities. The city could bring in a lot of added revenue by having the entire police enforce the noise ordinance that the city already has by writing tickets for people who play their car stereos with the volume cranked so loud it rattles the windows of residents who live in the city. They should have a permanent stake out on Aloma Ave especially b/w Phelps and Lakemont when traffic comes to a standstill everyday at noon and late afternoon to early evening. My vision for Winter Park is a quieter city.

Hedges and landscaping doing cemetery on New York Ave. build bicycle and sidewalk paths to allow people to walk and ride safely and reduce auto usage. Require train to stop blowing whistle b/w 7 pm and 7 am. Build speed bumps on all Winter Park roads heavily traveled.

Over the past 10 years the traffic on Aloma/Fairbanks has become ridiculous. The only thing the city does to deal with traffic is brick more roads and put up more stop signs. That doesn’t help those of us who live off of Aloma and can’t get out of our streets because of traffic. Winter Park does not need anymore multi-family units. With $150,000 homes being torn down and $1 million replacing them, I’m sure the city is doing with the tax revenues. Winter Park is a city of homes, not condo buildings that add to the downtown congestion. Fairbanks and 17-92 has always been a problem intersection and now they want to develop the Holler property? The quality of life is really going out of Winter Park. Someone, even the state, didn’t do its job protecting us from the traffic coming out of east Orange County and Baldwin Park.
My vision is improved infrastructure with better roads (repairing and better work) for Temple Dr and Palmer Ave in particular. The completion of underground utilities (electric) for more reliability. Contract with a private vendor to run Osceola Lodge as a bed and breakfast for the city (to generate revenue). Utilize the other Charles Morse Foundation property on Lake Osceola as a park across from the lodge so visitors to Winter Park can enjoy the beautiful lake and to expand our towns feel and character of Winter Park and continue to have town meetings on major development for public input.

Maintaining ambience of Winter Park. Lots of attention has been given to the too large commercial developments (they are), but I feel the residential development trend for LARGE houses is beginning to ruin the “park” in Winter Park. Many lots are now covered primarily by building or hardscape, so entire blocks have lost their park-like feel. Traffic speed is bad: more brick streets!

In 10 years, Winter Park will have doubled present population (evidence many multiple family homes replacing single family homes). Gridlock is going to be constant unless we widen the streets, remove traffic-calming devices and provide schools parking, etc.

My biggest concern with respect to new growth in the community is traffic. The traffic on Aloma in the mornings and afternoon is nearing gridlock and detracts from the charm of the community. I support housing and development downtown, but nothing-existing setback and height limitations. Three stories development around the park.

I would like to see the roundabout on Greene removed! The kids that go up to Winter Park High and most adults don’t know what to do so they run through it. I could hit a car at least 3 times a week

I cope with dirt/dust/noise every day. The DOT needs to put a no parking sign on the entire west side of Virginia. I am greatly concerned about the people density and traffic in our neighborhood. My vision is for eventual quiet and respectful neighbors of city ordinances.

Are we thinking at all about the impact on Winter Park that our roads are going to be practically grid locked with all the condos being developed? No roads are being widened-our infrastructure will be overcome in future and I think we all want our park downtown to be left alone. No condos overshadowing it.

Too much traffic faced with so many brick streets, the cost will be prohibitive to keep the streets smooth. The traffic on Lakemont will be a parking lot most of the time. There will be too many luxury condos, apts, and homes so you will have one class of citizens.

We love our brick streets that have been re-done throughout Winter Park. We would love to see more. It really helps slow traffic through residential neighborhoods and they look beautiful! (Residents of Orwin Manor)

Please keep our quaint city as lovely as it is. Let’s keep the tall buildings in Orlando, we don’t need them to cast shadows on our beautiful park on Park Ave. the brick streets look nice, but we all have to drive on them every day and rattle our cars as well as those that cut through.
Decades of missed opportunities (e.g. ignoring consultant’s recommendations on roads) have created many problems, which, even with the best efforts will make progress difficult. In view of the present highway problems (I-4, Fairbanks and Aloma) and the difficulty of acquiring the needed right of way to enlarge these heavily traveled routes to 6-8 lane highways need to serve present and future needs makes planning and execution extremely difficult. Adding more multiple dwellings, which only put more cars on the streets, does not seem to be a sensible approach. We will surely have a similar problem with water. Unfortunately, some (if not all) of the blame for planning lies at the feet of County Commissioners and surrounding municipalities for their consistent lack of planning and execution. Much can be said that the voters have not helped, insisting on one of the lowest tax policies (except sales tax) in the nation. Good luck!

The City of Winter Park is really growing a lot. I love to see improvement, but it is such a rapid growth it endangers our children with so much traffic. Canton Ave early morning is a speedway, cars doing at least 45 mph. A lot of cars don’t stop at the 4-way stop signs. I would love to have a traffic light back at Pennsylvania and Canton.

Careful review of comprehensive plan to redefine those parameters, then show them to residents in drawings and words. Then a straw vote perhaps on “are we together on this?” Secondly, let’s get our current streets repaired, please! Potholes, brick streets have dips and wash outs in NE side of town. Above all, let’s fix what we have now over say a 1-2 year period. Thank you

I just really do not think that the city is well equipped to handle any more traffic- I think building any more condos or homes near Park Ave is just going to make it Closter Phobic. I feel like the city is losing its hometown – small town feel! Also I hate that the neighborhood between the WP village and Park Ave is being depleted-that is a shame- have you thought about where they are going to go!

The site and proliferation of “condo” buildings is very upsetting t me. I’m for growth but am very disappointed at the city’s willingness to allow so much development while ignoring traffic concerns. It appears to be all about money. Traffic is a huge issue, also, look at all the cars parked by Manor care it is making it difficult to maneuver!

Safe Bicycle path from WPMH to downtown WP.

Make WP truly friendly for pedestrians and bicyclist.-enforce the statue that motorists yield to pedestrians in all crosswalks. –Provide wide sidewalks both sides of arterial and collector roads. –Built multi use paths that are connected throughout the city. –Put in bike lanes along roads ---3 lane Denning. –Create and find a staff position dedicated to ped/bike issues. –Close Park Ave. weekend nights for Pedestrians.

My concerns: -traffic flow in and around WP needs to be studied. –Speeding, stop sign avoidance, and red light running need to be policed. – Downtown WP parking needs to be evaluated and perhaps increased. Forget building height. More important is mobility into and around WP.
There is a definite traffic issue on Fairbanks/Aloma that needs to be addressed. I NEVER see any cop issuing citations to all the people making left turns over the double lines on Fairbanks which then causes traffic build up. Also there are so many speeders in my neighborhood Kenilworth shores.

Slow down the traffic! TOO much speeding in our town WP!!

1. Traffic is crazy. My husband and I have been passed on palmer and Phelps. WP needs to be a speed trap. Purchase state of the art equipment to enforce the speed limit. More of a police presence is needed. WP village, Park Ave., etc. 2. Max height for buildings should be 2 stories- let the impact of the residences that have been built take effect before future buildings are considered.

Please stop the growth. No more variances. Stop Traffic---close Lakemont at Baldwin Park. Do not widen roads. Stall all new plans; no growth. Only small boats on lakes (6 hp or less)

Buses should not be allowed on Maryland Ave.- street is too narrow and buses go to fast. With parking allowed on one side of the street, only one at a time can fit and this makes the street very dangerous. Yellow lines need to be extended further from the end of the street and no parking zones enforced. Also, some no parking areas should be place periodically down street to allow cars to pull over when cars are coming in the opposite direction. Speeding needs to be enforced on Maryland and Huntington- people cut corners TOO fast. There have been several accidents recently.

My vision for Winter Park is primarily aimed for public safety projects. Many of us pedestrians face traffic concerns i.e. crossing roads such as Lee road safely. Although, with regard to a petition for a crosswalk on Lee Road, I suggested/ requested safety crosswalk, the DOT of Deland has finally agreed to place one at Lee Road eastbound-with much appreciation from us residents at (formerly Legacy apts) –now condos-additional crosswalks were needed. Thank you DOT!

We must constantly consider the impacts of traffic. Aloma through WP is ridiculous-people drive way too fast. This is a residential neighborhood not an interstate. Fairbanks is a narrow, dangerous nightmare.

Traffic is our biggest problem-77% (cities number) are non-resident though traffic. Solution 1. Put traffic lights at all cross streets and make it impossible to go through WP then maybe traffic will really have to go around us. Solution 2. Build 6 lane, No access rd from NE WP to SW WP- Local traffic can use their own streets. The people causing the problem will get their own problems back. Solution 3extend University Boulevard to 6 lanes West to the bicycle Path run S. to Baldwin Park( cit limit) and let Orlando handle the problem Orlando caused the problem we care it through WP Let them have the rest!

Barker Road needs speed bumps to avoid tragedy. During rush hour speedsters do not pay attention to the speed limit. A police officer should be assigned to that road to catch violators.
The city needs to create a plan that will improve the streets, sidewalks etc of all areas. It is very important to not focus only around Park Ave. Regarding traffic, the speed limits are too slow and the streets are a real shame, they all need to be improved and maintained.

Please limit pass through traffic. Please keep our neighborhoods safe with perhaps more patrol cars, motorcycles. Please limit speeding with more attractive islands in thoroughfares such as Phelps Ave. Thanks!

1. Do not increase population density. Reduce it if possible 2. reduce traffic. Growth increases traffic  3. 1 or 2 story buildings near central park. 4. 3 story buildings w/ deep setbacks, max allowed away from Central Park. 5. Maintain small town ambience we moved here to enjoy

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Less commercial encroachment in residential areas, restriction on building heights, traffic calming devices, beautification of streets, medians, replacement of trees damaged by hurricane in Westside. Village concept with preservation of older home. Underground electrical wiring.

Maintain village atmosphere-promoting walking to downtown farmers market, easy parking (parking garage-nicely landscaped) consistent upscale street signs, buried minimize overhead utilities, brick streets or brick accented streets, numerous restaurants, cafes in downtown (Park Ave and West New England), better Park maintenance, limit of building heights to four stories, traffic calming needed around Aloma curves, replanting trees, traffic light between Aloma/Phelps and Fairbanks/Park Ave needed. No development in preserved Genius Drive areas

It is of utmost importance to maintain our waterways and natural habitats. Howell Creek, which connects Lake Virginia and Lake Sue, has ongoing problems with hydrella and weeds it has been understood by residents that a grant was to dredge the creek as many streets are now being drained into the creek as well as not keeping weeds sprayed. Many nature land eagles and wildlife live on the island. It is most a valuable possession and treasure.

Slow growth! Keep more green grass, tress etc. don’t lose the small town charm that is left. Keep Winter Park for ALL residents, not just the rich and wealthy.

My husband and I are life long residents of Winter Park. Recently the question of how the Citizens view the recent, current and future development in our City has arisen and we have been asked to contact our Commissioners with our input. We believe that Winter Park was one of the "Crown Jewels" in Florida. Recent changes to our downtown seem to be ruining the character and charm we have loved for so many years. We question how Commuter Rail got approved much less a station in our park. We question too the size and scale of the developments which are recently completed, under construction and in the planning stages. Our Downtown area needs to retain its small town feel. Buildings over 2 stories should be limited to outside the Central Park/Park Avenue area. Growth and development don't have to be bad things - they just need to be done with conscience.
We don't believe the current projects under consideration are being done with conscience. Consideration for parking, traffic and set backs also seems to be lacking. Please help us retain the charm of Winter Park by not allowing any large-scale developments in the Central Business District.

Controlled growth and improvement while maintaining the quaint, small town, historic charm that is unique to this town. Great schools, parks and green areas, which can be utilized by all citizens. Continued small community events flicks in park, July 4th, Egg roll, etc.

Winter Park could be redefined and polished, but no more development! It’s built-out. Save any remaining open or natural spaces. Encourage environmental protection and resourceful use of water. Encourage the arts. Taxes could support: neighborhood police, parks and rec, livable neighborhoods. In pursuit of perfection, muffle trains and incessant sirens.

It will truly be a city. When I moved here in ’88 it was called a city but I thought of it as a small town like what I was used to in New Jersey. As I ride through Winter Park it’s getting more and more new buildings. I’m glad I moved here-I do love Winter Park but it’s changed a lot and wonder how much more it will change. It’s sad.

Building height on Park Ave has been destroyed forever. Once you build it you will never tear it down. Water cleanliness looks great. Building scale per foot of land on new construction has gotten ridiculous…better put some serious planning into the Holler Chevy Project!

I think all of this building in the city of Winter Park is horrible. How will we ever be able to get around as this continues? Park Ave certainly cannot be widened. PLEASE let us keep the beautiful park-don’t let growth take this away from what used to be such a wonderful and beautiful small city. The traffic is so bad now. What in the world are we going to do as these condos fill up?????

I would like to see the city leaders limit the growth and not lose sight of what makes Winter Park the quaint, beautiful town. We chose to love here because we don’t want massive buildings, lands covered with parking lots, too much traffic to enjoy driving in our neighborhoods. Leave the canopy of beautiful trees (what’s left after the hurricanes). Stop allowing every lot to have the old bungalows torn down and massive homes put in-there’s enough already.

Control size and height of buildings. Keep open spaces open.

Less development. Keep the city simple. Make police friendlier, respectful, especially for young people.

To continue to maintain the charm and eclectic nature of Winter Park with mixed housing alternatives (including Carlisle and others) more Park Ave dining opportunities—with outside seating.
The city maintains its small town atmosphere. Another parking garage is badly needed for Park Ave businesses. Open spaces need to be preserved. Add 4 more tennis courts at Cady Way Tennis Center and practice walk. Keep Mead Gardens, wildlife friendly and catch feral cats and neuter them. Stop putting poison to kill certain plants as poison is going into the streams going through Mead Gardens and spreading into lakes.

I envision a city of about the same population, with improved major road arteries as well as improved ground transportation—such as a light rail station. The recent growth in high density housing and high story buildings is a bit overwhelming and threatens to diminish the charming town we currently have!

My vision is to preserve the quaint, small town feelings of Winter Park. The greenery, small roads and variety of homes add to its charm. My biggest fear and concern is for traffic and congestion especially in the downtown area. I don’t see large condos and retail projects a benefit. I think strict restrictions on size, height, and density are needed to keep Winter Park appealing and beautiful.

We are 90 years old and deplore the changes—control the growth as much as possible.

I am a 4th generation Winter Parker. My family arrived in 1887! I love brick streets, trees, stately homes, and clean lakes! We need to attract the very best new residents—we need to keep Winter Park unique! Reduce traffic. I endorse responsible growth, not big, boxy, ugly blogs—those with character and charm.

We do not want to see Winter Park become the next Palm Beach— an exclusive enclave only for the very wealthy. We believe there needs to be a diversity in population, housing options and retail operations. We feel that a lot of development has been allowed to proceed at the expense of the poorer residents of this community, and that a privileged few developers have been allowed to overdevelop some areas.

I would like to see progress in WP, which is in keeping with the small scale of buildings and charm preserved. I think the post office should be updated and preserved as a mi-century modern building—just as Palm Springs has done. Landscaping and architectural accents would be all that is need. We voted for David Strong and want citizen input!

If I wanted to live in an urban area, I would have bought a home in downtown Orlando. I moved to WP because I wanted to live in a charming town. I would encourage you to preserve ordinances that have made WP such a wonderful place and apply them justly. If you are going to have zoning laws, then they must apply to everybody. When the city starts granting major exemptions to a few and not all, that’s an invitation for corruption. So, don’t increase the residential density, limit height to 2-3 stories, maintain open space, and keep reasonable setbacks. Traffic is bad enough, don’t make it worse.

A place where more people can live, work, and entertain in and around downtown area.

We would like to keep WP more like a town and less like a big city. (Downsize) We like charming and quaint a place where the buildings are not bigger than the trees.
I see WP making plans to retain the people friendly scale and aesthetic charm which has attracted me and many others to love this intimate feeling city of lakes and trees, founded to truly be a “Winter Park.” This means keeping building heights in the downtown areas to 3 stories, having wide safe sidewalks, promoting more greenery and flowers away from Park Ave, and keeping traffic in control by not crowding in condos—Let’s keep our uniqueness.

I saw a proposed change to WP’s City Hall in a publication recently and was taken aback….building cam almost to the street with a combination condo/city hall/retail space. Looking back at the current site, it isn’t necessarily the most charming building …but it sits back with beautiful landscaping and a little simple. Sort of nice change to the concept of everything big, encroaching the streets that we’ve seen recently. Building heights should be kept @ 2 stories in Central Core…if higher story, it should be setback. Trees do matter. O don’t object to the expansion Westward, but I wan it to be in scale with the charm that makes WP what it is!!

Classic, orderly growth. Okay for tall buildings along 17-92, and ok re the old Langford property. Please keep the charm along Park Ave. No more 3-4 story structures. Please, no time shares on NY Ave if new structure goes up. Temple Dr is so noisy w/ City trucks hauling down to facility at Howell Branch. Please reroute City trucks over to 17-92

I believe that is absolutely essential that WP retains its “village” atmosphere and that our downtown business district does not become “canyonized” with tall buildings that set close to the curb. SunTrust and North Park almost do us in! Our downtown has a real feel of openness that we can’t loose. Otherwise we will just become and ordinary urban center. We also need to be very mindful of development in West WP It is primarily residential and these residents play an important role in the diversity of our community.

A vibrant, energetic lifestyle with outdoor cafes, restaurants, small retail shops, wine and cheese, city activities in the park, and exciting foot traffic. A place we lie and others wish they did.

A quiet, beautiful town that values quality of life and peace of mind over mindless growth.

When we moved to WP nearly 40 yrs ago we were please to discover we were residents of a remarkable small town—good schools, reasonable traffic, racially integrated, spirit-filled churches, great shopping on park Ave, an much more. Today it has changed and not for the better. For the future, please: Reduce growth (No more high-rise condos); quit displacing West WP residents; try to maintain small town atmosphere (local ownership, where possible) We’re already badly damaged

We do not want to see WP lose all of its “village” appeal and charm, Lets not have anymore high-rises and condos. Reduce traffic problems.

We believe the buildings in WP built and scheduled to be built are way too big for our city in square footage and in height. WP is a small city. It is beautiful but we want it to remain small. We don’t want a megapolis. The size and quaintness of the city is what attracted us
50 years ago. Please, please do not destroy our park with huge condos, parking garages, etc.

Preservation of the village atmosphere in WP downtown should be a priority. The scale of the new project detracts from the existing properties. I hope the recent changes adopted by the commission, which have permitted the Carlisle and Landmark to propose such hideous, large buildings be repealed.

WP has a unique village atmosphere; here is nothing like in all of Florida. It is “the reason” real estate prices are rising faster than in the tri-county area. We must maintain the 30’ limits strict setbacks landscaping between bldg and street and lots of trees!! After seeing the ugly building on the old Jacobson’s site and the coming Douglas Grand, it is a must to pursue an Architectural Review Board no more of these. Don’t canyonize WP Keep it as it is with tasteful development. Keep the old scale for new 2-3 story buildings and allow no more than 2 stories on Park Ave Hannibal Square is looking good no more Douglas Grand.

When WP was begun, it was to be a “city unique, different” a village look and feel. A place not to be homogenized with Orlando-bigger, taller, less history, destruction. If we keep the “village look” people will come-to stroll thru the streets, parks, arcades, cafes, and shops. Because they will be “slower paced” no “stressed out” feel- but a relaxed peaceful, not overwhelmed feel, tall buildings do not bring this! They add to stress and being overwhelmed.

That the comp plan be an enforced document, not a planning tool for guidance. Retain quaint nature of WP w/o new urbanism- that’s fine for Orlando and Baldwin Park. Transparency in gov’t dealings with developers. Architectural standards for CBD.

I would like to see WP keep its small town feel. Keep the Post office and library in a central location, so they become and continue to be easily accessible to residents of WP.

Do not want the area developed with apartments/condos over 3 stories as they do not enhance the charm of WP.

Preserve the character of Park Ave where people came to shop and dine in this kind of atmosphere.

Hi, Sorry I must have misplaced the Post Card. Please accept this. I would like WP to remain the quaint village I grew up in. I am for more green space and less big buildings. I realize that businesses are important but please limit them to 2 stories downtown. Please consider how the long time residents of the Westside would feel. I would not like the Westside turned into some huge business center and the residents get squeezed out.

When I transferred to Rollins College in 1947, graduated in 1949, I never dreamt that the lovely village of WP (pop.5000) would become a crisis center 50 yrs later. Back then, I pursued a career in NY for a few years I returned to WP for a staff position at Rollins and have lived here ever since. After 45 years of retail merchandising on Park Ave, I retired in 1994, and still live in “downtown” WP. Although I lie in the only “high-rise” condos
(Wenterset/1971) its small compared to the under construction and proposed condos in our downtown area. I am totally opposed to the Carlisle project and the one at Knowles and Canton as well as the ones already approved by the city and under construction, such as Douglas Grand (Morse and New York) and the Langford, which appears to be at a stand still. I welcome progress, but not to the extent of destroying the ambience of our charming downtown area. Please don’t allow the greedy developers to ruin Park Ave. as well. The new comers won’t know the difference but we who have cherished WP as a very special place to live, will never forgive the city commissioners for allowing such drastic changes in our much admired city.

As I do understand that improvements are greatly needed in public offices, post offices and zoning, I feel it can be done in a smaller scale. My vision is efficiency with simple class. Money should be spent on personnel answering phones and not on some gaudy, oversized building. Like City of Ocoee’s city hall for example.

Low density-use old Winter Park 50 years ago as a standard. Keep European village scale, small buildings kept back from street. Develop a Winter Park parking code-current code is not adequate for # of spaces RQD in restaurants, theaters, etc-need stricter! Residents come first! Merchants come 2nd! Developers come last! Quality of public buildings must be high.

I have lived here all my life and do not understand the need for any condos. The traffic has become unbearable, why increase the population? We have already added many homes with Wind Song and now new homes will be added where Glenridge once stood. How can our roads handle any more?

37 years ago our family bought a new home on Palm Ave. Our children and grandchildren were blessed with Winter Park and Maitland schools, the past leadership from the mayors and depts. If it’s not broken, why fix it? Let’s keep Winter Park a wonderful place to live.

A no-exception enforcement of existing codes, the Central Park area should be maintained and protected from the impediment of developers. The preservation of the traditional Winter Park must be continued. Developers should not control our city.

My vision of Winter Park for the future remains mostly static. I have lived here in Winter Park for 48 years and I love Winter Park as is! I know things change but I don’t believe massive huge outszie buildings are either desirable or any fit in my hopes of the future. The current trend seems to be that Big is the answer to everything! Houses, buildings, furniture, SUR’s-you name it. My answer is NO! quality over quantity every time! Change can be for the better rather than bigger.

I was born here and have lived in Winter Park for 47 years and the development and construction I see saddens me greatly. Tearing down the quaint little Winter retreats and replacing them with Mcmansions is progress, I guess? Downtown Orlando, with an eye on historical preservation is both attractive and classic. Winter Park, the so-called “city of gracious living” is a big time sellout to the highest bidder.
Stop all this building!! Many of our citizens moved to Winter Park because of the beauty and the small town feeling which is fast disappearing!!

I think that no matter where there is building, the size and height should be restricted so that the area will still continue to have the light and airiness which helps to make Winter Park so desirable. Also, the density of new construction should be carefully watched in concert with the traffic and its flow.

I think the thing we have totally lost sight of is charm. These 3-story buildings given time will destroy the Winter Park most of us love. You have the power to change and restrict growth, use it. Take a look at Carmel CA. It feels and looks like Old Winter Park. It has restricted height and density and maintained its character and value. Maybe a group trip to Carmel would be helpful. Holler and Progress are not core Winter Park projects and need normal guidelines.

The city of Winter Park needs to remain a city without big buildings, huge business and big developers. The huge building where the old Langford Hotel used to be is an abomination. People, trees, homes, and small shops—that is what Winter Park should be.

The charm and draw of boutique villages is the key to a successful tourist destination. Some very good examples are: Mt Dora, Black Mt, NC, Maggie Valley, NC, Sedona, AZ. I am afraid that your greed will kill the charm of Winter Park as a tourist destination.

Please maintain the old-town feel with less modernization and no more tall buildings. The brick road additions are great—keep up with those. Don’t widen any roads! More trees added to Winter Park golf course area to replace ones lost down the center. Fine tune Winter Park utility issues with power outages!

I appreciate Mayor Strong and the commission saying no to the Carlisle project. I continue to be an active resident and welcome all info regarding our Winter Park Comp. Plan. I plan to remain active in any way I can!

I have been a resident in my house for 38 years. I have always loved the “small town” atmosphere in Winter Park. It is very discouraging to see developers come in and try to overbuild with huge buildings, high density and more traffic. Why? So they can make lots of money! It doesn’t make sense.

City should maintain the charm that attracted long-term residents, not high turnover opportunists. Nor more high-rises, condos, Holler scale palaces, Windsong mansions. The character of the Winter Park of the 60s (when I moved into this house) is being lost to mostly outside investors. The P & Z recommendation to repeal the Feb 05 ordinance is a good start, “play by our rules, baby, or look elsewhere.” De-Carlisle and de-landmark Winter Park.

My vision? Vision implies change, and I don’t want Winter Park to change much—perhaps we should veer away some from our recent emphasis on growth and grandeur—make more affordable housing available—try to keep more greenery between buildings—make our
many and beautiful lakes available to those of us who don’t have the privilege of living on them.

Make progress but keep the same trademark values. Maintain a balance—we need to keep up the Winter Park image of beautiful trees, unique neighborhoods. I even think the brick streets add charm. But keep from becoming too commercialized, too much asphalt parking lots, etc. Some change is good. I would have to say that some of the old, rundown homes which have been torn down to make room for small condo complexes has resulted in attractive upgrades. My old town of Winter Haven did not see a need for progress, and has resulted in the old areas near the schools, hospital, etc in becoming run down, undesirable and almost ghetto-like. Try to keep traffic controlled, let Winter Park grow, but stay pretty and cozy. I’m always proud to say we live in Winter Park.

Plans that honor the wants and needs of the institutions and individuals that have contributed so much to Winter Park’s growth and development and culture over the years. Well-controlled, high value residential and business developments that does not outplace the infrastructure that supports it (e.g., water, power, sanitation, telecommunications, etc). Local routes in and through Winter Park that do not become major east/west north/south routes in Central Florida. Plans that encompass set areas for green spaces equal to the space devoted to development/redevelopment.

Keep politics down—make decisions fair for all! Really listen. Do not allow the Enzian to build in town. Stop favoring construction that complicates parking! (Bank of America renovation and recent Morse Foundation Building on Park Ave). Consider the impact of too much construction all at once—noise, congestion, traffic snarls. Police construction that spills into the streets during business.

Please leave the face of Winter Park the way it is. Buildings should not be allowed higher than 2 stories, and we certainly don’t need the traffic that taller structures (i.e., more people) will create.

Maintain the village atmosphere that has attracted residents and businesses alike to this fine community. Change is inevitable, but I do not believe it must come at the expense of our community values. We can allow and even encourage new and modern buildings but it must be done within reasonable guidelines that are part of a carefully considered master plan. Once the plan is in place, variances should only be granted when unusual circumstances exist or unintended hardships would result. We citizens count on our elected officials to represent us, not the developers.

I am no different than all other older Winter Park people. I do not like the big tall buildings. Being a shop owner, I also wish you would consider timing construction. We have been surrounded by massive construction for 4 years. It is hard in business to have street closings and big cement trucks let alone the noise. Those buildings don’t jump up in one day. It usually takes a year.
Responsible growth. Beatification of Fairbanks Ave between 17-92 and New York. Encourage Park Ave business to remain open in the evening by attracting more shoppers and diners with entertainment.

As a 3rd generation citizen, it is important to me to retain the charm and small village feeling we have long enjoyed. I’d like to see a soda shop pr Park Ave. O’Brians was a favorite. We have become too posh for my taste. Charm and prosperity are comparable.

Improve entrance from I-4 into the city on both Fairbanks and Lee Rd. avoid building close to train tracks. Maintain Park Ave in its present state. Having code enforcement do their job on the newly annexed areas of Winter Park.

Keep building heights low, scale small, density thin and traffic slow. This sounds frivolous but it is most sincerely meant. We don’t need another I-4, Millenia Mall, high rise condos etc. in Orange County. Why ruin Winter Park?

We would like Winter Park to thrive as a community but maintain a small town atmosphere that supports local merchants and community endeavors. Increased police protection and neighborhood watch programs are essential to maintain a sense of security.

You have a perfect town as it is (or at least up to about a year ago. I am from California and I saw the SF Bay blitzed and ruined by growth; building everywhere. Traffic a mess, etc. The developers will ruin this town if you let them. Once you start, it won’t stop. Leave Winter Park the way it is.

My vision of Winter Park ended when the developers took over and the high-rises began. Until that time Winter Park was a small town, very comfortable. Now crime and traffic have increased. Why do we have to compete with Orlando? I have lived in Winter Park since 1971 and considered it a great place to live, but you are changing the whole picture.

Less major development in our central downtown. Preserve the charm!! Enough of the condos, townhouses, etc.

Fewer of these mcmansions that are being built on narrow lots around town, destroying the charm and graciousness of the community! There is a way to remodel existing homes that more fits the space and proportion of the whole.

Please maintain our village character without losing sight of our role/presence on the greater Central Florida community. We must cooperate with others regarding matters of road planning, light rail, education, etc. If we look out for our own interests the point of isolating ourselves we will not be serving the best interests of our citizens. Let’s also work to maintain diversity among the citizenry in race, culture, and economic status. It adds to the richness of life and helps us to protect us from isolation. Our comp plan should be designed with these goals in mind.

The 1992 photographic essay, “A Sense of Place, Winter Park, Florida” by Clark Schreyer depicts what we are in danger of losing. A town is very like an individual, its character is
the result of its own will and purpose. Like Vero Beach, let us use our 2 follies as a format for what NOT to do.

To see Winter Park look like the days of yester year. You have damaged so much of that old look now, so please do not add to it. Don’t ever move the train station and keep the park looking like it is now.

Having resided in Winter Park for the past 39 years I am terribly saddened by the insane growth management policies, construction around Park Ave, Central Park, the proposed building in the post office site. Etc. we will see traffic at its worst in these areas, more population growth in downtown. Please save Winter Park, stop selling it to greedy developers.

Keep the unique look of Winter Park. Height and scale important to keep under control.

I would like to see the city stick with some strict rulings about high-rise buildings-especially in the downtown shopping area of Winter Park. Let’s keep it updated, quaint and beautiful!

Would like to see more areas designated for parks, trees, bike path etc. rather than building homes or more commercial centers.

Winter Park, especially the downtown area is very historic and should not be changed. No condos (tall or short), no tall office buildings. No more tall parking garages. The area is charming as it is. No developers should be allowed to change anything. No Carlisle on NY Ave!

I think the historic, low scale buildings should be maintained. More needs to be done to provide affordable business space for minority, especially, African American business owners. There should be land set aside for multi-purpose use that can be owned and developed by African Americans.

Please reface or repaint the new building on Park Ave with the new parking garage. It does not get the theme of Winter Park, it’s too tall. Upgrade all Winter Park road signs with the nice wrought iron one. Plant trees the city takes down. I lost 4 and it ups from the city taking turn down. I have had no replacement.

I think that they already commercialized and glitzed Park Ave and now the post office site. In Winter Park the post office was a familiar site now they’re putting it into a co-op building. Puhleeze follow the money. I think we were in need of 2 story (affordable) co-ops for a long time near Central and Park Ave, not on it. Keep it simple.

The historic beauty of Winter Park preserved and continued in building and restoring buildings and parks. I see Winter Park with many beautiful outdoor and indoor places as well as the convenience of shops and businesses so close by. We have young children so great schools, great parks, great recreation is also a part of our vision. Thanks
The charm of this beautiful little town is slowly dying because of all the above. Please do something to turn it around before it is too late.

I feel the maintained of height should be no more than 2 stories for Winter Park residences, including condos and apts. I feel the Holler Chevy property energy should not have exception and be no more than 2 stories. I come against the city expanding its current footprint. More parks less traffic.

Maintain the city’s character as a residential village with a park-like atmosphere. Winter Park’s future should be strongly influenced by its past. Ordinances which protect it from and discourage high density condo sprawl should be strictly enforced.

My town of birth is Chapel Hill NC. Some 35 years ago in-town development projects were allowed that began to threaten the town’s character, but awakened a public outcry. Ultimately, this unique character (similar to downtown Winter Park) was largely preserved. This is my hope and vision for Winter Park.

The charm of the little shops made Park Ave “special” now it will be like any other street in Orlando—there should have been help to keep the small shop owners profitable.

I came to Winter Park years ago from Maine because it felt “homey” as a New England Village. I reared a family house—now, in a wheel chair I can’t even enjoy Park Ave—it’s become a little Miami—with dog shows! Please bring back our village atmosphere! I and my family support you and still live here.

It’s all about scale; houses that are in scale with the existing character of the neighborhoods, condos that are in scale with the rest of downtown, retailing that is in scale with our local shops. We want light rail transit. Please protect or ass to open space, particularly around the lakes.

Please do not change the ambience, that is the attraction.

My vision of Winter Park a beautiful city with nice people. Buildings that are being built should be then 3 stories high. No big buildings, traffic is often. Pot holes in roads should be filled. And for trash there should be a bulk pick up date. Over time more trees should be planted.

My vision of Winter Park is to keep the ambience and special places that mean so much to all of us and to keep diversity (racially and economically) in the city. Of course growth is necessary but I don’t think it has to be at the expense of the character and livability of our city. My suggestion is to identify those places we hold dear (e.g. Park Ave, Central Park, golf courses, craft gardens, our lakes and the west side community and established protective zones around them. The rules for the zones could be different—more restrictive. Also I think duplexes, 4plexes and row houses can also bring higher density (we don’t have to have all high-rise condos).

Keep Winter Park quaint and viable—retain character. Keep schools good—the 100s of portable are a shame. Keep building heights low—keep density low. Be fair to our neighbors on the
West side. Maximize park space-quit selling it! Buy back as much as possible! Don’t worry so much about taxes, do what is right!

We would like to see a nice residential town with scattered businesses, not a metropolis, and a place where animals of all kinds are protected and housed, as remembered alive to other suitable or natural environments.

Winter Park is primarily a residential village that benefits from a low density, quaint downtown shopping districts with the convenience of suburban shopping on its outskirts. It is also the home to the region’s best public schools. Its residents chose to live here for these reasons and want those characteristics and their property values preserved.

1957 we moved into a beautiful little town within a year we spoke to most people by name. There were no big buildings except the Landford hotel, churches, the Alabama and Seminole Inns. You can’t go backwards, but we should make every effort to control growth. It will grow in spite of our effort to maintain our small village atmosphere.

Please no more building!! The law of diminishing returns has already been fulfilled. We need more green space, more schools (fewer portables), less traffic. A better ratio between house and lot size-fewer cars. We have already lost much, we had enough before. These inflated values do not give us better quality. Winter Park is becoming another urban sprawl.

I would like to city to preserve the small town ambience of downtown Winter Park by not overwhelming the character and charm of Park Ave and Central Park with over buildings, that are out of character and/or overly large.

Do what we can to maintain what we’ve got. All decisions on new development should consider 2 aspects-aesthetic and financial.

We moved back to Winter Park after we retired-mainly because we always remembered what a special place it was for us in our time before-I wish and hope it remains as unique and special.

Looking for a balance between growth in some larger structures in appropriate places and maintaining the casual atmosphere we all enjoy. By the way, wouldn’t some beautiful palm trees along Park Ave be great (it is Fl you know). Canopy is all right in “somewhere” up north. Guess what? Palms don’t blow over in hurricanes.

We are long-term (around 40 years) residents of Winter Park and love the city for its quaintness, charm, and neighborliness. We’d like to keep development to an appropriately small scale, in keeping with its tradition. More affordable housing; favor starter castles.

My vision for the City of Winter Park: I want the city to maintain its uniqueness, its differentness, and its pedestrian scale! I do not want it to turn into another condo haven. I have lived here for 35 years and the reason I have stayed is because I can still walk to Park Ave for breakfast, lunch or dinner and meet neighbors along the way. If Winter Park
turns into just another Metrowest I will sell my house and move to a place that has respected and celebrated its unique character.

Keep Winter Park quaint. Work on traffic-it’s horrible. No more tearing down historic homes/buildings. Return to mail delivery-REMOVE mailboxes. Thank you for the dog park at Lake Baldwin and for the replacement of oak trees.


Maintain small town atmosphere-quality of lifestyle instead of development traffic-regulate flow through the city-do not increase density, that will add more local traffic. Continue to improve lakes and parks. Stop bricking streets. They’re beautiful but awful to drive on. Improve street lighting and signage.

Maintenance of village scale. Limitation of new condo and apartment development (traffic is already seriously affecting lifestyles and safety-more condos equal more cars/traffic/problems). Make every effort to enrich Winter Park’s heritage of community activity and integrity. Not becoming a “tourist destination”. A trash free environment.

In describing Winter Park, I have always told people that “Winter Park has done an excellent job of maintaining a small-town atmosphere in the midst of the explosion of population in Central Florida.” Unfortunately, I don’t think I can say that anymore, what a shame.

I envision a vibrant small city that is attractive to parents of young children. I see amore young families walking Park Ave. I am not interested in seeing unoccupied properties on Park Ave just to please those of us who’ve lived here a long time and remember that business that used to occupy them.

Quaint, tree lined streets-slowing down of the huge mega buildings!! No more condos. Thank you for listening.

No city should try to exist in a time capsule. Yet it must strive to protect and preserve the best of its past. It must not only shelter it citizens, but also be a sanctuary for the landmarks that created its character. What brings visitors to Winter Park is its uniqueness, not its conveniences. It is wrong to think, “build the parking garages, and they will come”. It is right to think, “plant trees and build fountains, and they will come”. We are first a community of homes and small businesses. Most would agree that squeezing more into the Winter Park footprint at the expense of our sense of space is wrong. Yet we can also be misguided in our attempt to retain scale. Large buildings can both inspire and fit within the landscape. And architectural integrity is not preserved by regulating that 2nd story of a home must be set back further that the 1st story. Beware of good intentions with ugly consequences. Let’s not become an “I remember” city: “I remember when there was an eagle’s nest on Interlachen Ave…I remember when there was a gamble Rogers home on that property…I remember the old school building on Park Ave. There’s a parking garage there now.”
Please preserve the village characters of Winter Park. I do not like the misappropriations of our park and aesthetic resources for/by a few real estate developers. Developers and orderly progress is fine, but NOT land groles, such as proposed for the park.

Mayor Daniel Strong I am happy you are our new mayor and hope you have the love for the new Winter Park and never permit a monstrosity like that are on Park Ave and Canton again, it is a disgrace to Winter Park. The Carlisle is another mistake, stop it. I know we have to use our land and grow but let’s keep it Winter Park.

Absolutely no high-rises. Anything to overpower the quaintness of Winter Park! What would our predecessors have done? The wealthy New-Englanders and New Yorkers who gave Winter Park its “class” and “prestige” would be extremely disappointed if we destroy what makes our city so special.

Winter Park has gained its structure and prominence as a residential community. High density and high rises do not fit this profile. Which is why the recent election went as it did. Aloma traffic cannot continue and grow or we cannot get around the city.

I am deeply concerned about the character of our city. Whoever is allowing inappropriately designed architecture to flourish should be fired. I see a pedestrian, brick-lined Park Ave with no vehicle parking so everyone WALKS (go to Boulder, CO for model). I see serious restrictions on chains and slick stores. I see preserving raw land with NO condo development within downtown area. I see an effort to restrict rents (exorbitant) on downtown buildings so Mom and Pop stores have a chance to survive.

Don’t let Winter Park end up looking like downtown Orlando. I was born here and the skyline is bad. When we would come into Winter Park it is nice, it gives you a sense of a close-knit community. It is hard to get that from large 80 story buildings. That is why I moved here to Winter Park away from that busy downtown Orlando. Thank you.

I moved to Winter Park in 1978 for the beautiful, peaceful neighborhoods, lovely trees, diverse neighbors small village feel of downtown and love nature and culture instilled by our founder, Charles Morse. I would like to retain this character. The city is selling out to wealthy developers. If we don’t do something now, nothing will remain of our once enviable unique quality of life. Why are wealthy transients shaping our city?

I would like to see us keep the village-like charm of Winter Park. This means keeping as much greenery and as many open spaces as possible. Including no building structures in Central Park. No more enormous straight-lined buildings. Let’s return to artistically designed structures.

My vision is that Winter Park would be more like the small town that it was in 1978 when I moved here. I know that it is impossible with all the growth that is here, but please-slow down the development for awhile-see how we look then-maybe we will know whether we’ve had enough or not. Do not let the big developers destroy our town!
Try to maintain the village atmosphere that Winter Park is noted for, do not change or alter established perimeters for building height, etc! let Orlando have the high rises and major traffic. Growth is inevitable, but must be controlled.

I want Winter Park to maintain and preserve the unique, small town, village atmosphere which has separated it from the rest. I want to be able to drive through “my town” unencumbered by traffic joins and safety concerns. I would like to see a cap on building height, not more than 4 stories. I would like the population increase, which result from new development, be carefully thought out and controlled so that no one area becomes saturated by hundreds of condos within a .25-.5 mile area. Parking garages are not the answer.

Winter Park was never meant to be a large city. It’s charm lives in the diversified small shops and open green space provided by our beautiful Central Park, presently unencumbered by large buildings. Let’s have a comprehensive plan that is strong and avoids variance 35 ft in height should be the limit!

To keep WP the beautiful unique town/city it has been for the 45 years we have lived here. To keep developers form changing that uniqueness-especially when they push for more changes in codes and variances. Creative change or additions are possible when contained within city law.

As a life long resident of WP I would like the growth to be limited to maintain the quaintness that we are known for. I do approve of single dwelling homes being restores and/or renovated on pre-existing properties. I would like to condos to be tasteful and limited to ease our already over eroded streets, shops, PARKING, and special events.

A small city/village with a small village character. Redevelopment is fine as long as it is tasteful by some standards and is in SCALE with it’s surroundings. Rexpanding downtown, Fairbanks and Denning, I4 redevelopment, all should have lower profile. Density greater further from Central Park.

Keep the city of WP “quaint” and “Charming” We want NO NEW commercial development that would compromise the character of our beautiful community. No tall buildings-no tall condos. Keep the park and train station (maybe remodel train station building

Keep WP “small town” and quaint. Say no to the developers- we don’t need or want their behemoth projects in WP. No to 3 and 3+ story buildings. Down w/ the Carlisle project!! Let’s walk away -fast and furious- from the “all about money” invests plaguing our American Society.

That it be keep as is. NO new high-rises. No more Large Huge Ugly buildings.

Maintain village atmosphere-we must curtail developers from ruining WP!

My vision is of a beautiful little gem of a city-develop/redevelop blighted areas or areas in need of improvement
With lower density development-boutiques, sm. Condos, town homes. On the West Side, more pretty two story homes like on Carolina Ave. The West side of NY Ave. north of Carolina to the Golf Course could be improved. I am worried that traffic will clog the city in the future.

Winter Park is a unique place to live. Our future must be compatible with our past. High rise housing should have no place in downtown WP…and certainly not contiguous to the city’s. Citizens become justifiably suspicious of their leadership when that leadership approves a high-rise (the Carlisle) where the big benefit is to the developer.

A resident of Winter Park for nearly 35 years and a graduate of UCF (FTU) in 1970, I’ve seen tremendous growth. We personally have raised two homes and built newer, larger homes-I’m for growth but as I look at the parking garage at the corner of Park and Canton, all I see is ugly cement. Height is definitely a problem. Please reveal the beauty of WP as it is with some growth and taste- Not so much cement!

Our vision is to never lose the unique, village feel that sets us apart from other cities. By restricting building height and setbacks it would help control growth that would be out of character for our beautiful city.

In order to preserve its charm and character, WP must retain its “pedestrian scaled village” We can’t permit any more park place sized buildings on Park Avenue. I don’t think we should allow 4 story buildings anywhere. Density only brings more traffic. We must not displace our Westside neighbors. Our quality of life must be the city’s highest priority-Developers must play by our rules. Something should be done about the ninth grade center. These children deserve better. The portables look like a trailer park.

My vision for the city of Winter Park is one that maintains the ambience that WP currently has, grows with architectural integrity consistently diverse design. Four stories is too high. I also suggest rule governing the café merchants that allows café dining. This social interaction promotes a sense of community.

To keep the quality and character of WP, which is generally acknowledged to be outstanding. Ordinances defining building codes were laid down to achieve this aim, and any variance of this code should considered extremely carefully, not freely handed out, to the detriment of the quality of our “village” environment. Multi-story monoliths can only be detrimental.

Maintain. “Try” to keep the “positive character” of old Winter Park with the understanding the city must build “up” instead of “out” (because of increasing population and automotive fuel costs) In order to keep form being plagued by park place and such, building codes must be reviewed and revised.

I believe we can enjoy progress and preserve the charm of WP. Look to Naples charming shopping, walking area. 4 story buildings. Sidewalk cafes, walking friendly and accessible but camouflaged parking garage areas! Please learn from Downtown Orlando’s mistakes. Concrete is not friendly or inviting- without bodies to spend the
money the WP economy will suffer- Please keep WP charming and inviting. The most recent updates are WONDERFUL!

Preserve the present, lovely, charming character of WP. Limit size, height of buildings- no more than 3 stories and limit the height to feet also. ALL of Winter Park should observe height limits. No more buildings should be on street (such as the building where old Jacobson’s was) Architect designing that building should be run out of town. Plant trees, blooming flowers, and plants.

I was raised in Winter Park and am now back living here. I came back because of the “feel” and “beauty” of Park Ave. and the surroundings. I would really hate to lose that special feel of WP. It is like no other. I would like to see buildings built over 2 stories, built at least 2 blocks away from the center of town. In the 50’s my father was a mailman in WP thru the 70’s. The post office was on Park Avenue as well as a service station and sporting goods store where we bought our worms and tackle to fish the local lakes. I know Park Ave. can never go back to these wonderful times but be very diligent lest we lose our special “feel.” My husband and I now live in a “historic designated” home and we care very much about not forgetting our past. Please rethink ideas that may spoil why we live here.

Please maintain the quality and feeling of the “Village looks” that those before us have so well established. Building height, density, laws are and scale and traffic flow. Lower level GARDEN APARTMENTS preferred to multi-level giants.

My vision would resurrect the now-battered respect which we Winter Parkers of old treasured in our lovely “village town.” Central Park must be preserved from encroachment by buildings that do not qualify as being 1. aesthetically pleasing 2. of height conforming to the legendary 30 some odd feet 3. of architecture that is graceful, village-like, and non-bunkeresque.4. far enough apart to allow the park to be easily visible from all directions 5. not encroaching on the Park land itself. Winter Park should preserve its traditional “City of homes” title. Homes of all sizes and value must be guaranteed to belong to their owners, until the owner agrees to sell. “Takings” of homes by the government shall be prohibited by municipal legislation unless for legitimate public use- i.e. for infrastructure schools, roads etc. Property should never be taken from private individuals for the purposes of “increasing tax revenues.” The word “blighted” shall not be used to describe any property other than that which is “unkempt, in despair, run down i.e. an eye sore.” Bar and restaurants closer than two blocks from residential areas shall not be allowed to operate later than 11pm on weekdays and 12 pm on weekends. Truck R.V.’s boats, and trailers must not be kept in open driveways and front yards or on public streets.

Small, village feel to community- no large developments-no large condos or apartments –no more annexations-willing to pay more taxes in exchange for a smaller community-divert Baldwin Park traffic flow away from my home and surroundings- too many cars use Pennsylvania Ave. for this purpose-beautification of existing areas
Please keep Winter Park a village and not a large city. Keep its charm. The planning and zoning is recommending that an ordinance adopted by the commission in Feb. 2005 be repealed. I support the Ph 3 position. Keep WP a village!

My vision is to allow development on the fringes of the city (away from Park Ave) to preserve the “small town” and quaint appearance of the downtown Central Park that gives WP so much character huge buildings in town are not appealing and detract from the small town flavor that’s worth preserving. One “special” vision would be the renovation of a “gem” in our city and that is Mead Gardens. The boardwalk is no longer usable and the nature area has evolved into an ugly and foul smelling swamp. Please include revitalization of the Gardens in your future planning.

Why destroy something we are al proud of? I moved to WP 12 ears ago-attracted by the village atmosphere. The park is a valuable asset for everyone. We must not let over building-greed- destroy it all.

Exactly like it is today. I have seen so many changes in the past 10 years it turns me off. We are losing our uniqueness and I feel smothered by the growth- up and out we need to replace the trees and in that effort I see progress of the positive nature.

We hope the “quaintness” and “uniqueness” of WP will continue to be so. High rise condo’s, glass office buildings, and such take away the charm. Example: the truly ugly building that replaced Jacobson’s. It is a monstrosity and the majority in WO, would love to have it demolished. What may I ask is the purpose for it? It sits empty. Let’s not let it happen again we hope.

It is vital that WP retain its village atmosphere. There should be no four story buildings in the downtown area. New buildings should be restricted as to their length and height. Set backs and green space should be a priority. No more buildings going to the sidewalks and/or with arcades. No building should be built in Central Park or adjacent to it and over shadowing the Park and the streets. No more annexations. Existing street side dining ordinances should have been enforced rather than making new ordinances that complied with restaurant encroachments. Post office should stand-alone.

My vision for WP is to keep the quaint, little city it is, no big or tall buildings. Just a happy, friendly, little safe community.

WP has a unique “small town” atmosphere with the park in WP being the centerpiece- Downtown should maintain that atmosphere and let all the development occur outside the line of sight from the Park.

1. I would like for WP to remain as a village, which enticed me to the area 36 years ago.

2. Set backs should remain as they once were-not sitting right on the street, too many exceptions to the rules.

3. The mayor and commissioners should represent the “people” not the developers. If it isn’t broken don’t fix it.
Winter Park must remain unique to survive as a quality village. The small town, friendly atmosphere, with low building height, uncrowded residential neighborhoods, tree lined avenues, and slow traffic flow, must be achieved. We are willing to pay the higher price for better living. Geographical growth is no the answer. A sophisticated people mover (mass transit, if you must) is inevitable and unavoidable. Planning needs to be made now for a route and for a station inviting, impressive architectural design. The plan must include close- in public transportation to move both the business person as well as the casual traveler from their Winter Park homes to and from this station. The need for massive parking areas must be minimized. People will pay for what is “in vogue.” Make a future Winter park the rage of small towns. Shaker Heights, Ohio, started with the right formula.

My vision of WP is to maintain its village charm and to restrict greedy developers and more commercial areas such as Fairbanks Ave and 17-92.

As a developer I realize we will have “tear down” and new construction. I move to WP 35 years ago because of the village concept, the parks and low rise buildings. I would like to see the Commissioner require developers to comply with area zoning, set backs, and density laws. The organizations of planning districts are pushing high density. We should inform all PP that we do not want high density.

No variances! Green spaces, vistas, sun around not just up, no alley ways between high buildings, t the curb architectural integrity w/character, charm, no high density, bringing high traffic and narrowing streets. Please don’t crowd us out!

1. Continue to have a village feel 2. Maintain public areas-Cady way trail is in awful shape; clean it up and keep homeless from sleeping there. 3. Allow condos in downtown areas-residents in town give life and revival to the area.

I would prefer to see WP remain a laid back SPECIAL small city. We have Orlando for the many up to date shopping and activities. Lets remain quiet and comfortable.

I would like to see WP stay village like. I don’t believe we need high rise buildings—we will look like downtown Orlando and everywhere else. We have something very unique and small town-like. I grew up in Boca Raton and with all the development it lost so much of its charm. I don’t want that to happen here, greed is the only thing fueling the recent push to grow. And a post office on the 2nd floor Good God! How inconvenient!! Let’s be very cautious, avoid displacing the Western WP neighborhoods and enjoy this special place.

Protect WP from developers Keep it a small quiet town!

It would be nice of the charm of WP and Park Ave could stay the same. It has already changed too much and has congestion problems. Park Avenue shouldn’t look like Downtown Orlando. It would be nice if Park Avenue stayed a couple of stories in height-of course that has already changed.

The city of WP is one of the most unique in the US; it is one of the few true “working villages.” Please take consideration to keep it a walking friendly city, an most
importantly keep it unique. Architectural design is VERY important. Also, keep the European (old Europe) feel…the secret courtyards, gardens and fountains help this feel. The public green spaces are important, as well as places to gather and socialize. When one is on foot or bicycle, it brings many more people together than when we are speeding through town in cars.

Winter Park is a beautiful town because of the trees, parks, brick streets, and a quaint downtown. Let us keep it that way. You can still develop a plan for the city and maintain the uniqueness of WP. We do not need 4 story concrete boxes in this town. We can go to any mall or newly developed area to see that.

Winter Park is all about charm & “old money.” The idea of skyscrapers doesn’t fit the old Winter Park style, regardless of how much money they’ll bring in. The two story retail/living space buildings on Park Ave. should be expanded around the Central Park, Morse Ave and others to give people more reasons to walk around down there and increase parking.

My vision for the city to remain the charming village of house and trees. New buildings are a given but please leave some green space around them. We moved to WP because of the charm, quiet atmosphere. Why do we want to look the same as other Florida cities. Let’s be different.

I’d like WP to maintain its identity and sense of community. Not to be swallowed up and paved over. Please maintain the trees and lakes. Central traffic. Make our own neighborhoods safe from crime. Keep Park Ave. and Central Park. Maintain library, churches, farmers market. Try to recognize that our city is made up of all ages and income levels.

Our vision of Winter Park includes limited to moderate development that is in keeping with the current village-like feel of Park Ave. and Central Park. We are opposed to massive building projects like the few that have been recently approved by the city. Instead we would like to see smaller structures that are no more than 3 stories high with an old Europe style of Architecture. Our main interest is in preserving the intimacy and charm of downtown WP-which has made WP such a prized place to live and visit. In the surrounding areas, we would again like to keep the small town feel We generally approve of the changes to the West side, but would lie to keep plenty of open space to reduce density and congestion. We would also like to have expanded bike trails, including bicycle right of ways on all streets. Finally, we would like to see a comprehensive plan for the redevelopment of Fairbanks Ave from I4 since it is the primary gateway to our city.

Keep this unique village as is.

Our vision of WP is an affluent, vibrant, and dynamic community whose people enjoy the wonderful location and lifestyle it offers. Park Ave. needs to remain and continue to be the primary focal point of this community-as it goes-so does WP! We need to do something with Kmart shopping center access from village- definitely brings us down!!

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The city needs to preserve its charm. Too many big buildings in the downtown area are being approved. Homes too big for their lots are going up. (I thought there are codes for coverage) Lots are being subdivided to increase builders' profits. All of this will only make the traffic problems worse and create a city like most others. Winter Park should stay unique.

Maintain the ambience that makes Winter Park special e.g., limit height of buildings and density. Beef up conditions around dumpsters of Cater street. Establish “neighborhood shops and grocery! Such as Publix City Market in Buckhead a suburb of Atlanta in line with the new urbanism.

Preserve beauty, traditions, and neighborliness of WP. Please, no multi-level apartments. Each lower to curtail undo growth at expense of mid level apartment reuters. Preserve our park! Can you lessen traffic back ups on Fairbanks? Preserve our lakes-curtail jet skis on small lakes, i.e., Lake Berry. Power boast must be regulated to preserve our threatened wild life.

To keep the village “feel” by restricting the scale of new buildings. To honor the black community by not encroaching on their residential areas. To address the horrendous traffic problems on Fairbanks, Lee Rd, and Aloma. To say no to future development when our roads, schools, and services are maxed out.

Please try to keep the TOWN of “city” of Winter Park small, charming, and beautiful with new young oak trees planted (Thank you) -even in parking lots! For summer shade. We have more traffic and vehicle traffic, and high rise buildings than we need.

1938 was a good year for the small town of WP. Small! Small! Small! Thank you very much for this important survey. It is like a referendum, we need more referendums and surveys.

A quiet city with severe noise restrictions put on yard service lawn mowers and especially LEAF BLOWERS. Every day of the week we are plagued with these machines.

Maintain charm and small city feeling of Park Ave. limit condos and office space- control traffic and density-promote green space and parks. Maintain programs for families.

We would like to see WP remain the eclectic, quaint town it has always been but we are in support if responsible growth and development. We believe there is a balanced approach that can successfully be achieved. We like the idea of a project, where the post office is currently. We think it can be done tastefully and in accordance with the laws and in similar style to the surrounding areas.

First and foremost, WP must continue to celebrate and preserve it charming and unique “small town” character. We do not like the size and scale of the four story building on Park Ave and Canton. We are appalled by the size of the Carlisle and do not want it built. We want to keep WP being a residential city with a focus on single-family homes. We do not want condos on Denning, nor on the Roger Holler property. Mostly, we want a city that is dedicated to providing and maintaining a high quality of life for its
citizens. We want clean lakes, clean air, beautiful parks, well-maintained streets, and reliable utilities (water, sewer, power, and garbage). We want efficient and responsive government that communicates openly and honestly with its citizens.

Keep WP a unique and small town. Uninvolved growth does nothing for the quality of life, which is one of the sweet important things. Protect the Downtown Park and Gardens.

Small quaint village with small boutiques and eateries. Keep the quaint railroad station and Central Park. Move city hall and utilize that are for quaint shops, outdoor eateries, and green space. No buildings over 3 stories. Buildings should have setbacks, with green space.

We moved to WP in 1958. We liked the small town. We don’t need anymore brick streets especially like Penn Ave. Many of our roads need repair. This Budget should be revised to eliminate all misc. spending so as to concentrate on important issues. We understand that the business people want more growth in people for their business, but this is still government by the people not the few.

WP should remain a “town” and should remain homey. Renovation and development that is architecturally considerate is vital to keep WP from looking new, while maintaining its vitality. Park Ave. and Hannibal Square look great! WP village is excellent, but the new building across from St. Margaret Mary is hideous and looks cheap. Aloma into goldenrod needs to be made more beautiful. Keep building heights to 3 stories or fewer and keep making WP green! Thank you

Keep it simple-keep it village- keep it trees- keep it special

I wish to retain the small town charm and ambience that WP is nationally known for. Please restrict building size and height including business, residential, and medical facilities. Encourage small specialty businesses in downtown and continue to streetscape across town.

Keep the perspective of being quaint. Not over run with large unattractive buildings. Never let the city golf course go by the wayside. Improve the Electric Utility infrastructure. Of course all while not axing us to death.

WP has to develop with the years but still hold its character and heritage. WP needs to improve the parks and maintain their beauty. The const. of new townhouses and condos ahs been vital to bring more people into the city so they can support business. Keep the scales of the new buildings current w/the rest of the city. This is the best place to live in Orlando; lets make it even better w/top notch community programs and services.

Much as is possible, to keep small town but upscale atmosphere. Keeping Central Park the size it is so we can continue such community events such as fourth of July gathering, concerts, popcorn flicks, etc. To accommodate everyone who wants to participate. Let’s keep the condos out of the downtown area.
I would like to see WP retain its small town charm and not become overdeveloped and overrun with traffic. I would like to see properties such as Holler Chevy and Glenridge MS carefully redeveloped so as not to become abandoned eyesores or new structures that do not blend with the existing environment. We need to be very careful about the amount of and type of new development allowed or we will lose what we value most.

Keep our city “quaint” and “unique” as it has always been. Restrict size of the buildings and location that affects traffic flow. I have been a resident for 38 years, and I don’t want drastic changes to our quality of life.

1. Retain our SMALL TOWN feel no overbuilt, mammoth buildings homes or commercial allowed. 2. Improve our streets; fill potholes, repair broken sections, level bricks, Our streets are deplorable and a sad commentary of self image

I think the various boards and the governing bodies should always think of WP as a very unique village. There is no need to mimic large cities in the scale and density of our buildings and the accompanying deterioration of the quality of life of its citizens.

We all know we cannot freeze time and stand still. However, would it be possible for us to stand slow? In other words, let us preserve as best possible that which makes WP appealing.

I hope the horse is not out of the barn; I’ve lived here for over 40 years and like the flavor of “old” WP. 1. Land use- the majority wanted park (old Glenridge Middle School) and we still need more green space-not cement. 2. Building height- 3 levels is enough 3. Traffic- if we limit growth we can limit traffic-parks/green space don’t cause traffic. I know progress is inevitable- but don’t change as a city so much that it is no longer recognizable.

I grew up in WP and recently moved back with family after 9 years in Austin, TX (a lovely place). WP is still charming and development can be much smarter. We should have architecture that matches. WP is unique and doesn’t have to do what others are doing. If I had 3 goals to achieve: 1. Beautify the parks and maintain 2. Place power lines underground (the view would improve significantly and the value in storms etc.) 3. Smart Development

I would like the city of WP to protect the authentic look mainly Park Ave. The new building on the far end of the Ave. is hideous and not keeping with WP’s feel. I would like to see less cut through traffic M-F during business commute hours. (7-9am and 4-6pm). I would like to see more high profile special events in WP- a lot fall downtown and I think WP can gain some leverage w/ Park Ave attracting the right people. Overall IO WP to work, live, and play. Not difficult for planning and visiting but also place where people can connect with one another in parks increasing our community value.

I would like to see fewer annexations on outer parts and concentration on cleaning up the areas that are newly annexed- some are mess and embarrassing!
I would like WP to maintain the current “feel” as much as possible. That means limiting the development of offices, condos and businesses around Central Park so that buildings do not crowd the park, maintain the tree cover and keep houses compatible with the size of lots on which they are located. The area around the outside of WP will continue to develop but hopefully we will maintain an “urban village” feel within the surrounding urban development.

To keep the “charm” and “village-feel” while encouraging growth and development. The balance is easily achieved by not violating common sense, e.g. not letting developers do what they want with their projects, nor have city officials pin them in violating setbacks and height issues. Other towns don’t do this and those who have look really terrible with too much concrete and steel, poor aesthetics, and traffic problems.

NO more monstrosities like where Jacobson’s was. Keep Park like it is. No more Brick Streets. Keep city a village. Encourage Orlando to repair Sereese Rd. Slow down building more houses. We have lived here since Sept. 1969

To maintain a fine balance of future growth with keeping the charm and beauty of WP. Encourage Business growth but in a well defined style, spirit, and shared vision of a unique WP. Concentrate on all areas within WP and make great strides to bring all areas up to higher standards.

Maintain the village scale 1. By permitting only 2 story (30 feet) on Park Ave. 2. By permitting 3 story buildings in the CBD with front and back setbacks 3. By permitting 4 story buildings, with setbacks for the fourth floor, adjacent to major arterial streets where it does not damage existing residential use and 4. By defining max heights in feet as well as by number of stories. Maintain the unique character of our community 1. By preserving and protecting Central Park 2. By preserving the residential character of the West side 3. By requiring setbacks that provide opportunities for landscaping and protection of trees 4. By encouraging the preservation of historically significant structures 5. By preventing our city from becoming a WP parking garage (no more 4-story garages in the CBD and 6. by rarely allowing variances. All city property should remain and be utilized as city property and no joint venture real estate developments should be entered into by the city.

**CARLISLE**

Do not allow development of the Carlisle or encroachment of Central Park. No condominiums over 3 stories-Have aps over commercial buildings. Maintain low income homes on West side. Defeat moves toward urbanism and county consolidation.

I envision a village scale feel -- meaning one and two story buildings should be the norm and 3 to 4 story buildings should be the exception. I support 1-2 story buildings for focal point areas of the City such as Park Avenue, Winter Park Village, and Hannibal Square. In addition green space needs to be better incorporated to break up the massive buildings.
I understand staff's rational to bring buildings to the forefront to "hide" the parking in the back. However, buildings that tower over you right next to road are too overpowering. If you want to place parking in the back -- fine - but then leave green space in the front of the building so that it creates a friendlier more welcoming pedestrian way. The current City Hall building is a good example of this. The parking is in the back and you have a nice green space area in the front of Park Avenue. Speaking of City Hall, this building needs to set the example for future development. Keep it two story with the current green space. I am adamantly opposed to making a deal with private development to finance any re-modeling. Public property needs to stay publicly owned and free of conflict of interest. I am opposed to the Carlisle project due to the massive scale, heights, and the fact that it blocks the view of the Park. The comprehensive plan previously required that waterfront areas in Windsong, for example, remain visible from the road so that people driving or walking by could enjoy the view of the lake. This same principle should apply to our most treasured public asset. It is wrong to block from public view such a large portion of the Park on New York for the benefit of private development. Finally, I am troubled by the amount of conflict of interest in some of the advisory boards that influence policy - particularly the Comprehensive Plan Task force. It is only fair that developers have a voice on these boards. However, given that most of the voters in the City of Winter Park are homeowner’s not commercial property owners or developers, it is citizens not developers and their consultants that should make up the majority of these boards. I also question the appropriateness of developers and their consultants to be serving on boards that influence policy while at the same time trying to get approvals on their projects at City Hall. Finally, if we want a pedestrian friendly city, where people are motivated to walk and ride their bikes in a climate that is very hot most of the year, we have to have green areas that maintain a canopy to provide shade and relief from the Florida heat.

STOP the Carlisle save the (our) park! Out of scale!

I am an average citizen just trying to buy a home. The problem is you people keep delaying the Carlisle and therefore my future house is in jeopardy. Please stop this nonsense and let me have shelter. I just want a nice roof over my head.

I am so happy that somebody is finally asking for the input of WP residents. My biggest concern is that downtown maintain a small town feel with buildings no> 4 stories. Please try to stop the Carlisle from being built. Also, limit dividing residential lots to “postage stamps” Thank you!

I have been a resident of P for 49 years. I have three children who also pay taxes to WP. I am against the density of all the condos being built and especially the Carlisle. We need to bring back the quality of life that WP was noted for.

Maintain its small town charm- and we don’t think this can be accomplished w/huge million dollar condos/ complexes. And stop projects like the Carlisle.

My vision for the city of WP is very much in agreement with Mayor David C. Strong’s vision. I had the pleasure of hearing him speak before the election and I agree with what he had t say. Fro m what I observed, he is listening to the majority of WP residents, not
just the developers. I trust his vision and judgment. That is one of the reasons I voted for him to represent our family. Also, the Carlisle project is a perfect example of what we don’t want. Too high, out of scale, too dense, and too much traffic.

DO NOT let the Carlisle group or any other group build tall buildings downtown. This project will ruin the quaint nature of our town. Visitors have commented on how pleasant the Park Ave area is now. I live on Darcey Dr our next-door neighbor built a 2-story monstrosity home that does not fit in and ruins the cottage type setup in our neighborhood. Please control sizes of homes on small lots!

Do not overdevelop! Do not grant variances to the Carlisle.

We are totally against the Carlisle Project or any building that tall around the park.

Do not build the Carlisle, which will infringe on Central Park & create enormous congestion on New York Ave. Don’t build any huge high-rise buildings keep buildings in scale with surrounding building. Winter Park should be kept with its charming small town feeling.

Don’t want and PD overlays and I want 2 stories only on Park Ave and no higher than 35 feet. And I don’t want Carlisle like projects anywhere is the Central Business District. How about keeping WP as a village and not a developers get rich dream playground. We want a town where we can trust our commissioners to do the right thing. A good comprehensive plan will keep them in check.

We strongly oppose the Carlisle as presented. Too many changes to plans, too big and intrusive on park and out-of-scale in WP. We will also oppose other large out of character buildings in WP and encourage the commissioners to slow down all such new large-scale development. We will vote you out of office if you fail the voters again. Traffic is terrible in downtown. Parking is one thing but traffic is quite another. We have been accosted by panhandlers at the post office. What will security be like at the underground lots? The “residences” have gone from a field of dreams to a field of weeds. What is their latest plan for completion if any?

If we had wanted to live in downtown Orlando we would have bought a condo there. We wanted small town, community living-seeing people we know in town, attending activities in the park, etc. Tall buildings and dense population create a feeling of being anonymous and disconnected from your town which in turn creates, people who don’t contribute their talents and ignore crime and run down surroundings. You are killing “he goose that laid the golden egg” with you’re out of control development. Either NO CARLISLE or a SCALED BACK- want to be able to access post office from outside not underground garage.
I would like to see greater density of multi family/mixed use with a trade off of developer purchased micro parks and/or open spaces. For instances higher buildings with more units of the developer provides more on site green space or mitigation through land purchase off site but within 5 miles of downtown. Also more railroad tracks down Denning and work on commute rail/mass transit.

To continue to grow, evolve and improve in a responsible, quality oriented vision. To support a balance of new development and businesses that compliment the residential village. To remember that “If you don’t need change you die…” The lesson that Park Ave, learned twice over the last 12 years and is thriving again because of the anticipation of exciting new quality mixed use redevelopment. Keep the hypocritical blue bloods from retreating to a time that has come and gone!

I envision WP a high-end, highly diverse, mixed-use walk able community that focuses on creating opportunity for chance encounters among its residents. The unique urban character should be emphasized not by an architectural style but by a building typology that brings the private realm into the public realm. Glass should be a main component of building as trees are for streets the street is a place to inhabit and move about.


Replace all of the crummy buildings with new construction mixed-use infill. Clean up Fairbanks to I4. Mixed use and higher density with 3-4 stories and perhaps 6-7 stories in some areas. Use graduated setbacks on taller buildings-UPGRADES the train station. A touch of Europe

If anything, theme is too much citizen input! The review and approval process is too cumbersome and time consuming. Allow developers to build quality, mixed-use projects, maximizing the use of each site. I have no problem with 5 or 6 story buildings, so long as the design and construction is quality.

Village Concept with low to medium density- I like mixed use areas such as the new development along Morse and New England-w/bldg height not to exceed four stories. I think the floor ratios currently in place are good for single family. Traffic-particularly in cut-through areas from Baldwin Park should be abandoned esp. along Lakemont Ave. to Palmer Ave,

Create a denser, more urban downtown with mixed-use buildings. Don’t build so close to streets and sidewalks! Whatever happened to logical setbacks? Even NYC puts buildings
further away from the street than WP/Orlando. Bring Enzian to WP we can’t set movies at Pottery Barn

The city of WP should be the best community in Central Florida with: 1. Vibrant and attractive commercial corridors (Park Ave, Orange Ave, 17-92, and Aloma Ave) with higher densities and mixed-use projects; 2. Residential areas protected from oversized homes; 3. Historical neighborhoods that are valued and preserved; 4. Outstanding parks, clean lakes and healthy tree canopy; and 5. Transportation options including pedestrian, bicycle and transit facility

**SOCIAL/GOVERNMENT**

1. Keep the Golf Course  
2. Don’t worry about the Jones’s, we don’t have to keep up with anybody, we are the model.  
3. The cost shouldn’t matter (or be the bottom line).  
4. If we have a light rail, make it free to the consumer, but have everybody pay for it. This is the only way it will pay for itself; you would be surprised how full it would be. The more people on the rail the fewer on I4.

I have lived in Winter Park for over 42 years. I strongly believe that we should retain our long held reputation of a beautiful city without the addition of huge, multi-storied buildings. We should continue to maintain our clean and pleasant city, as it currently exists. Thank you.

What's wrong with the way Winter park used to be? Slow down and smell the daisies. More base and taxes aren't the answer to everything.

Get a tram/train for seniors to the beach/parks/concerts/fair-good-fast clean rail will make I4 much safer.

Too little to late!

Here’s an idea, if you want to pave with cobblestone for the purpose of making the city look quaint and attractive, figure out how to install them so they don’t interfere with driving; i.e. as it is, if one can keep their dental fillings I place while driving through WP it’s a miracle. If your purpose is to keep people from driving through the city, don’t pretend to welcome visitors—it’s hardly hospitable to cause internal injuries to those you invite into your community!

I am sure there are others that would ask that commission meetings be held at a time when working people can attend. 3:30 pm meetings isolate a large part of the volume, citizens, evening meetings should be considered.

I would like to see WP put more of an emphasis on preserving our beautiful historic homes. I am a 28 year old teacher in WP and it saddens me that my own children will never get to see landmarks such as the Annie Russell home, and the beautiful estate on Isle of Sicily. If I wanted new construction I would have moved to Celebration.
Continue to support Brookshire, Lakemont WP Police and Fire Dept. Can we follow in the footstep of Downtown Orlando’s historical District and be stricter with destroying old homes.

Do not continue to move our city limits North, South, East, or West. We settled here because it was a clean small beautiful city with many wonderful rules and regulations. Wish we had a code enforcement officer 24 hours –7 days a week- many homes are not being cared for the keep WP beautiful.

WP is a wonderful place to live. My one concern is the difficulty in getting a permit to improve one’s property. This hinders progress in making our neighborhoods more attractive.

Keep the area bordered by NY-Canton-Center and New England a height restrictive zone. Don’t let high-rise buildings over shadow Central Park. Put a plan in pace to work with Amtrak /CSX to tear down and build new and architecturally acceptable train station. Something with some Antique flare that would fit in downtown. The current station is ghetto, Improve sidewalk conditions and “please” repaint worn or paved over crosswalks.

WP is known as the “City of Beautiful Homes” no condos, apartments or town homes- just because people come to Orlando to work, but want to live in WP, does not mean w have to provide a place for them. On other matters, I trust our Mayor and his associates to make the right decisions for the city and its residents. Since I have not reviewed the Comp plan I can not comment on the plans.

The traffic has obviously been of utmost importance and the city has made changes; Bricking Temple, Lakemont. Please don’t forget hibiscus, Magnolia, Oneco, and finally Brick also. Park Ave and WP village look marvelous=) Can’t you make the beach area at Dinky Dock a bit nicer by putting more sand down. Farmers Market is another wonderful affair the city officers, it should be both Sat and Sun. Winter Park is F-A-B-U-L-O-U-S city to live in. I am so lucky my mother moved us here when we were children.

It is my sincere desire that the city remember its residents on the Westside we object to those who would take our property/or make property so expensive that those who have made the Westside home for many years can no longer afford to live here. This is not and has never been the problem on the east side. Make it better and affordable for us not take it away from us.

I hope the WPPD finds a way to enforce the noise laws as they relate to very loud car radios that shake my house windows no less than twice daily on school days. The school resource officers seem unable to stop the problem.

My wife and I have lived here for 45 years when we came in 1960 it was truly a beautiful city with many orange trees and open space. It the 45 years it has been ruined by greedy people-developers, politicians, and lawyers look at Westside WP-such a fine
place for people years ago. Downtown WP has many ugly buildings now. Shame on the government.

To understand how to create a vision … sending out a request on a single card with such a big request does not suggest our leaders have come up with a reliable, valid process yet. This is not the way great cities like Savannah, Charleston (and many others) evolve and stay fresh and ready for change. Please try again.

We were annexed into the City of Winter Park illegally, not by our choice. We were lied to several times. We had a great neighborhood before the WP Gestapo came in. Our bills are much higher now and we don’t like it. I’ve lived here for 67 years and never cared to live in WP. Hope this helps you shape your future now that you have my kind of mayor.

Accountability- WP city people and developers and citizens cooperation instead of contention.

I am so vehemently against elected politicians using their office to change zoning ordinances for specific benefit of greedy developers! Waatan outrage!! I am in WP for one reason: It is unique!! Gov’t officials and elected officials should and must hold the bar solidly against any increase over what exists as a treasure of a little town w/ small scale buildings and a dedication preserving and allowing green space/light space/less traffic and water runoff.

My vision is a Mayor and commissioner who are free of the corruption that plagues the current representatives. The fact that the city has allowed a dirt pile to sit on Venetian way and spoil neighbor’s property without the city taking corrective action speaks volumes about how the city representatives have been sold to the highest bidder. If not true, then appearance is just as bad.

I see a city with all residents having an equal responsibility in governing the policies and regulations. I see a city with its many employees respecting the homeowners. NO PART OF WP SHOULD BEAR ALL THE BURDEN LIKE THE Brookshire Heights subdivision. I like WP but too much speed, traffic, and congestion in downtown is not my idea of a leisurely day. Some of us senior have no computer and rely on the library. I pay taxes for so little service. Nothing is going o change but I am an eternal optimist so I mailed this postcard.

Thank your for asking, but in truth I am not online to review the “Comprehensive Plan.” A couple of question occur to me though how comprehensive (i.e. final and exhaustive) can any plan be that might have to change over time? And how much can the residents of WP, dissociated from the process and details of the plan, trust those who actually draw it up?

Maintain small town feel. No large condo developments. Reduce property taxes. Open the hazardous waste facility more often. Thank you!
Reconsider the “asset” driven economic development model. Study alternatives to public/private partnerships. If taxes must go up to build a new city hall so be it. Limit lot sizes in CBD to avoid appearance of single large scale projects. Make sure all projects are guided by the governing principle of maintaining our village character.

Existing codes need more stringent enforcement in residential areas! The city should not be in such a hurry to cut down mature trees—far too many have been removed unnecessarily since '04. Regulating and protecting the tree canopy needs to be strengthened and enforced! New residences’ size needs to be restricted so that new homes fit the context of our city. We support setback requirements, 40’ height limit w/no variances in commercial areas, and length limitations. NO MORE ANNEXATION!

Stop placing the “show” needs before the needs of the people. Keep more of the small town atmosphere versus big growth-like big condos. Invest in the services WP provides for its tax payers. Garbage collectors who don’t leave trash remains on driveway, cleaning out of storm water drains on a regular basis, code enforcement personnel who can follow through with the needs of citizens and have real disaster plans ready to implement.

I hope that we'll find ways to cultivate a spirit of unity and celebration of community. The city is wrought with individualism, as evidenced by a tenuous mayoral election. Residents were uncivil during town hall meetings, which is intolerable. My vision is to create a climate where we seek first to understand, then be understood; where we hear the voices of a marginalized West WP and adapt accordingly, and where we contribute intellectual and social capital to discussions/planning regarding regional growth.

Do not grant exceptions to the plan period.

My vision is that WP be able to maintain its uniqueness and grow with proper leadership. It would be nice to remain the little town that was. Unfortunately, this is the 21st century and growth is a necessary evil to be accepted. We want the city to provide but that always seems to require more money. Over the years, WP has slowly taken ownership of problems that come with growth - crime, traffic, schools, energy, etc. If, I don't want higher taxes (or more rate increases) then the money needed must come from some other sources. These are attainable with a balance that is acceptable to the "old" and "new" WP residents. Old is/was great but it won't generate the necessary funds to handle the previously listed problems that a static community must face when all around us continues to grow. My vision is "new" happening with leadership and controls. It seems to me that no growth will continue in rising costs for the average wage earner and I am one taxpayer who is reaching my limit. Federal and State governments take enough, I don't need WP getting on the bandwagon because we want to stay in the 19th century. I live in the WPHS area and my perception is that more effort is made in "the areas" of WP than an equitable distribution citywide. A prime example is response time to power outages. The coming hurricane season may prove me wrong.
First let me say congratulations on becoming Mayor of Winter Park. You asked if I would provide "my vision" for Winter Park. While I have lived here most of my life, I have never actively responded to a question such as this, until now! Please allow me to start by saying, these developments that are sprouting up everywhere are doing irreparable damage to the "small town, quaint feel" of Winter park. Don't misunderstand; I do believe that growth is an important part of our city. However the unchecked and over-priced expansion of our city will change it forever and not for the good I am afraid. A couple of month ago I attended a zoning board meeting with a friend. They were discussing the development of the site where the D.O.T. office is. The main point of contention was, how the structure is going to look! It seemed a little preposterous. Our zoning and planning boards SHOULD NOT BE THE "LAP-DOGS" OF DEVELOPERS. Please understand, I am not implying that those bodies are doing anything wrong, but the appearance that they are a "rubber stamp" for developers is widespread. I know its easy to "snipe from the cheap seats" and a far different situation from where you are sitting. I just wanted to give you my friends' perspective and mine. Oh and if you will allow me to vent for a minute. When the city "bricked" Pennsylvania Ave then Lake Sue then Winter Park Drive. I noticed that the "bricking" is uneven...on purpose! Isn't it discriminatory to try and control speed in one area of the same road and not in the other parts.(stated purpose for the uneven bricking). It strikes me as odd that the people on the Lake Sue/Winter Park Dr. get much smoother "bricking". Are their children in less need of cars traveling at reduced speeds to protect them? Not to mention the POOR maintenance of the roads now! Oh by the way, to whom do I send the balancing and alignment bill I need every 6 months because of those brick streets? If there is any way that I may be of assistance to you or your staff, please don't hesitate to contact me.

The City of Winter Park's Planning Department and Citizens charrette have done a good job on the comp planning and transportation review. The only problem is not establishing a link between Comp Plan and Park and Recreation Plan to a common goal of quality of life. During next ten years of redevelopment. The right of ways in the community needs to be walkable and connective to sustainable neighborhood resource centers. Winter Park residences are aging population and oil depended. The centers of resources are outside the walkable range most homes. There is a need for lineal parks to resource centers using ADA and Universal Design standards for electric scoots as well as wheelchair and lineal park walkways to more public transportation bus stops.

The question asked in the recent mailer is what do citizens envision for the City going forward, to which my response is very much the same of what we have been seeing recently with the redevelopment and considerable upgrading of buildings, open spaces and infrastructure. Certainly some mistakes have been made, but I would much rather see the City moving forward batting .900 than see it return to an era of no progress. I believe Jim Williams, Don Martin, Alberto, Jeff and others have and are doing a terrific job. My hope is that they will be allowed to continue with guidance.

I love Winter Park and have been a resident here for over twenty years. I have owned four homes here and have only moved out of Winter Park once for about a year and
decided that I missed the ambiance of our delightful town too much to live away from it so I moved back.

I understand the trend towards bricking our streets and adding the roundabouts; although I personally dislike driving on the brick roads because they are noisy and jarring to my body despite driving the speed limit or lower.

I am NOT IN FAVOR of allowing more building of multifamily homes or high-rise dwellings in our city. One of the nicest things about living here has been being able to travel through our community for errands and social events without being bogged down with frustrated drivers and people who are being impacted by the increase in development and population. I AM IN FAVOR of developing the areas around Fairbanks and north to Canton between 17-92 and Park Avenue for housing and businesses if the construction can be contained to low rise business, restaurants, shopping or single family dwellings or at the most duplex type townhouses WITH enough parking on the property to eliminate this on road parking dilemma. MOST IMPORTANTLY for us is the cycling issue. Central Florida and particularly Orlando and Winter Park speak of being “bike friendly” communities. This is a sad misconception and I implore the City of Winter Park to consider having an AVID cyclist on one of the committees to provide input into the further development of cycling paths, lanes and trails. Our current bike lanes are strewn with debris, broken glass and potholes some of which are so bad they necessitate us to pull into a driving lane to avoid crashing our bikes or ruining our bike rims. I am surprised that the city hasn't been sued for damages caused to a bike or cyclist because of potholes and debris in the cycling lanes. More effort needs to be given to educating the drivers of our usually friendly city that cyclists have all the road rights of motorists. After all, I live here and I am sure a good portion of my tax dollars goes towards the maintenance and development of roads-so I consider it my right to be able to have access to safe cycling in our city. Perhaps cycling lanes could be swept more frequently and homeowners who live adjacent to cycling lanes need to be informed to keep their cars, garbage bags and trash receptacles out of the cycling lanes; because after all, they are cycling lanes not utility easements or parking spaces. Articles explaining the rights of cyclists and that we are actually not supposed to ride on the sidewalks would go a long way to helping educate the community to cycling rights. Another point which may be insignificant given there are only a handful of houses backing up to Glenridge Drive is the noise pollution. Although I am sure there are other neighborhoods with a similar problem. I live in a home that was remodeled with additional sound proofing on the exterior walls as well as double paned insulated windows. From about 4:00 p.m. until well into the night we are accosted by the blaring music and booming of the bass of motorists stereo systems while in my bedroom which is at the front of our home. Perhaps signs in designated residential areas would be a friendly reminder that not all of us enjoy listening to other people's music choices-either that or having a patrol man sit behind our houses to issue citations for noise pollution. All in all, I think we have a fine city. I congratulate you on your election to office. I voted for you because I believe you will uphold some of the original values of our quaint town and will limit the impact that the building explosion has had and will have on Winter Park.
You asked for my vision for Winter Park.

A. My vision for Winter Park is that we have a City Commission that thinks street bricking is a good idea. We should continue to brick streets in Winter Park because:

1. Brick streets are uncomfortable and inconvenient for everyone to drive on.
2. Brick streets deteriorate making them progressively more unconformable, inconvenient, and sometimes unsafe as time goes by.
3. Brick streets appease people who purchase homes on through streets and then whine about the traffic.
4. Brick streets allow bureaucrats to make claims of reduced traffic and reduced speeds in an effort to advance their careers.
5. Brick Street provide no documented improvement in public safety.
7. Brick streets give realtors a selling point.
8. Brick streets deter people from driving into Winter Park so we can expect a lower level of economic activity.

B. My vision for Winter Park is that we have a City Commission that further erodes the rights of private property owners. We should further erode private property rights by:

1. Enforcing existing rules that deny property owners the right to remove trees that restrict their desired use of the property.
2. Rescind permit approvals because an active minority of resident’s objects to decisions made by the City Commission.
3. Expand existing rules that allow the City Commission to classify certain properties as "historical" without the consent of the property owner.
4. Create as many limitations, restrictions, and regulations as needed to deter investors from wanting to construct new commercial buildings in Winter Park.

C. My vision for Winter Park is that the City Commission continues to nurture a City Management that prides itself on stonewalling legitimate resident inquiries into City business. We should nurture this attitude by:

1. Making sure that all responses to resident inquiries are intentionally incomplete.
2. Making sure that inquiring residents will need a lawyer to have any chance of getting a complete answer to questions raised.
3. Making sure that public communications are sufficiently obtuse and incomplete as to not motivate resident inquiries.

4. Making sure that public communications focus on subjects like awards received and park activity schedules, while avoiding discussion of meaningful decisions and issues.

4. Make sure that each City employee is trained to avoid the substance of issues because an uninformed or misinformed public is almost as good as not having to deal with the public at all.

D. My vision for Winter Park is that we have a City Commission that spends every penny it gets its hands on. We should do this by:

1. Having single issue elections at odd times of the year to approve bond issues and charter changes so that only those with a vested interest in the issues being voted on are likely to vote.

2. Spend every penny that results from increases in real estate values and then borrow money on top of that to build more and more government buildings to serve a constituency that is not growing.

3. Continually increase the number of full time and part time City employees.

E. My vision for Winter Park is that we have a City Commission that ignores the interests of residents who pursue their private lives without initiating contact with the City, and that responds only to those constituents who actively pursue personal agendas. We should do this by:

1. Creating committees populated by residents with particular agendas. For example, we should invite people who are passionate about expanding spending on City parks to form a committee and let them come up with ways to fulfill their agenda at the expense of all other residents.

2. Pander to people who demand the City remain exactly as it was then they brought up their family here, regardless of the irrationality of such demands and regardless of the negative impact such pandering has on attracting economic activity to the City.

3. Recognize that the loudest voices are the only voices that count and avoid thoughtful consideration of the interests of those whose voices are not being heard.

4. Ask the residents for their vision of Winter Park so the City Commission doesn't have to commit to one of its own and thereby can avoid responsibility for their decisions.
I am sure you will all agree that this vision will serve all the people of Winter Park for the long term. Hey, wait a minute, this vision is exactly what we have now! By golly, you all are way ahead of me.

Take better care of the streets. –Less government control -better electric service -Keep property taxes down -leave anything not mentioned above alone.

I am not going to think about this-politicians will do as THEY and THEIR SUPPORTERS want them to.

Before making any decisions by the commissioners-present the proposals to the residents/voters-let us have an input on final decisions-example! Our neighbor Orlando –gave the store away- let’s don’t let this happen in WP- it seems to be heading that way! *Put to a vote (2) two property case study- no condos no hi-rise

Not all of us have the time to comb through a 77-page document –as much as we care about our beloved city. Suggestion: provide an executive summary with critical issues under discussion highlighted.

Stop annexing all the garbage that adjoins WP. It does not compliment our city and merely spreads the services we pay for a lot thinner. WP Residents should be given an opportunity to vote first. WP does not have to become a large city.

Poop Scoop signs in all parks, handicap accessible restrooms in all parks, by the sinkhole by the basketball courts, sign about no alcohol and no motorized vehicles (vespas, gopeds) in the park, last football championship game on a Sunday 12 people were drinking beer and by the portable bleachers and then intoxicated people got into cars and drove away, police enforcement at CK Island Park on Sat and Sun. Retired Bicycle Patrol

Contain city spending to inflation rate -Maintain or lower taxes by expanding base through a common sense approach to tax base expansion. –Allow economic development that helps all our citizens -Maintain the beauty of our streets and lakes -Explore the traffic issues on Aloma and Lakemont

Keep new building in village center modest to conform to our small town image. Revise new Post office plans downward. Preserve the Black West side neighborhood. DO NOT encourage more cars. KEEP bricking roads and PLEASE!! No more sharp tax hikes for seniors.

NO more annexing! No more condos. Keep construction out of Central Park. Improve service at the library and limit it to residents, build a local shelter for lost animals.

We want Sewer

Control population density, keep costs as low as possible, assured quality, social help for those who need it including veterans, open door policy for individual input, Police
that have very good social skills with people not just to lock them up. Put the golden rule into practice. Varied types of businesses that are an asset to the community.

1. Waste management is terrible at replacing severely damaged trash containers. They take more than 6-8 months to do so. 2. Code enforcement needs to pay better attention to lawn/yard care. Many homes are untamed which causes pests (mosquitoes, rats, etc) to multiply. 3. Speeding in the neighborhoods is completely uncontrolled!

Winter Park is a very nice place to live. We enjoy the lakes, scenery, and cultural events very much. We are worried however, about the number of illegal Mexicans and others coming to city and state. Why, for example can’t the police arrest them if they are here illegally? What about WP employers who hire illegal aliens?

A City that realizes bigger is not better; a City that recognizes what it is, what it is not, and what it should never try to be. We would do well to consider an ordinance similar to that enacted in Carmel-By- The-Sea years ago:

"THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA is hereby determined to be primarily, a residential City wherein business and commerce have in the past, are now, and are proposed to be in the future subordinated to its residential character; and that said determination is made having in mind the history and the development of said city, its growth and the causes thereof; and also its geographical and topographical aspects, together with its near proximity to the cities of Pacific Grove and Monterey and the businesses, industries, trades, callings and professions in existence and permissible therein."

--- Adopted by Ordinance No. 96 passed on this 5th day of June 1929

A City that refutes the New Urbanism mantra; a City that refuses to permit re-development that adds to traffic, density, and congestion;

A City where the citizens command more respect and response from officials than do developers and the Chamber of Commerce;

A City where Boards 00 NOT include individuals who manipulate the policies and recommendations of those Boards for their private gain, and that of their associates and clients; a City where individuals with direct and indirect conflicts of interest, including employment, consulting, partnerships, and contracts, ARE NOT permitted to serve on these Boards; a City where such individuals are replaced with involved citizens with NO conflicts of interest, who choose to participate in the process solely out of an altruistic desire to maintain the special nature of Winter Park;

A City where I can walk along Park Avenue without having to dodge tables/waiters/restaurant patrons/and restaurant employees;

A City with a height restriction of two-stories/thirty feet (30') on Park Avenue, New
York Avenue, Morse Boulevard, New England Avenue, Lyman Avenue, and similar streets in the Central Business district, and three-stories/forty feet (40’) everywhere else; a City which permits NO MORE FOUR-STORY BUILDINGS ANYWHERE IN THE CITY LIMITS;

A City with no new buildings over one hundred feet (100’) in length;

A City with CONSISTENTLY ENFORCED required set-backs with landscaping/green space/trees for every building, no exceptions;

A City which revises the FAR requirements so builders can't utilize with gravel driveways instead of concrete, to cleverly circumvent the intent of codes and play "by the rules;" a City which changes from a % requirement of non-permeable (which includes gravestone driveways/parking areas) to a % requirement of LANDSCAPED/GREEN SPACE for every lot, residential and commercial;

A City with no more special deals with/concessions for developers; Winter Park is attractive enough without any giveaways;

A City with no more annexations;

A City, which will not attempt to use eminent domain for economic benefit;

A City in which Code Enforcement takes a pro-active, rather than reactive, stance toward quality. Of life issues that affect all of us or just certain neighborhoods;

A City which lives up to its motto: "City of Culture and Heritage;" and

IS. Finally, a City that has the fortitude to say, "No," to those who would change our character and scale to suit their personal agendas. Thank you for considering my perspective.

Central Florida is growing in an out-of-control manner. I hope that a wise Comprehensive Plan for Winter Park can be developed and followed to prevent such growth from eradicating our unique town. I hope that exceptions will not be made when profit calls for a few instead of good for the entire community. Winter Park is not a unique town in the United States, but it is nearly unique in Florida. We are in a state of uncontrolled growth for profit which dates from the days of Ponce De Leon and the fountain of youth to the dredges that made most of Florida habitable to the massive "small town" developments of today. We need to adapt to change with plans, not just react to what sounds and feels good at the moment. My vision: Building Height: We should maintain our small town flavor by keeping our building heights low. No new buildings any higher than they are at present on Park Ave. from Aloma to the golf course. No buildings over 6 stories looming around Central Park. No high rises - over 8 stories - in most other areas of Winter Park. I would make an exception for buildings in high commercial areas along 17-92. This already has plenty of ugly, dense commercial areas. Perhaps some new taller buildings would be an improvement. They should have some set back from the street to prevent the "Baldwin Park affect." Condos are the latest craze and there are plenty already planned
for our city center. Evidently, someone on the planning board is due to make plenty of
money on some of these projects. I assume they were given variances or was there no
plan for the city already? I take full responsibility for my apathetic interest in the growth
of Winter Park. The presently planned condos are all at the very high end in price.
Therefore, they will add money to our tax system and may not generate too much traffic,
as I would guess that they will be second or third homes for the majority. However, do
we need more? Do these presently planned conform to our present plan for the city? The
argument over the Carlisle seems to be too late. I agree with others that it is too tall and
too close to the park. If it cannot be prevented, let's avoid more similar ones. If it must be
built, can the developer be required to redesign and have a bigger setback from the road
or fewer stories? Less expensive condos need to be reviewed in terms of density, traffic,
and impact on schools, quality, and management. Our traffic is already too heavy for our
roads. We don't need to add hundreds more cars to roads that can't handle what they have
already. Any such condos should have strict parking requirements, sensible plans about
entering and leaving the road, landscaping and quality architecture, and future
management plans. How about teardowns and rebuilding of current housing? Does the
plan address this change in our city? There are hundreds of smaller houses that could be
replaced and it would be good for the city. However, lots used to be larger in proportion
to the house. The lawns and trees are what make Winter Park so appealing. Today,
gigantic houses are commonly placed on very small lots and the results can be seen in
many housing developments in our area. I am not against tearing down an old house, but
restraints need to be developed as to the size of the new house. The consideration should
be how it would look if the entire neighborhood were the size of the new house. We want
to keep our setbacks and side yards. These controls should be in place for the West side
and lesser neighborhoods as well as the wealthier areas and central city. The development
of the West Side is a real question. Will this continue to be a predominately Black
section? What kind of constraints on building will be developed for this area? This is
valuable property that developers would love to get their hands on. Gentrification is
always a problem for those living in the old area. It always happens. Could our city learn
by studying some other cities so we could be less harsh and uncaring? High standards
should be kept for this section of town as well as others. Traffic I live near the high
school. If the school buses and car traffic could be diverted to travel less through the
neighborhood when the new roads open I would certainly appreciate it. Traffic circles are
annoying and dangerous. I don't believe they should be continued. I don't know what can
be done to eliminate traffic when all of Central Florida is growing at such a tremendous
pace. I think that additional traffic police stopping people and giving out tickets will have
the most effect. Other visions: The city does not expand the city limits unless the areas
are closely identified with the current city (such as Winter Park Pines); and the utilities,
services such as police and fire, etc. are fully funded to keep standards at present or above
present levels. Winter Park continues to have a beautiful appearance due to continued tree
planting and necessary cutting, park enhancements and upgrades, attractive signage,
underground utilities, etc. Roads are maintained at a high level. Brick is not the surface of
choice except in area like Park Ave., west side shopping, Farmers' Market. I am sure that
brick roads are more costly to install and maintain. I feel there is no need to install
uneven brick roads, as they will deteriorate soon enough to be uneven. Basic utilities and
services are at a high level throughout the city, not just wealthier areas. I'm thinking of
street lights, drainage, sewers, trash and garbage pick up, police, fire, and the like. Thank you for asking for input. I am hopeful that we can discipline ourselves and Keep Winter Park Beautiful.

Stop up rooting the poor without being fair as far as helping them relocate and putting money in pockets of the people not just the rich like you.

1. Reduce or eliminate freight on CSX rails. 2. Implement no whistle “quiet” train ordinance. 3. Policy on enforcement and adherence of zoning ordinances, it should not be the neighbors who have to insist on compliance.

Do not close Blue Ridge!! (For benefit of “water bridge”) or anybody else!!

We want Street Lights, have been asking for them for a long time, you can not see at all on Parkland Dr. 2800 thru 3000 Blocks on nights when there is no moon Please help us?? I have to walk at night Thank you.

Should another hurricane make necessary a massive collection of debris, please find someplace besides WP to collect it. We’ve had our turn of the noise, dust/air pollution, and termite infestation. We appreciate the quick pick up which was accomplished last time. We do not feel this section of WP should bear the burden of a mountain of debris with every hurricane.

CULTURE/ENVIRONMENT

Keep Winter Park friendly. Do not encroach on our green space. Keep building heights reasonable. Park Ave should keep its flavor-reduce or stop national type stores. Keep it unique. Round-a-bouts are not the answer to traffic. Keep low speed in neighborhoods no additional lights on Aloma etc.

A historic preservation of Hannibal Square. –Some type of limit to the “growth” in downtown WP. –Limit development of Hannibal Square to affordable homes for the residents. When the city was founded in the late part of the 1880’s a land trust was set up for the residents of Hannibal Square let’s keep it that way. (I’m serious look it up) I voted for you Dave don’t let me down!

Put “Heritage and Culture” 1st in any planning for now and the future. Have conviction to veto any development that changes our city into a high-rise concrete jungle. One doesn’t have to go far to witness “growth” by unscrupulous developers: High density Baldwin Park…Historic College Park has lost its charm, raped by weak, look the other way commissioners and boards. Thanks for the opportunity for our input!

Broaden and enhance waterways connecting lakes of WP- open them to public use by making them more accessible and more of an area attraction. This is a core asset of the city, and yet largely ignored. We think greater density if well planned is what is needed here.
Preserve Green Space, limit building height, preserve historic home sites, maintain reasonable density, and plan for traffic problems. We don’t want WP, FL to look like Queens, NY! Please respond to residents concerns about the dirt and disruption from Navy Base Construction. Please don’t tell us it’s not your problem.

 Beautify all areas- as area grows roads must also to meet the demands.

 More open spaces-parks, etc. More trees replaced

 My vision for this beautiful city as we look at the next ten years would be to make sure all the green space and natural beauty remains protected and preserved. The charm and unique energy that attracts tourists, residents, and benefits to the overall economy of WP, I believe. Is directly tied to this and the sense of “community” and neighborhood friendly feelings that are evoked.

 Vision: Varied, yet environmentally respectful architecture (NO Mc mansion on small lots) A quaint downtown with local businesses and brick lined streets (not a vertically developed downtown that blocks the beauty and openness of Park Ave) Originally developed neighborhoods (not synthetic, created developments) We moved from Greenway, CT and Manhattan not b/c of expected tax relief from eager developers, but because WP reminded us of the Greenway of our youth. We expect to pay higher taxes for the higher quality of life, not better shopping options

 Promote upgrades to existing older homes. –Ease up on some of the requirements i.e. 7.5’ and 12.5’ for 2 story rebuilds to promote creative design. –Do not change zoning very easily. Keep land vs. house ratio as is. –Keep parkland beautiful and promote green friendly city.

 We are woefully lacking a historical presentation ordinance for homes. There are significant and unique homes being raged in the name if bigger and newer is better” Forget the commercial areas with height and density- that is smart growth! The neighborhoods are being destroyed!

 Clean appearance, healthy lakes, and compatible architectural styles in commercial and/or large residential structures. Friendly and helpful police department.


 Keep tax down, continue the beautification, and keep our lakes clean.

 1. Taking strict measures to ensure that development does not pollute our lakes and that lakes remain accessible to the public, along w/new parks and open spaces.  2. Create more bike paths so that bicycles can commute and shop in safety.  3. Planting of live oaks throughout WP, not primarily wealthy neighborhoods.  4. Require new condo projects close to shopping areas to have affordable ground level retail space  5. NO WALMARTS EVER!
As much green space as can be preserved, WP conservation of trees and Central Park is wonderful. Hannibal Square is a great space too. We moved here because of the eclectic flavor of neighborhoods within a city and so close to Orlando!! (We’ve only lived here for 5 months)

Do not annex anymore. Keep the library for WP residents only!! Give more money to the library. Build an animal shelter so lost pets have a place to stay. Require spaying and neutering of pets.

Our vision for WP is to grow out of the High rent home district and Park Ave areas. There is much more to WP than the downtown area. WP should focus more of its efforts on cleaning up the West Fairbanks area. The “live oak fund” needs to be distributed more evenly.

NO! Public access on Lake Kilarney

Problem #1 The swimming pool will go sometime in the future, well all children should learn how to float and swim for their benefit #2 Keep the swimming pool, be sure all children learn to swim. There are enough big buildings in WP

The holler property should become a discount-parking garage, like the one on Park Ave. More parking I needed on the Park Ave./ Fairbanks end. The progress energy Location should become a public park. Or make both of them parks.

For WP to be known as the city of trees and the city of homes - building height must be limited to 2 stories (commercial and residential) - streets to be pedestrian friendly (for bicycles too!) - Angle parking on the commercial side of Park Ave and no parking on the Central Park side of Park Ave. – Open space for sky, air, trees, and parks. – Low density

The maintenance and clean up of the chain of lakes is paramount. Green space by Park Ave as well as Leu Gardens. Kraft Azalea Gardens is vital to the city’s appeal. And of course the oak canopy and brick streets.

Our family would like to see more investment in our parks and recreation facilities and more development of walking/ biking trails/lanes. Managed growth in business tax base and to keep the “charm and feel” of WP for the future.

I would like to see the following: - a ‘tweens after school and summer program - full time (minimum of 30 hrs) computer Trainee to train citizens at the community center. – Someone to visit local senior citizens in and around their homes (ex. Yard work, minor repairs, reading, etc)

Hold a library benefit (WP Library) to raise funds for more innovative library equipment and draw children and adults (new computers⇒ new technology⇒ wireless internet for free). Cooking classes at the fine restaurants. Public lake area for WP residents (good for those who don’t live on the lake but keeps away non WP residents)
1. Where development doesn’t run rampant for the sake of greedy developers and to the detriment of the citizens 2. Where the citizens of WP are not held hostage to hoards of outsiders who crowd our streets for special events held all too often. 3. When contractors and lawn maintenance are required under existing immigration laws, to certify that their employees are US citizens or documented aliens; furthermore, my understanding of the patriot act empowers local law enforcement to arrest and hold for deportation any and undocumented alien of whom they have knowledge. 4. Where quality of life issues like noise abandonment i.e. excessively loud car stereos, people walking dogs unleashed and/or not cleaning up after their pets; using cell phones in cell free areas—were prosecuted by laws/fines, etc. 5. Where petroleum powered leaf blowers are banned—like in some other noise conscious cities.

-More public lakefront access -More parks, green space, bike paths -low buildings - stricter zoning on amount of build able footage as people tear down old houses.

Keeping in mind that positive models for behavior and relationships are formed at the home and school, it follows that WP high School and its feeder schools serve our community as foundations for future development as surely as development of our brick and mortar infrastructure. As a professor emeritus at Rollins College, my vision for WP in the next 10 years includes the hope that any political decisions made by the leaders of WP concerning our town’s long-term future will include careful and continuing support of our schools. Providing up-to-date resources, infrastructure, and supplies for our teachers, staff, parents, and student as well as committing ourselves enthusiastically to making good decisions for future generations are difficult and worthy goals.

Invest in infrastructure (e.g. streets, waterworks, lighting) -increase investment in educational institutions (e.g. high school, etc) → it increases long-term value of WP -support Police Department more. –Develop infrastructure to maintain growth

No more franchises up Park Ave- leave those to shopping malls. Foster cultural awareness by collaborating with Cornell Museum, Morse Museum, and Crealde. GUARANTEE that the parks (Dinky Dock esp.) Remain dog friendly. Better architecture.

New development-less density…schools must be a priority; Recreational space for young and old alike and friendly to the handicapped…. Gentle Ramps…Trees that bloom in spring and fall, or all year long Parks with a special place for pets…Benches, standard and some a little higher …this helps the old and those who are handicapped when developing new condos or garages Think Hanging Gardens…. How about landscaping the mini garden front of my home?! Thank you!

Continued managed growth of the downtown area—the parking garage is a great addition. More efficient processing of remodel license requests remodeling improves everyone’s living conditions and improves their home values. Increased
public transportation including light rails WP participation is important for all of Orlando.

Allow gated communities. To keep lakes and lakefronts- i.e. lake Tuscany very dirty/fencing need replacing rusted! Streets pave in a timely manner! Via Tuscany from Horatio = Horrible! Keep lakefronts natural i.e. wall putey @ via Tuscany Oaks lot #1 from house to lake terrible.

WP’s business district –esp. Park Ave, should follow its present historic lines: charming, two-story, mid- 20thc century Mediterranean style small shops, restaurant, and businesses. As long as the city continues to consider any size building as a “planned development overlay” builders, like naughty children, will continue to press press press for every concession they can get- and the city down strict zoning rules for builder in the central Park, Park Avenue area, they will continue to leave the city open to constant

I am very interested in the city retaining and preserving the historical buildings and properties of the past. We need a strong historical preservation board similar to Orlando’s so that classic architecture will not be destroyed by developers. Orlando’s Thornton Park ambiance will be preserved for all time. I would be willing to help and serve.

Think of WP as a historic city-history abounds in our commercial, residential, and open spaces. Preserve that history-stop the invasion of DEVELOPERS who are self-serving advocates for profit. We have already permitted the violation of building, height, density, scale, and traffic. There must be a general moratorium for three years. Otherwise, historic WP will be just another suburb, generic in its character-aesthetically corrupted-simply the product of ambitious developers whose only investment is a temporary interest in a city that can bear profit.

I’ve lived in WP for 46 years. It’s too late to save its quiet quaintness. It’s too late to save dozens of charming smaller homes. There should be laws against tearing down older homes with distinctive historic styling. There’s a few left. Stop all the development. It’s adding nothing but crowded streets.

Strong vibrant downtown, continued well-considered development to support downtown. Good stores and restaurants- we do not want to stop dining on the Ave. We want to continue to make WP a destination for those who live here and those who don’t. We want to offer arts and culture in WP.

My vision for WP would include any development or restructuring of property, streets, land use being kept within the quaint style that WP tried to maintain as a historic town. High-rise structures have no place towering above quaint European style buildings and cobblestone streets. What makes WP a unique place to live and travel destination is its small townful and community atmosphere.

I have owned a condo in WP since 1989, a condo that was considered a “luxury apt” in the 1950’s. It’s cement and steel architectural design is phenomenal-It’s beautiful.
overhangs are almost indestructible in hurricanes! However it saddens me to see that many beautiful structures are being lost because new owners have the financial ability to purchase a desired location-raise the old beautiful home and build something larger and modern. A recent example of this mentality has been brought to my attention during the WP boat ride through the lakes: a charming English Tudor home was about to be replaced by a new building. Historical aspects and old money have taken a back seat to modern and new money. HOW SAD!

I know this is not in the plan but
1. Keep the city safe.
2. Keep Loitering off the conors
3. Keep WP drug Free that’s a big job
4. Keep loud music down on the West side
5. Let WP grow but keep it beautiful THANK YOU!

1. Consider the neighborhood and cultural aspects FIRST in development considerations. The impact of high density land use is not promoting why we moved to WP. Do not want tall buildings, multipurpose spaces because traffic is the result plus environmental issues. 2. Continue monitoring and planning for maintenance and quality of the lakes-runoff and pollution form increasing traffic and roadways contribute to decline 3. We do not need more shopping or eating venue, especially by a chain. 4. Continue to even out brick roads when and after they are laid. 5. Continue the holiday celebrations, music in the park and other types of family and community activates that promote the quality of our city.

**DEVELOPMENT**

Railroad overpass! Maximum 9 floors on new buildings- Palm trees on Park Ave. and on all landscaping. A WP much like Palm Beach: Tropical sophisticated, and elegant. Less density. Annexed West Fairbanks Avenue from 17-92 to I-4 and upgraded. No more visible electrical wires. No more billboard!

I see a walking community with more density, not less, to help sustain great retail and great restaurants on Park Ave. People want to live in the care and I feel we should promote Winter Park. Allow current developers to proceed. Also don’t impede restaurants with outside dining setbacks-this is done all over the world!

Controlled growth-smart growth—not huge high-rise buildings. Green spaces-maintain parks; gold course easy access. Excellent police force and fire-health and safety smart reliable electricity. Strong property values, vibrant downtown.

I have lived in WP for 50 years. During those 50 years I spent 22 years living elsewhere as an active duty service member—always retaining WP as my home-of-record. During this travel, I have only deepened my love for the city of homes. I look for civic leadership that protects the special character that is WP.

* I am strongly in favor of more development in Winter Park if used to defray the high taxes we are paying. I have owned several homes in Winter Park and our
current taxes are so high that we must question whether we will retire in Winter Park!

* We must drive past both the Holler Chevrolet and Progress Energy sites every day. They are extremely unattractive and rundown and in no way consistent with the beauty of the rest of Winter Park. I am unhappy that the city is holding up development of these tracts. They would make very lovely residential townhouses or condominiums and might or might not have retail/office included.

* Re the Comprehensive Plan: I am somewhat less concerned about the height of buildings than about the size of sidewalk setbacks. Building essentially to the curb is unattractive and does not foster a "walking environment." The height of the new building on the corner of Canton and Park seems suitable for New York Avenue but not for any further development of Park Avenue.

* Yes, the scale of buildings is critically important but we are also in favor of strong property rights. I believe the city is honor bound to allow the Carlisle to continue based on the approvals already given.

* The current site of the Post Office is quite ugly and not fitting for Winter Park. For heavens sake, let them build the Carlisle and fix things up there! We need that new post office. Don't let it get away.

* It is unfair for citizens to bear the cost of legal fees to fight the developers of the Carlisle when the city granted the approvals.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinions.

In answer to growth in Winter Park, big developments need to be slowed down especially in the older residential neighborhoods. Old ranch style homes are being knocked down and much larger 2 story homes are being built. As life long residents of Winter Park, these homes do not belong. A homeowners association was formed in our neighborhood without knowledge of many longtime residents. New residents come here and want to change everything, even the name of our section of North Lakemont Ave. We used to play on Lakemont when it was a 2-lane dirt road. Also keep the quaint home town style of downtown Winter Park, no tall buildings and do not bow to the developers who only see concrete and stone, but fail to see the grass, trees, and natural spaces that are slowly being done away with.

I think, if anything, the City suffers from “paralysis by analysis” and drags out the permitting and approval process too long, allowing too much input by citizens who don’t have a clue about commercial real estate development. I am fully supportive of all new projects in Winter Park, provided that they are of quality design and construction. Given the scarcity of land in the city, and the cost of that land, it makes sense to allow developers to maximize the use of each site; and if that means going up 5 or 6 stories, I don’t have a problem with it. The Denning Drive corridor, The Progress Energy sites, and the Holler sites—all deserve to have large mixed-use projects in place. Even after all projects are built out, I don’t foresee a huge adverse impact on traffic in the area. The Carlisle project has every right to proceed. The developer has jumped through enough hoops already. As long as all of these projects go through the development review process already in place, I only see the new projects as enhancing the charm and character of Winter Park….not taking away from it. I would rather see quality mixed-use projects than vacant lots, or an empty
building, such as the State facility at Denning and Morse. I would also like to see the City Hall re-development get back on track, before increases in construction costs increase the budget that much more.

More to follow just wanted to weigh in on CBD heights early...have fun. ...That Park Avenue and intersecting roads from 1 to 2 blocks on each side of Park Ave (including Fairbanks) should be 1 or 2 story buildings..no more. ...That throughout the CBD no more than 3 stories should be allowed and then only with front and back setbacks and the 3rd floor set back at a 45 degree angle. I hope this information will help you make a decision to support my Vision for Winter Park. Park Ave: 16 one story (35%), 25 two story (54%), 4 three story(9%), 1 six story. (2%) 46 Total Bldg. on Park Ave. CBD **: 42 one story (28%), 76 two story (51%), 13 three story (9%), 13 4 story (9%), 2 five story (1%), 3 six story (2%). 149 Total Bldg. CBD**

**The information has been documented for Park, Knowles, Interlachen, and New York as well as Canton, Morse, and New England with N/S streets going from Swoope to Fairbanks and in the case of Knowles to Lyman and the E/W streets going from Virginia to the east side of Interlachen. It is interesting that Park Avenue seems to mirror the percentages for the remainder of the CBD.

Thank you very much for asking residents what their vision is for Winter Park. Although public workshops on projects may satisfy governmental requirements, it doesn’t give an accurate view of what the majority of the residents want. We do not support increased numbers of condos and higher density structures. What attracted our family to Winter Park is the family environment, the quality of schools and the low-density development as compared to other Florida urban areas of similar quality. The image we had was of a “village” reminiscent of New England or Europe. Condos and increased density of development doesn’t attract people who are trying to raise families, and certainly does not give the “village” feel. Higher density will further increase traffic and overwhelm what makes areas like Park Avenue attractive to families. Before moving to Winter Park, we often visited Park Avenue to enjoy the park and the nearby restaurants with our boy-girl twins. We could often park in close proximity to a restaurant we choose to patron, and this is still true today. We think that the City should not allow replacement of existing city owned property, such as the existing City Hall property, with structures that cover the entire area and city block. The existing mature trees and grass areas of this block are an amenity to the residents. Also, the planned scale of the Carlisle project is utterly ridiculous to anyone who understands what Winter Park has been about. Are private-public partnerships the only way that we can have a new City Hall and Post Office? We also would like to know if there have been any studies or investigations into improving the connectivity of the SE section (i.e. Windsong/Winter Park Pines area) of Winter Park to the Park Avenue core area. Presently, the only connection is through Osceola Ave. This 4-lane connection with traffic at speeds always greater than what is posted is not at all pedestrian friendly. Has consideration been given to reducing the number of lanes through this area so that it is not used as a primary east-west route for cars to cut through the City? And finally, we do support having a City Architectural Review Board (ARB). However, we think it is important that the board be comprised of...
individuals that are not benefiting financially from development, even outside the Winter Park area. Once again thank you for asking residents what their vision is for Winter Park. A response to the questions asked above would be very much appreciated.

We envision Winter Park as an Urban Village surrounded by 4 story buildings in a one-block radius and 5 story buildings beyond with NO equipment HVAC on top! Comments on current recent buildings:

SunTrust Building is successful. It has articulation and trees.

Park Place is not successful. It has inadequate articulation. It is too close to Canton Ave. Inadequate landscaping.

Garages: SunTrust garage should be the model for all future garages. Poor design on garage attached to Park Place.

Bank America is a very nice building ruined by a white half-story floor of equipment on top that is very visible.

Disallow building permits without adequate on-site parking, i.e. new Chamber of Commerce. They will overflow onto the streets and not use off-site area. Do not allow shop owners to park on the street and move their cars. Many are not using off-site parking lot. Build the Carlisle. New York Ave. looks awful. Enlarge Central Park as planned. Proceed with design for a new City Hall. It is badly needed. Proceed with plans for Enzian Theater. It will be an asset. Park Ave. Retail Area: Keep core with one, two, three-story buildings. For major construction projects: Since many residents are unable to read plans or visualize building scale, you might consider requiring a scale model on a scale site to be available at City Hall for 3 mos. before permitting with blank scale models of contiguous buildings.

We have been residents of Winter Park for 41 years. Have seen many changes, all for the better. However, we do recall friends, mostly professional people, move from the community after retirement because of a lack of suitable housing. The majority moved to the Orlando Country Club area because of the town houses that were built. We should and can keep these people in our community with Condo's and town homes. This means increasing the density, so be it. Our wonderful retail establishments need to be supported and that takes people. We support what developments are on the drawing board. Create a beautiful town center, within . We are not in favor of growth by annexation.

We think that the plan that WP has had for 15 years has served us well up until the last few years. 2 stories and 30 feet is plenty for Park Ave. 3 story buildings in the CBD. Height should be stories AND feet. It’s nice to see the trees over the tops of the buildings. The buildings should be set back as far as possible, with landscaping between the buildings and the street if possible. The one-on-one review on a
conditional basis has gotten out of hand. (Give an inch and they take a mile.) The building where Jacobson’s was is too big for Park Ave. It spoils the view looking south from the Morse Museum. We want a pedestrian scaled village. If the Commissioners aren’t up to abiding by the wishes of the citizens to enforce strict adherence, we support an architectural review board. Density brings more traffic and our town can’t handle more traffic. Light Rail should run along I-4, not through WP. It gives undesirable people easy access to our town and can increase crime, to say nothing of tying up traffic. Currently, the nicest thing about living in Winter Park is accessibility. This has been made possible thanks to keeping a lid on construction and unnecessary growth. Plain and simple. We need to guard against new construction proposals and whom it will benefit. The people who live in Winter Park, or the developers who are simply in it for the dollar and are sometimes non-residents? This is the key question all City Commissioners should ask themselves prior to voting on any type of new construction in our city. Otherwise, soon New York Ave. will no longer be an easy drive through, instead we all be dealing with another Park Ave. And it may already be too late.

Winter Park’s inherent value lies in our efforts to preserve the city’s charm. Recent projects do not necessarily reflect any effort on the part of our city officials to listen to the desires of city residents (i.e. the atrocity located on the corner of park and canton). If we wanted to live in celebration or Baldwin Park, we would buy a home there instead of here. Elected officials have the obligation to ensure that our city’s charm is preserved. Perhaps you could consult with Rollins College, which has done an outstanding job of upgrading facilities and enhancing the campus, while maintaining the historical integrity of our town. If Rollins can handle this through private funds, we should be able to do just as well with the much larger public funding. Landscaping and tree preservation should be a requirement for all projects, with strictly enforced height requirements for construction. An architectural review board, composed of local residents and their choice of architecture consultants, should be required for all new projects seeking approval. If the project doesn’t pass that review board, it should not be built.

My vision for the city of Winter Park is one that retains the high ranking that Winter Park enjoys as an exceptional small city in which to live by managing carefully all items that affect the quality of life. This means focusing intently on growth. I'm not anti-growth at all but also want a limit on the height and scale of buildings so that the charm of Winter Park is not destroyed. This has already happened to some degree with the allowance of a number of larger, more nondescript buildings that look like anywhere USA. One of the main reasons that our property values continue to grow is not only location but also the quality and uniqueness of this location. When we become like everyone else, the value in one's eyes quickly declines. The residents of Winter Park should be involved in determining exactly what these building codes are and how they are implemented. The decisions of a few must be backed by the vote of the whole community. Traffic density is another area of concern. On a day-to-day basis, Palmer Avenue looks like a cut-through street as many people from outside the city use it to avoid other high traffic areas. This increases both noise and air pollution along with the wear and tear on city roads. Lakemont has also become a traffic
nightmare, particularly with the influx of cars from Baldwin Park adding to the issue. Noise and air pollution, wear and tear, backups and delays all affect the quality of life negatively, again making it just one more troubled area. Our city employs some of the best and brightest minds that no doubt can come up with strategic ways to handle traffic and lessen the negative effects. Real estate in Winter Park has made a lot of money for a lot of people and arguably at a high cost in terms of negatively affecting image. Before decisions are made regarding buildings and homes, the long term cost and effect need to be closely studied. At the same time, there are many positive, unique attributes to Winter Park that should be continued and enhanced that give the city a sense of neighborhood and community like no other. These include: annual parades (on Park Avenue and boat parade) Christmas and Independence day programs in the park popcorn flicks the arts (Polasek and Morse galleries for instance) historic districts being able to walk/bike to dining/shopping destinations I have lived here for over 15 years and want to see Winter Park continue to be the diamond in the rough for my family and generations to come.

My vision for the city incorporates both the city’s appearance and general “livability”---the “heart and soul” that characterizes residents’ daily experience in the community.

1. Physically: Maintain what remains of the village scale, and remediate what you can from errors of the past.

Repeal the Planned Community Development Overlay. I do not believe that profound change should be enacted without commitment to a significant citizen process.

3. Adhere to the Comprehensive Plan and do not continue to amend it in a manner that weakens the city’s ability to protect the village character of Winter Park.

4. Consider the City of Delray’s system of government. Current citizen sentiment provides an opportunity to engage citizens.

Require setbacks and plantings of trees and shrubbery, and require that developers assure their proper sustenance and maintenance.

Tighten our sign ordinances, and enforce them.

As leaders, Commissioners must do all they can to foster respectful practices in civic meetings and throughout our community. Graciousness, courtesy and respect require that we address certain customary practices or habits that do not foster a mutually beneficial and congenial way of life. Mutual respect, good manners and extension of appropriate courtesies are all essential for happiness and well-being. Winter Park needs to be more than a community that is lovely in appearance. The more than occasional citizen rudeness in board or commission meetings and the frequent disregard of drivers for pedestrians are areas that require remediation. Law enforcement appears disinterested in pedestrian safety in the downtown business district, and apparently needs “persuasion” to cooperate, but they must take the lead in educating drivers, and requiring driver deference to pedestrians. Yielding to pedestrians is absolutely required in most of the country. We need to
change drivers’ blatant disregard for citizens in our crosswalks to protect the safety and sense of well being of citizens and visitors alike. It should be a great embarrassment to all of us that greater Orlando leads the nation in the number of pedestrian deaths. Thank you for soliciting citizen input with a process that allows people to express their desires and interests in and open-ended fashion.

My vision, naive though it is, would be to return Winter Park to the village concept it once was prior to it becoming a trendy, "happening" town and the land of the McMansions. My family relocated to Winter Park from the Washington DC area in 1965. I have seen Winter Park change from a highly desirable community where wealth was understated to one that thrives on wannabe bling and glitz. I used to live in Westwood, adjacent to Beverly Hills, California. I don't mind either bling or glitz but Park Avenue has more ersatz bling and glitz than the real thing. The stores that used to cater to the understated wealth of Winter Park have exited and their replacements are poor substitutes. If citizens clamor for bling and glitz, at least offer the real thing. Make Park Avenue another Rodeo Drive or Worth Avenue with true luxury fashion and five star restaurant cuisine. The traffic throughout Winter Park is atrocious - worse than any traffic on Los Angeles' west side, which has a lot more going for it from culture to restaurants to shopping, than Winter Park. Aloma Avenue as well as 1792 are unmitigated disasters with respect to traffic. The City needs to take over both roads - notwithstanding the resistance of the city of Orlando and Orange County. Speed limits need to be strictly enforced. Motorists regularly zoom through the light at Aloma and Lakemont at 50 miles or more per hour, and speeding along all of Aloma creates very dangerous road conditions. Winter Park has become a prime cut through location. I live in Windsong (Glenridge side) in the Elizabeth's Walk section of the subdivision. Even with a light at the entrance to the subdivision it is hard to exit the subdivision due to the constant stream of traffic on Glenridge and drivers exceeding posted speed limits. Actual stop lights, not blinking lights, need to be operable during the weekend as well as during the Monday to Friday time period in view of the hoards of people traveling along Glenridge from Baldwin Park and Seminole County. Windsong is a perfect example of the changes that have taken place in Winter Park where people opt to live in pseudo castles or chateaus.

When I lived in California, I occasionally spoke with people who had grown up in Beverly Hills and other areas of the west side of Los Angeles before it was overrun by flight capital from Asia and Iran in the '80s. The '80s marked the decade when Beverly Hills was transformed from a village where the locals shopped to a highly commercial, very upscale urban center. The residents of Beverly Hills did not see until it was too late the transformation of their village. Those who have been able to have escaped to the more tranquil Monterey coast just as many long time Winter Park residents are saying good by to Winter Park and moving on a permanent basis to Ashville, North Carolina where they are able to replicate the lifestyle that once was that of Winter Park.

Winter Park does not need more urban density to further clog the roads and make it even more an urban center. Zoning needs to be changed to not permit the residential density that is now permitted. Homes are being permitted to be built on sites that
aesthetically support homes considerably smaller. If individuals want to live in a 10,000 square foot homes they then need to build the home on several acres.

Just as Beverly Hills will not be able to return to the times when it was a tranquil village for the local residents, I am fearful that the same fate awaits Winter Park. As soon as I am able to, I hope to be able to relocate to the kind of town Winter Park used to be.

The height of buildings on Park Av. should be restricted to no more than two stories using the old scale of measurement. There should be limits on size and strict setbacks to prevent the canyon effect. The reason people come to WP is because of its unique village quality and wonderful park; wake up--it is also the reason WP prices have escalated. There is nothing like it in Florida. Landscaping between the buildings and roads are a necessity. By looking at the horrible building on the old Jacobson’s site. I think it would be wise to have an architectural review board; the Douglas grand appears to become another horror what will have to live with..No more...the people have voted and spoken. Keep all WP in the lovely tradition it has maintained. Hannibal Square, so far, is being developed well.

First, I want a city government that sends out professionally designed, unbiased surveys that can be tabulated to provide meaningful data. How does a response to this question help to guide us? It would seem, like so many former city surveys, to be merely a formality so the city can say they surveyed the residents. As an example, when residents were queried about the bricking of Winter Park Road, the choices in the survey were do you want "designer brick" (come on, call a rough brick a rough brick!) or do you want no improvement to the street at all? Also, why survey residents AFTER the Comprehensive Plan has been modified...wouldn't it make more sense to do so first? My vision for Winter Park includes an understanding and adherence to development standards that include "smart growth" and "sustainable growth" guidelines that so many forward-thinking communities are adopting today. Andres Duany, one of the foremost community planners today, and his book "Suburban Nation" should be required reading for all those involved in shaping our vision. (By the way, he referred to Winter Park of a decade ago as an example of good planning.) My vision is a Comprehensive Plan that maintains Park Avenue's desirability by keeping it pedestrian friendly, low density, and no more buildings over three stories or 40 feet, appropriate set backs and green space, and perhaps some design and review board input. Our government should understand that not all development is good. It is naive to think that developers will consider the best interests of the community...it is the city's responsibility to develop a vision and manifest it in a Comprehensive Plan, with citizen input on major projects and/or significant variance requests, and no major deviations such as we have seen lately. There is no shortage of developers in Florida, and the quality developers will not be driven away by a well thought out Comprehensive Plan. We can attract quality projects that fit our vision, and are of benefit to both the community and the developer in the long run. Developers like to talk about the tax benefits of growth, and we in central Florida are belatedly learning of the immense costs in terms of traffic congestion, water depletion, overcrowded schools, a decimated wildlife
population and vanishing green spaces. We need to carefully chart our future, not have it decided for us or worse, simply happen to us. My vision is a Winter Park where citizens are involved...and I stand ready to assist on a board or in any way that my 25 years in real estate development can be of service for the good of our community.

I have been a resident of Winter Park since November 1976. My grandparents retired to the Phelps property in 1957 and I bought it from my family. As you can see, like many residents, our family history in Winter Park goes back a half a century. I did not receive the 2006 Input Card in the mail so I am writing this e-mail in its stead. I am very concerned about the development in the downtown area. I believe there should be height and length limitations on all new building projects. The proposed Carlisle, for example is far to long and high. Height limitations should be 40' on a conditional basis as provided for in the Comprehensive Plan. Enforcement of these restrictions will prevent downtown from becoming a "Canyon of High Rises". In addition, setback allowances for green space and pedestrian-friendly streets should be provided for and strictly enforced. Once precious green space is plowed under, there is no going back. I believe it is shortsighted to continually build bigger and bigger structures in the downtown area, which leads to unwanted traffic and congestion and robs Winter Park of its charm and beauty. Residential development should also be closely regulated as it relates to size and scale in order to maintain the unique character of the city. The Waterford Lakes area in SE Orlando is a prime example of this type of over-development. Traffic is terrible and grid locked while more and more development continues. In the long run this will severely reduce the appeal of the area and affect property values. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

In response to the 2006 Resident Input Card that was sent out (thank you very much for caring about the concerns of the citizens of WP and for reading these). Florida is fast losing its heart - small towns with a distinctive Florida personality. With new residential developments, shopping centers, pseudo new town centers, and the remodeling of old towns, one could be Nebraska, Maryland or Florida. Winter Park is where I choose to live- shop, eat out, enjoy museums, events at Rollins, worship, walk the "Avenue", participate on a city board and pay taxes. It is a living, breathing town sustained by the love of its residents. To destroy this, to remake Winter Park into another Celebration is to deny its history, its uniqueness and will in a sense destroy the residents. To take this wonderful town away from us would be tragic. I would like My Hometown to be accessible, comfortable, pedestrian and parking friendly. I can currently ride my Vespa (bought from a WP dealer) around town, drive into the Post Office parking lot, park and run in to mail a package, ride it to the Dentist, to shops and to the many restaurants scattered around town. After the streets were bricked, the "Avenue" is narrower, several parking lots have disappeared and traffic during the day is horrendous. After the completion of current projects, traffic, parking problems and frustrations will increase. I would like to see renovation and restoration of existing buildings and new construction conform to the character and traditions of Winter Park. Building with setbacks from the street, with trees and green spaces, and restrictions on height (there are already too many tall
buildings that block the vistas and the glorious Florida sky) are only two ways to preserve the unique character of Winter Park. Many improvements have been made that have greatly enhanced Winter Park and have been in keeping with our distinctive personality. I hope that future projects will follow in the same manner. Winter Park is a Hometown by, of and for its residents. We ARE Winter Park. Please don't make it a "destination" for visitors. Thank you very much for "listening".

In 10, 20, 50 years, my hope is that the quaint village feel and appearance of Winter Park will not have changed and that the following will have occurred to preserve it:

1. The downtown look remains unchanged. All redevelopment, through very stringent architectural and zoning requirements that are adhered to and not amended or bent for anyone, be adapted to blend in with what exists now and building heights in the CBD be restricted to 2 stories.

2. The Winter Park golf course remains as is.

3. The train station (and trains!) remains where it is. How many towns still have their train station right in town anymore? So we have to wait 5 minutes for a train! Slow down your life! I like hearing the whistles and feeling the vibrations from the trains!

4. The New York Avenue corridor have the same restrictions as Park Avenue and thus be a parallel continuation of shopping and dining for both tourists and residents.

1. Central Business District, Park Avenue, remain 2 stories or 30 feet
2. Central Business District, Off Park Avenue, 3 stories or 40 feet
3. All other areas, 4 stories or 50 feet
4. All buildings in Business District, not a business, have 10 feet of green space
5. No upper floors overhanging city air space
6. Create an Architectural review board
7. Limit the density of multifamily structures in the Central Business District, including the Winter Park Village. We cannot handle all this additional traffic or keep the village feel.
8. Keep our public parking lots and do not give them up to a park on the west side of the train station or to a parking garage at the corner of New England and Knowles. The parking garage where the old Jacobson’s parking lot used to be is not what I want Winter Park to turn into.
9. Keep the post office where it is and on ground level. Keep the library where it is. Keep the train station where it is. Keep WP Golf Course. Keep the quaint pedestrian village feel to Winter Park.

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Setbacks – These should be mandatory and based on building height. Do not give them up in exchange for other building features. No more “colonnade” tunnels for people to walk under (Park Place, Carlisle) so that buildings can be built out flush to the curb. No more balconies hanging over the right of way. Setbacks are important in single-family residential areas too, especially front setbacks. Our lovely deep front yards distinguish us from developments inspired by the “new urbanism” craze. All setbacks of buildings more than 25 feet tall should have landscaping and/or water features.

Heights – Base these on feet, not stories. I think three-story buildings are fine for our city center. However, a normal three-story building measures 30 feet; add 5 feet for a parapet or roof feature and that makes 35 feet. It is inexcusable for a 55-foot-tall building to be referred to as a three-story or even a four-story building. The Carlisle is a “four-story” building 60 feet tall with 72-foot towers – where does it end? The term “stories” is meaningless and misleading when referring to a building’s height. A height of 55 feet is too tall for the city center. Write height guidelines based on feet, not stories.

Sunlight angles – No sunless “canyons” formed by too-tall buildings crowding the curbs. Along with proper setbacks, the facades of a building should be terraced back if necessary so that the entire building fits into a 45-degree angle drawn out from the center of the street to allow sunlight to reach the street. (Roofing over the terraced-back area, as recently allowed on the Vega building, negates this effect! The terrace must be open for sunlight to pass.) The winter solstice (the sun’s highest position in
the sky in December) is only 38 degrees. Even with a 45-degree terraced setback, a north-facing facade can cast permanent darkness over a street during much of the fall and winter. *This is a crucial consideration for the psychological impact our city will create, especially among sun-seeking Northern tourists who spend money here!*

Developers’ architectural models – Developers should be required to submit to the city not only 3-D physical models, but also computer-generated 3-D perspective renderings (either interactive or multiple views) that show 1. how the building’s height, mass and position relate to the existing streetscape; and 2. how the building affects sunlight on the street during various seasons and at various times of day.

Central Park – Do not mess with this! The park does not need “street furniture” or stone walls or vendor kiosks (I heard a “new urbanism” groupie at a conference complain that he couldn’t buy ice cream in Central Park Walk across the street to the ice-cream store, for crying out loud!) The park needs grass and trees and fountains and squirrels and kids. Which is what it’s had for, what, a century? No buildings on Central Park. No buildings directly abutting Central Park. An occasional sprucing up is nice; the rose garden is a nice, small, passive addition; a prettier stage might be nice, but nothing that looks like a building.

City Hall – This should be a free-standing building, city-owned and on city property. Private development has no place in our City Hall. Nor do condos, shops, privately-owned theaters, nor parking that is not municipally owned and 100 percent open to the public. City Hall is too important a symbol to allow developers to take it over as they have our post office in the Carlisle. We must entirely own our City Hall.

Overall lifestyle vision – This is the same mantra that most Winter Park citizens have repeated for years: A walkable, open-feeling village with plenty of passive green space and sunshine, much as we already have and are famous for. Buildings of the proper scale and setback so as not to overwhelm the streetscape. Nature and natural traditional materials and finishes.

Here’s something to consider: Psychologically, people get a village feel amid buildings that are not taller than a walk-up. That would be a maximum of three stories, sometimes four. Think of every quaint, charming village or neighborhood you’ve visited in the world, and you will see this holds true. This perception is because there is a physical limit to how many stairs a person can climb. Once a building violates this psychological height limit it becomes a high-rise. The perceived need for an elevator destroys the human scale. We want our village to be walkable, but the buildings themselves must appear to be walkable too.

Thank you for considering my opinions.
1. Stop tearing down everything in WP in order to build huge condos, offices, etc.  
2. Redesign Lakemont and Glenridge to improve traffic flow and REDUCE SPEED – very difficult to get in and out of Waterbridge and WP towers as well as other feeder streets.  
3. Maintain the charm that is WP Remember, bigger is not always better. Don’t forget those of us who live in WP!

The Plan should address Emergency plans for a "Hurricane Charlie (2004)" type storm. An example of current planning breakdown was the use of Ward Park Fields B, C, & D for chipping storm debris created an unacceptable burden upon the residents for four and one-half months following the storm, introducing significant health risks and disruption of the lives of the residents. The City's after-action review of the 2004 Hurricane season amounted to a self-serving pat on the back reminiscent of FEMA's initial press releases following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The City was more than willing to blame others rather than identify areas for improvement. Additional Active/Athletic parks need to be planned for an acquired based upon additional residents brought into the City. The current Active/Athletic parks appear to be operating at maximum capacity and some events have had adverse impacts on surrounding residents. The objectives of the Recreation element should not result in sacrificing Quality of Life for residents surrounding Active/Athletic facilities. At the Parks and Recreation Commission held 4/26/2006, it appeared that the only new parks being added to the Winter Park inventory are Passive parks. The demands of new residents and Orange/Seminole county non-residents jeopardize the quality of life for residents surrounding the existing Active/Athletic parks.

Our family is very concerned about the movement to keep low density and growth indirectly controlled via special interest persons. Our population increase is inevitable and must be PLANNED for by creating high density areas of “live work” like downtown WP-PLESSE PLAN PROPERLY

Thank the lord, David Strong is our mayor now…Something “new” or “different” is not always the way to go. There is something to be said about tradition. My vision for WP is this; take it easy, go slow and know those people who are only interested in making money will not understand a person who has lived here since 1961. Those interested in money are not interested in the aesthetic. Look at nearby Baldwin Park. A perfect example of what not to do. Identical houses 8 or 10 feet apart no room for even a tree WP is land locked and cant spread out. Lets accept it. Lets not make a disaster of WP by going taller.

Please do not clutter our beautiful city with more High-rise buildings. Do not allow a building on Central Park!!! Charles Hoomer Morse must be turning in his grave! What will Park Ave be without a park? This is what make Wp charming and uniqua and draws tourits.

WP is a lovely place-do not ruin it with high buildings-keep 4story to 4 story not 5 or 6 –Do not develop every single place- keep spaces-you don’t have to double in size - WP holds its own in what it has now. DON’T OVER DO!
A city that has some control and limits on building height, scale, density, traffic, and parking. A city that doesn’t continue to put up barriers to replacing small, junky, slum houses with nice well designed homes.

I am neither in favor of increasing building height nor in increasing the population density in downtown WP.

We need to renovate older properties (such as Aloma and Fairbanks) rather the increase density. Traffic is making our great city more difficult to live in. Creating more square feet of commercial or multifamily is not a solution. NO MORE VAIRANCES!!!

Building requires thought, which integrates all aspects of ones life. I would like to see more though to incorporating the needs of the community into the building of malls, shops, and banking in one area so that all needs are taken care of conveniently instead of having to travel all over the city to accomplish these goals.

Don’t let them put up any more condos-streets and infrastructure can’t support it- Keep WP beautiful!

Keep new construction at a reasonable height. If I wanted high rises I would move to NY or Chicago.

WP will inevitably grow over the next 10 years and beyond but must make certain it is handled responsibly. As a 26 yr resident (also at this address lives a life long resident Sandra Skolfield) I have been disillusioned by disregard for traffic, road conditions, and rampant building of McMansion. I find it increasingly intolerable to drive around my town due to blocked roads by utility work and construction related vehicles. Keep WP reasonable and retain the beauty.

While moderate growth is normal, even desirable in a town like WP, our community’s expansion seems to satisfy builders’ profit at the expense of it citizenry. Thos who live here know that WP is already overcrowded. Condos can only exacerbate the situation my vision for the city of P is the small town community atmosphere it’s once enjoyed, where kids can pay freely, and grown ups can move about freely unencumbered by condo dwellers.

Hold changes to a minimum!! Make only necessary changes to keep the city properly maintained. Try too keep the “As is” as much as possible!!

Our “household” wants regulated, careful, controlled, reasonable growth of buildings. We would like this plan to consider INSCALE building that is compatible with what we already have. School capacities, traffic, environment must be considered. It seems we are presently on overload because growth has not been regulated or planned carefully.

Think “smart” not “big.” Do not allow multi-family dwellings on residential streets. Do not allow large developers/apartment complexes to destroy the character of our city.
Do not allow variances so that buildings can exceed city statues.

We would like to see the building height restricted- open space preserved and increased where possible. It is also important to us that there be affordable housing in the city so that our police and staff members can afford to live in the city they work for! It would be ideal to minimize cut through traffic and construction traffic in residential areas.

Hello, I am very distressed about the rampant over development ruining our city’s character. The monstrosity on NY Ave where the old Sprint building stood is inexcusable! Pleas enact a total moratorium on all new project until new standards are established. Increased density does not improve our quality of life; increased green spaced does. Thanks for letting me vent.

The Glenridge property should be reconsidered! Instead of more homes built on that property it should be better utilized via building a school there. The area does not need more traffic, and the new Glenridge School is already becoming over populated. With more homes, just how do you think you can educate our children with overcrowded classes? The area is already having traffic problems, why add more? Where will another piece of property to be available for a school?? (In this area)

The building on Canton and Park has already violated building height. The building is out of scale for downtown. The architecture on the two building under construction on New England and Morse Blvd are horrible and out-of-scale How did his happen? And what can we do?

Examine new ideas for East-West traffic for alternatives to Aloma Ave -Maintain central Parks charm -Rethink Carlisle and sign a bill a nice new post office. That fits the setting.

1. Focus on keeping the CBD a vibrant commercial, park and community asset. This is a priority over WP village and the Holler property.  2. Keep height limitations at 55’ (maybe one/two exceptions) not over tree height.  3. Be flexible and open to new ideas! The West side community development is a good idea. It’s an asset.  4. The parking garage was a good idea. Do another one for the future. It helps the CBD

I believe the city should revert to the days when height of building was restricted. The city resident responded loudly when the first National Bank of WP (now Bank of America) went to 5 stories. We must protect the nature of our city even if it means restricting development. I’m a resident since ’57.

Congratulations on winning the election!  1. No more large developments  1. No more extremely uneven Brick streets. More residents can do nothing but harm the character of our town.

#1 Preserve Park Ave –green, city hall, view of sunsets, sunrise, down height  #2 No
“projects” Only town houses bordering residential i.e. Denning and Fairbanks #3
Always make sure residents can park and walk on Park Ave for free. Besides not smart to put 5 stories near sinkhole.

I would like to see more pedestrian density downtown-I like the renewed vigor if the city! Additional parking garages and moving setbacks closer to the road in order to apply parking behind the buildings will soften the traffic

I would like to see WP thrive and grow- we need more residential and more vibrant commercial throughout all of WP- city should continue to approve all reasonable rezoning and to support the property rights of the landowners. Many of us like all of the positive change we have seen during the last 3-4 yrs.

New urbanism! Higher density, more walking, downtown, WP village area, Holler area. 3-5 stories. 35’-55’ Traffic- If they don’t move here, they will move to Oviedo and drive thru here. Because of cut throughs, traffic will always grow until an alternative is easier (Horatio, SR 50, etc.) More tax paying traffic is better.

We are in favor of carefully planned development- we think downtown could use some more residents but don’t want complexes to be out of scale. We are very much in favor of maximizing parks and green space and in extending city utility to all of WP. We would also like commuter rail with a stop in WP

I would like to see expansion controlled not only because we don’t love the resources but also because it changes the whole complexion of WP. It bothers me that when the new Post Office will be built, we might have only entrance through the underground garage which I feel is not safe. Hope you can do something about that hope that when the projects that are started are completed that will be it. Good Luck!!

WP needs to build upon the unique character of a diverse community. The scale of Park Ave is unique ad various architectural styles is good –Especially the courtyard spaces. WP Village could be anywhere USA. Decisions and directions provided by the current planning staff is turning Winter Park into Coral Gables North. The character of recent Development is bad.

Keep it small. Prevent traffic congestion in downtown. Limit growth of downtown. There are many homes; especially in old unincorporated WP, that have junk/crap in front yards. Monitor/enforce more closely. No more brick streets in residential areas.

Concentrate efforts to repave roads in the Holt Ave/ Rollins College and Ninth Gr. Center area and Mead Gardens cleanup. Quite embarrassed of the appearance of our historic section. We agree with the majority of long-term residents (38 yrs for us) that no more variances/zoning amendments should be considered for urbanization of WP. Our charm will be forever lost. We are now a cookie cutter community =(10yrs what then? Park is our name our heritage. Keep Green.
1. Keep the city (downtown) in an appropriate scale. 2. Dismiss the staff of the planning department. 3. Brick more streets.

There is a lot of room for growth off New England Ave. such as retail, shops, restaurants, and small-scaled town homes/condos.

1. No more condos please- creates more traffic  2. City limits should be kept no more expansion  3. Keep Mead gardens, Ward Park, and city Golf Course for general public not to developers  4. Present codes for new buildings should be adhered to  5. Maintain and keep unique buildings by codes and building restrictions (mainly downtown WP)

Limit sizes of new houses. Crack the whip on greedy developers. Limit how loud construction noise can be. When I complained of steel rod cutting noise on house being built beside me, the contractor said” hey lady this is a construction zone.” “Oh,” I thought, “I thought this was my home.”

Growth in downtown WP is essential. Residential growth will provide the restaurants and their merchants the sales they need to stay in business. It will provide the city with additional sales tax and property tax dollars. With attractive, active, vital businesses and services downtown, urban dwellers will WALK to frequent this businesses- their expendable income will stay WP. In order to maximize return on investment, developers must be allowed to build more than two or three stories high. Contrary to some belief, 4 stories is not a high rise! With the proper aesthetic and setbacks, multi-story buildings will not detract from the charm and village like feel of WP. I envision the day when the entire area between Park Ave and WP village will be filled with semi dense residential and business. Where the buildings for each are, where the sidewalks are wide, and the streets safe. I envision Fairbanks and 17-92 redeveloped with residential and small business to create a more attractive and vibrant entry into our city. Non-residential commuter traffic through WP will need diverting, as best it can be. Our city is already fortunate to have beautiful mature trees, and copious parks and green space. We don’t need to add to green space except to require adequate landscaping in proportion to each new building/development. We DO need people on review boards who are experienced in reading plans and conceptualizing blueprints and drawings. My fear is: with so many contrary, anti business, naysayer current residents, developers will find the climate and cost of doing business in WP too adverse, and move on to surrounding areas, leaving us here 10 years later, wondering what happened to “all those great little places” that USED to be on Park Ave.

No more brick streets. No more housing developments. No high-rise. Continue to emphasize trees and flowers. Single-family homes. Keep streets repaired. Don’t sell out to developers.

The city of WP is already overcrowded- I do not support any further development. Inspiring areas within the City is good; but should be done with a view and uncluttered landscapes; no more than 4 stories (to pursue views) and somehow
inspiring traffic flow – presently, WP suffers from traffic congestion and terrible drivers- WP is not “special anymore

Large-scale developments are compromising the town as it was. I would like to see it stop.

4.5 million people will move here in the next 50 yrs: WP is an URBAN not a rural village, make the downtown a place where people can live! 4 stories would be ideal, given McMansion rise to 35 feet. Also, work for light rail, Mayor Strong fears the impact of…. too many pedestrians? Make WP a destination where people can walk and a place not just designed for the auto. Humans no Hummers! Our town was founded on rail and a walking, human scale. Lets get back to our history not the 1970’s. Envision the future, love the past, and don’t fear change!

We feel that our city will continue to grow with the changing times. Our concern is that a well managed and control system for expansion will be in place. A couple of things for consideration. A. No dogs at the Farmers market B. Enforce the control of side walk paths on Ave. food establishments

More emphasis on “gateway” to the city-Fairbanks Ave from I4 is a dump 17-92 is a fast food run. Aloma Ave looks blighted with rental properties in the Balfour area. Park Ave is nice, but as a resident I can only go to church there. Focus on decreasing taxes by responsible development.

We need, more than anything, a good gateway to the City from the I4 corridor that is not cluttered with poor quality development. We need to keep a vibrant business district and Park Ave full of walking space. We need a good plan for the high quality development of the Holler property and continue to upgrade our streets.

Limit height, scale of new buildings (the new and towering large scale bldgs takes away the charm and character that attracted people to WP in the first place) Leave some open green areas with trees for parks. When constructing new buildings allow for sufficient space for customers and employees to park. WP does not need all the big massive condos and buildings that the developers would like to build.

A pedestrian, friendly village, with lots of trees and blue sky, eclectic shops (no chains), a cozy feel, no freight train traffic, commuter trains OK. Citizens involved with city business and direction, care for and protect the parks. No high-rise buildings excellent schools chose cooperation between city and Rollins.

The building being built near the WP central Park are entirely too close to sidewalk and roads – they should be set back and in style with the existing buildings. I am totally against dogs on Park Ave at restaurants while their owners eat also at the farmers market on Sat. where there have been confrontations between the dogs, plus food is in the area.

No more condos- too much density and traffic. Less cut-through traffic in neighborhoods. More green space for parks and families. No more huge buildings
on Park Ave or downtown. Did I say no more density and traffic? No more condos! More trees!

A vibrant downtown with a couple if cafes, a bookstore, and a small movie theatre (like the Enzian). No more Downtown buildings over 5 stories. Fewer giant, oversized homes. Continue the city’s good work with auto traffic calming and reducing cut through traffic. A green Central Park, with opportunities for both interaction and solitude. A vibrant, diverse WP. Fewer giant houses over 3000 sq. feet. They are out of scale with our town! Thank you!

I believe the most unique and identifying aspects of WP are 1) Canopy trees-not palm trees 2) Low rise buildings around our downtown area-as evidenced by nearly every advertisement promoting our city (including WP mailers) are photos of our smaller (2 story) buildings; 3) our open air park (NO buildings) which conveys an atmosphere of a small town and a beautiful feeling. If I want 4 story buildings I can move back to South Florida!

1) Put in place strict sign ordnance: all commercial at ground level and no signs posted to advertise anything! 2) REPAVE OUR MAJOR ROADS in WP- they are AN EMBARRASMENT!!! (Fairbanks, Aloma, etc!) 3) Cut down on parking in our neighborhood streets i.e. Grinnell Terrace etc. It is very dangerous, ticket cars! 4) Strict building maintenance: painting, debris, no boats, etc in driveway. 5) Building Height-no taller than allowed now 6) No more high-density buildings (apartments, condos)- that will keep the traffic down!

Newly annexed commercials should have a separate district for guaranteed representation on the city commercial. To make all seats city total foes not represent all citizens equally. The old WP area had citizen coalition that excluded equal representation.

Stop weeding the residents out of the West side. 2) Stop building parking lots and tall buildings on West side. 3) Have input from West side during the planning to Comp. Rush zone. 4) Don’t extend hours for Dexter’s Bar! Remember the plan promises. 5) Build more affordable HOMES for residents 6) Consider the Senior citizens, reduce traffic, safety, keep Pool

I do not want to live in another Orlando! I voted for Mr. Strong with the hope of stopping the rampant demolition of our neighborhoods more than our downtown. I voted to be annexed into WP because of its neighborhoods not because I wanted a 3 story newly constructed monstrosity towering over me- I could have enjoyed that in Orlando!

I am concerned about the changing character of existing residential neighborhoods. The demolition of the smaller 1 story 40-60 year old houses and their replacement by starter mansions is adding to the affordability problem in WP-Demolition of EXOST. Houses or expansion of a house by more than, say 40% in air-conditioned
area should be discouraged and financially thwarted. The residential transformation is a greater threat to the WP character then a few downtown structures.

1) There will always be big money. We don’t need to develop every square inch or just change our name to Baldwin Park. Take a 2-year break on major development. 2) Traffic: slowing traffic at main entry points. School zones are a joke. 3) Schools: protect our quality. It would have been nice to get some base property to help WPHS?

Stop the expanding growth of WP. Stop further development! Stop the construction of multi storied buildings. Stop-Stop-Stop. Stop retail expansion into residential neighborhoods.

WP needs a vibrant downtown that includes: 5 star hotel, Enzian theatre, new upscale restaurant, grocery store, new condos, workplace housing, an expanded Central Park with a longer stage area, commuter rail station, WiFi, digital kiosks, public restrooms, a flower show, jazz festival, wine and food festival, and a cultural festival that showcases our arts orgs.

PLEASE do NOT let the theater be built next to the congregational church. It would take light form several important rooms on the West side and be a big problem for a number of the children.

Please- no more of these monstrous buildings built right up to the sidewalk with no landscaping and costing outrageous prices (condos). A person with a medium income can no longer afford to live here. Also, I feel that the West side should have a representative on the city commission. It is tragic that developers have taken over much of Hannibal Square reducing housing in that area. I am sad watching downtown being ruined.

The plan has already made exceptions for height of new buildings. Pease do not make anymore! Also do not even think about ramming the Enzian Theater (or any other building) next to the Congregational Church on Knowles.

1) A city with real neighborhood parks (in all neighborhoods) 2) Preservation of the west side and retention of the African-American community 3) No more high-rises especially near residential communities 4) Revision of zoning laws for teardowns (more setbacks) 5) Affordable housing similar to Hannibal Lard Trust

1) I wish that Park Ave garage could be demolished. It is an outrage for our lovely city to have THAT. 2) I hope “we” will have brick streets, no parking meters, no “new” things in Central Park, and I wish 3) that WP could be publicized as a community that does not want huge buildings (Carlisle) despite tax base mania.

To remain basically the same downtown. Please do not allow the Enzian to be built behind First Congregational Church. This church was founded by the first WP
residents and also founded by Rollins College. It is a very thriving church where many groups in the community meet at all hours. Many of these involve children such as boy scouts, brownies, Girl scouts, and choirs. There are 3 schools that meet there with an attendance around 200 children. Easy access to the back of the property in necessary. A large building would also cut off daylight to the chapel, library, and meeting rooms downstairs and upstairs.

To planning and zoning: In addition to the two case studies which concerns WP residents, more stringent regulations as to building height and setbacks of residential property should be considered and a review made at a potential builder site by both planning and zoning and developer to make certain that adjoining homes-on both sides are not compromised. Come see 859 Palmer and the 6,000 sq. home which has a narrow driveway 8’ from my home-all which could have been altered in the beginning

The city has spent a good deal of time and money to repair broken sidewalks (which was a great improvement) however; Bldgs are still breaking them up during home construction or improvements. Please have the city building inspector revise the Comp. Order (C.O.) form to moderate that our Bldg Inspectors not issues C.O.’s for repairs and new construction until all sidewalks are fully repaired!!

We would like to be able to develop, reconstruct, or remodel our homes, to conform with those in proximity to ours. We live in Northwood Circle and would love to build on the some Planter it Penn place and surrounding areas.

No cars in downtown area. – Put a stop to widening disparities; make O more affordable/accessible- No above ground electric wires –more sidewalks less McMansion sprawl (hello Baldwin Park!)- Less gentrification for the area abutting downtown –keep the parks in good shape –keep the oaks, but make sure the older ones get taken care of so they don’t destroy houses in hurricanes!

1) WP can only house and hold so many people. We must agree on the density for each area followed by other topics. 2) Encourage good design. An architectural review committee could help. Also, hire the best we can find. Require an architect for a house over a certain $ allowance. 3) Encourage variety in building style. The couple of traditional styles used I WP will look dated in a couple of years an architectural design competition should be considered for the city hall.

No more condos! Allow bigger homes on same size lots. Bury power lines. No more annexations. Brick streets with proper brick (not like Pennsylvania)

Light rail for the metro area is smart and inevitable- WP is smart and he’ll allow and have a station in town- Some higher density is smart helps slow down sprawl and destruction of our native lands –good architecture and design is the key, as is rail. I don’t object to building at the north end but the architecture is horrid. Good reasonable building density codes and guidelines is very important. Encourage the
arts-visual, art sculpture, and well designed park spaces.

Limit all Bldgs on Park Ave and one block on each side to 2 story bldgs. Adjacent to Central Park to 2 story bldgs. Other Bldgs. Limited to 3 stories in thee downtown area. We need setbacks wit plenty of plants and trees. Expand and protect Central Park. Keep curbside parking for easy in and out shopping.

I would like to see WP kept low-key. Buildings no higher than 2-3 floors on Park Ave, and west of the park. The “new look” e.g. the new building across from Morse Museum is appropriate for downtown Orlando, built is an eye-sire in WP. Fairbanks Ave (holler property) might support that style. Keep our city quaint.

Buildings that take away all green space would be unattractive in WP. Building Height should not exceed the height of any of the original buildings on Park avenue (not inclusive of the monster building at corner of Canton and Park)

My vision for the city of WP is a pedestrian community with Building Height limited to four stories. New condos to be limited to 4 stories also! We must limit the density of new units built and keep traffic impact in consideration when approving new construction. New bldgs. Should be set back 8 feet from curb and have plenty of landscaping. The new bldg. On the N end of park Ave is hideous! This is not what to do!

I would like to see WP approve developments, which do not require variances.

We would like to see the park spaces around WP left alone. Condos across from NY Ave are OK, but NOT ON CENTRAL PARK. Please enforce the size rules for lots and do not turn us into Thornton Park or Downtown Orlando-Orange Ave Condos, why are boat docks allowed in Public Gardens (Kraft Azalea?)

Height restrictions at 35’ everywhere and setbacks. Low density. Affordable housing with no trade offs. Control of traffic no more Winter Park garages. Architectural Review Board instituted. Please make the plan

As restrictive as possible

My vision is village scale. I like the comprehensive plan as it is written. I don’t believe in zoning variances to add height and density. Our roads are crowded enough. I don’t like the absence of setbacks. I don’t believe in zoning variances that put a huge parking garage practically in someone’s backyard. The homes being built are ugly and have no character because the builders are trying to squeeze as much square footage as possible on to a lot. I think there should be architectural review boards. I could go on and on.

I have a concern about continued building of parking garages and the scale thereof. I have attended many meetings and these approvals were based on architects selling the projects o not “ seeing these garages” Also the city needs to incorporate more stringent landscape requirements on downtown projects. Some of the project scale
does not fit and I am pro development.

Please keep building heights at tree top height. Also please require some green space between sidewalks and buildings in out lying areas or much wider sidewalks.

I would love to the city with a 4 story apt. Height is hard to estimate but reasonable ceiling 10-14 ft each story. Keep as many old buildings as possible. Brick as many streets as possible to slow traffic.

No building taller than three stories in downtown WP. No building in Park Area.

My vision imagines a city with a strong “sense of community” surrounded by beauty, charm, and human scale.” “Human scale” translates to a height limit of 35’m everywhere, with setbacks of 10’ commercial and 25 residential. FAR ratio of 65%. Keep trying to find ways to slow traffic.

3 Story limit w/in 35’ tall. Green space around buildings. Control of traffic w/o new ugly garages. Architectural review Board. Recreate “village environment.”

I love WP. However, we live in a changing world. There should be building height for residential and commercial. Residential single-family 35’, condos 3 story-office/commercial 5 or 6 story but maintain Spanish/Mediterranean theme. Traffic comes with territory not fair to change impact fee on new home but not on existing home regardless of when buys each home.

1) Building height- try to maintain limits in vicinity of 5 stories 2) Building scale try to maintain current scale by use of street setbacks, green zones and distance between structures. 3) Density know that density increase= Automobile traffic increase 4) Neighborhood preservation: don’t continue to encroach on west side 5) foot/bike traffic: try to expand safe foot and bike zones

No buildings over 3 stories high in the downtown area. No buildings adjacent (abutting) Central Park. Stop pondering to greedy developers- our growth can be slow and steady, NOT leaps and bounds. You may entice “outsiders,” but they are fickle and will go elsewhere next year, you will lose locals who love to dine and shop in the village atmosphere.

Controlled and compatible development on new projects. Mass, scale, and architectural character should be examined. Height should be considered (both higher and lower) in relationship to the area being developed.

Remain the feel of a small town. No buildings higher than 4 stories on Park Avenue and surrounding streets. Condo bldgs set back from the sidewalk not like the new Langford- or ugly block wall- solid on corner of Morse and NY Ave.

Buildings 2-3 stories in height. Mixed housing –including some low-moderate priced homes. Right now WP- looks wonderful-flowers greenery, trees. Please fill potholes and add sand to newest brick streets. Thanks!
The old comp plane height limits were an acceptable scale for the city. 35’ ion Central Business. 55’ in some areas outside of CB. These should include all mechanicals. There are areas where no front setbacks work but these should be very limited.

No subsidies from less affluent to more affluent neighborhoods (e.g. brick roads). Traditional height limit 2 stories; extraordinarily 3 stories medium density. Condos ONLY permanently affordable (via shared equity) apartments. Emphasize public transportation options and bike paths developments throughout city.

Building height – keep as now in plan – severely limit variances! Scale – keep within limits of surroundings do not dwarf. Density – limit so as not to overwhelm existing population. Traffic – affected by population density in new buildings. Stop trying to copy development areas such as Baldwin and Celebration. Keep Winter Park unique!

Mayor and commissioners tat enforce codes and ordinances without creating special exceptions. Village scale for all buildings nothing above 3 stories. Improve pedestrian access within the CBD. Establish an architectural review committee for all buildings within certain zones.

1) The plan should not change. WP development rates are ok as they stand. 2) It bothers me that you want to have uniformed citizens groups decide what holler or progress energy should do with their privately owned property.

No more than 2 story buildings/hotel, etc. No parking garages too close to Park Avenue or nearby streets…shuttle busses from Parking ok if drop off or pick up far enough from Park Ave as to not hold up traffic. No valet parking. It is so close to Park Ave it holds up traffic. Green arrow lights at Webster and Denning and NY Ave and Morse are needed. Old town looking structure preferable to keep “old town feeling” WP is an old town that’s what makes it charming and attractive as well as being well kept. Bring the horse and carriage back. Recycle for all of WP not just the nice side of Welbourne Ave.

As a 5th generation WP resident (and native) my vision would include neighborhoods where every house is not exactly alike, using up to 90% of its lot. Leave some green space and diversity of architecture—that is our charm, not Mcmansions and hummers! Condos etc are OK in areas like the Holler property and the Power Co. Where it is already commercial, but keep height restrictions! Wide Lakemont and Glenridge the traffic is already here and not going away.

Provide more middle and low income housing to attract diverse population i.e. retirees, and middle and low income residents. Keep the small town old Florida charm that is Winter Park’s history. Improve and maintain lakes and parks.

My main concern is Central Park and the downtown core. Please leave Central Park as is and continue meticulous upkeep and landscaping. Plant more flowers. Maintain the 30’ elevation of buildings on Park Ave. and adjacent and feeder streets. Limit height of new buildings and PLEASE no more condos! Be sure the public is
informed concerning new projects in the city. Provide accurate, understandable drawings/renderings of any new building or landscaping projects and widely distribute them, including dates of pertinent meetings. We don’t want WP to become another Orlando. WP is unique. Please keep it that way! WP used to know as the city of homes. Also, we don’t need any more annexations.

Central Park should stay. Bldg heights should not go over 2 stories, The owners of the store locations should lower their rents so we can have unique, quality, upscale mom and pop shops (individuality) We need more Police protection especially @ nighttime- Even have them on bicycles patrolling around Park, NY, Knowles, New England-where there is a lot of speeding- people are getting away with things that not have passed here 20 yrs. Ago. Everything seems to be lacking of the old quaint ways –that actually use to bring people here-plus restaurants need to clean out back-smells!

At the present time my view is negative. I am against several things that have transpired in recent times, and don’t believe it is going to be any different in days ahead.

Park Ave should be modeled after Worth Ave, Palm Beach which is very elegant, charming, and upscale with the following features: 1) buildings 2 stories max with similar architecture 2) parking garages setback 1-2 blocks off Park Ave 3) continue valets on Park Ave to park cars for free 4) mostly upscale eateries and boutiques, less offices 5) courtyards with fountains branching of Park Ave with me fountains and shops

I voted for you Mr. Strong based solely on your stand to stop this runaway development. I have lived in WP for 32 years. I chose to live here because I had checked out Rollins in the mid sixties. I have watched this town “progress” into a place that I would no longer choose to live if y’all don’t stop this “beautification” there will be nothing left of what was once a charming, unique Florida town.

Progress is good, but not to be overdone. Perhaps moderations are best. No more than 4 stories on future developments; keep streets pedestrian friendly and maintain WP’s quaint atmosphere. Please don’t go all “high-end” we need some diversity and it would be nice to “afford” living in WP! Friends and tourists come to our area for a reason-let’s not ruin it with overgrowth.

Dear David, Congratulations on your new job! As to a short version I am already very sad about what has happened to our town. Hope is possible to stop this “boom” (I still believe 3 stories high is good) or whatever they call tear down and ruin what is essentially a small unique and special place to Florida for residents and animals. My eternal gratitude to our police and fire rescue, parks dept.

We have grown enough- we won’t be here (ages 93 and 95) but as 35 + residents we have learned to love WP as it is. No more growth. We don’t want or need huge condos. Or anymore traffic. Underground power lines would be a great project and keep growing trees. Let’s be a quiet residential town.
Hopefully, WP can remain a fine place to live with its individual homes and garden, both well kept, with neighbors who are friendly and helpful in the time of the hurricanes), with its parks and green places preserved. Its schools should not “bulge at their seams.” We should still be proud of our colleges, art galleries, theaters, fine restaurants, museums, and unique gift shops. We should protect what we have and not give up our independent spirit. This is our town, and we can not allow developers dictate how to run it. Nor should we listen to Park Ave merchants who own three stores there, but takes his proceeds home to Baldwin Park Harbor every night! Congratulations to mayor Strong!

I don’t know if you can control everything that happens in WP You cant stop progress. But I do think WP should be about quality and size. As long as things are done with quality (high) I don’t mind what happens.

Managed, Conservative growth. Minimize traffic congestion, which is worsening. Preserve small town character.

My vision for WP is: 1) Primarily, an extraordinarily well-managed community, safe, well maintained, green (literally and figuratively), quiet. 2) High tax community commensurate w/service extraordinaire 3)High rise condos OK 4)Diversity not important to me

Having lived in Winter Park for 27 years I have seen many changes. Some good, some bad. Here are my suggestions. 1) bldg height no more than 3 stories 2) Review traffic on 1792 and Fairbanks 3) No more brick roads 4) No Lee Rd extension 5) Control large scale bldg of any kind- we are a village, a small charming town ( in example of other small cities. Let keep this and be true to our city.)

Stick to the plan. No buildings over 2 stories high , at 10’ per story. 3 story buildings allowed at 36’ w/ 12’ set backs on 3 story on all street sides. Be very creative in new development but do not go outside plan and protect open spaces require many live oaks.

Please make special effort to discourage building oversized homes on undersized properties. Encourage development of smaller, residential, cottage like dwellings. Strive to limit commercial buildings that literally block out the sun, create shadowy ambiences. Attempt to buffer Park Ave from growing traffic congestion, Fairbanks, 17-92.

I would lie to see WP remain a village NOT a city with 5+ story buildings. I believe that we should stick with a maximum of 3 floors since every extra floor means more cars. I am VERY concerned about the push for high density and the Holler/Progress properties.

Limit Development to maintain charm of old WP and to avoid big city looks. Do not infringe on, or develop Central Park on Park Ave maintain as is. Do not allow buildings to exceed 3-4 floors on park Ave. Avoid turning downtown Park Ave into Naples, FL. Consider plans to use diagonal parking on Park Ave to accommodate
more cars. Minimize the impact of the size and scale of a combined city hall/post office metroplex building

We realize that some growth is necessary, but we are against granting variances for developers who want to bypass regulations. The Park place building and parking garage have spoiled the North end of Park Ave. Do not let anymore ugly huge buildings spoil our village atmosphere.

Strictly enforce building codes and remove anyone who allows or ignores violations!!!!!!

The scale, density, and height of buildings seems to be getting out of hand downtown. I remember when Rollins was denied an extra level for its garage because it would be “too high and out of scale” Why do we even consider some of today’s projects? They obviously don’t fit in. We don’t need more condos downtown, we need to keep our open space open and green or we wont be WP. Traffic has become terrible, but I don’t know what we can do about “cut through.” Support Light rail!!

Please develop our town wisely

Future development should be severely restricted except for low income housing. The emphasis should be put on providing amenities for the current residents of WP.

City Hall needs to enforce present laws prohibiting building of large condos and business offices, similar to laws existing in Santa Fe, NM. With emphasis on aesthetics and preserving vintage residential properties with power to declare the, as historic artifacts, with necessary trust funds.

I agree with those who oppose multi-story buildings in our downtown business/park areas. Also buildings, which allow minimum space between the building line and the street! Likewise restaurants that encroach in pavement space. The beauty of our town center is that it is walkable.

My vision is to keep WP the beautiful little city it is. Keep building heights at 3 stories only. As I remember, the code allowed only 3 stories. I think grave errors were made on Park Ave. The Carlisle plan is absolutely dreadful. How could you approve these gorgonian monstrosities. I am angry. I don’t know anyone who is not angry. Shame on all those who gave their approval.

Lower the Sq. foot allowances for residential lots, i.e. sq ft ratio of house to lot. Somehow stop the gigantic houses going up on small lots-Palmer being a perfect example. We don’t want to live in Palm Beach.

Slow down on big building projects in the city. WP is beginning to lose the charm and quaintness that has made it so famous and special. New bldg on N. Park Ave is too big, too high –ugly. Don’t let the greedy “investors” ruin our beautiful community. Thank you for listening.

I would like to see WP developed into a beautiful, tasteful way-the building on Park
Ave where Jacobson’s was looks atrocious! Park Ave is starting to look like a tunnel with the buildings looming on each side. It may not be the height so much but the setbacks from the street need to be adequate. Keep WP quaint and beautiful, but still encourage upgrading the looks of the town.

4 floor limit supported. Limit on areas and density of condos and apts. Underground cables and wires for electricity and telephone supported. Limit on size of signs desired.

Setbacks-Setbacks-Setbacks. All new construction should make room for significant trees and landscaping. Building to the property line as on Morse Blvd is ugly and needs the softening of nature.

I have been here 37 years and always considered Park Ave “special” and always took my relatives and friends there to eat, shop, stroll, etc. I didn’t like it 30 years ago or so when the current Bank of America building “skirted” the law and went over a 2-story height into a monster. Then that ugly colored monster barn where Jacobson’s was. Downtown is no longer special and I am embarrassed to take people there. Develop further out! Keep the remainder of Park Ave the same.

This is not the same city I moved to over 20 years ago. Development is out of control. The old 2 story Park Ave is overshadowed by the too-tall parking garages and too tall and too many condos. I would like to see rules in place for smaller homes, shorter buildings, and no more condos. The charm has gone. The $ replaces it.

Do not increase building heights, scale or density. I’d like to see WP keep (maintain) its original charm and beauty and not try to be another Miami Beach look with majestic buildings- keep it’s quaint and beautiful look as is.

Please, no multi-stormy building within one block of our beautiful Park; Post office or no! Let Orlando have the high rises!

Building sizes and proportions haven’t been under control. Exterior paint colors need to be regulated.

1) Keep the FAR @ the current 200% with possible exception of cupolas-which must be limited in height (downtown area). 2) Do NOT extend Central Park to NY Ave. We desperately need parking @ Morse and NY for shopping and the Farmers Market.

Sending this survey out speaks volumes!!!! I grew up on Park Ave in the ‘60’s. My wife is Joanna Henkel. Family 100 tears on Park Ave. I have a 5 million dollar residential company with my partner with office off Park Ave. I love WP! I want small-scaled proportionate, much green space, **architecturally sensitive** commercial buildings!!

Height limit of 3 stories and 30’ on Park Ave and 35’ for areas surrounding Park Ave. Buildings need to be set off the street to allow for both landscaping and sidewalks.
There should be a limit on the size of buildings—they should be allowed to encompass an entire block or more…need to allow for landscaping between buildings. Need to study impact to traffic problems. It is a PROBLEM NOW even before big buildings are complete.

No more high rises like Canton and Park. Too much WP traffic already and limit development intensity. Stop Post Office development as planned. Limit density on Holler, Florida progress properties to nothing more than was there before in terms of traffic.

For downtown upscale, charming village look, with all new downtown buildings designed to compliment “Little Europe’s” look. This means no buildings taller than 3 stories. For residential areas- charming tree-lined bricked streets. Please avoid changing zoning from single-residential to business or multiple residential except in areas closet to downtown already so planned.

There should be strict limitations on house size in proportion to lot size. As is, there are enormous houses being built on small lots. Also, style of architecture should be regulated so that there is harmony, rather then the eyesore on Temple Dr near Chestnut. I would like to see small, non-chain business come back to Park Ave to give it back its character. Yes, strict laws as to building height, scale, density, and traffic. Remove the building on Park Ave across from the Tiffany Museum.

Height- low, Scale- small, density- low, traffic- all the above will help

1) Central Bus. District height restrictions 30’! Primarily 2 stories, occasionally 3. 2) Setbacks from the street: keep pedestrian character of WP. 3) Proper scale in keeping w/the character of the city (The landmark and Douglas Grand are too tall, too close, to street and massive: they should not have been built as is. 4) No more brick streets: you are not maintaining the ones we have try driving on Chestnut or Walnut-a mess!

Primarily residential No tall buildings No more building greater than 4 stories around Park Ave. Let big business go elsewhere.

1) Limited building height 2) The scale of the city is also desired to be limited at least to what it currently is 3) We wish density to be constant and unchanged 4) We wish traffic to be controlled and minimized

I believe the downtown area should be redeveloped only at its current scale i.e. 35’ height restriction. No properties should be rezoned if they will generate more traffic than its currant use or zoning. Land uses should remain residential except Park Ave corridor, New England, Pennsylvania, 17-92, Orange, Fairbanks, Lee rd, Aloma (East of Lakemont), Horatio. No more intrusion of commercial into residential areas.

As a property owner and business man, I have been unable to plan the use of my buildings at 213,215,217 W. Comstack Ave for over four years because the city has
been “considering” the future use of the City Hall property with a private developer, WITHOUT ANY consideration of the comprehensive plan. My input: 1) Adopt a comprehensive plan we can understand without hiring lawyers. 2) Obey it.

Park Ave should not have any structures higher than 3 stories 4 story structures should be regulated to the east and west of Park Ave and should be confined to residences. Structures for offices should not be permitted on Park Ave and should not be more than 3 stories (for new construction)

Traffic-legislate at state and county level. Stop the cut thru! That is our only traffic problem. Building height-4 stories 50’ to slab ok architectural details to 70’ OK. Scale- our zoning must address requiring balconies terraces, bay windows. ALL BUILDINGS MUST HAVE A BASE, MIDDLE, AND TOP. Density- allow 2-2.5 FAR

We are developing too fast. The buildings are too high3-4 stories are tall enough. The houses are too large for the lots. We need to slow down and assess what we are doing. You can’t take these things back once they are done. We need more parks and playgrounds for our children.

I would like to see parts of Fairbanks/ Aloma repaved. I think there should be restrictions on the height of new buildings. Commercial buildings should be no more that 3 stories high, while condos and apartments should be no more than 6-7 stories high.

No more high-rises- anything over 2 stories NO!!

Maintain present height and zoning. No exceptions! Get rid of those trailer houses adjoining our park. Do not convert Central Park into a trailer park. Do not use the excuse “temporary” Do not let a developer build a new city hall. Build an independent City Hall with taxes and dignity! If we con not afford this do not build it. Do not become prostitutes. Have a little class please.

I would like to see height so new buildings off the Ave limited to 4 stories-no higher than existing Park West0with the upper stories having a setback; sidewalks no smaller than existing on the Ave, You should honor the commitments made to the Carlisle- Any traffic that would generate would be on the West side of the RR tracks- The P.O. traffic will stay the same. Our city is headed in the right direction don’t kill it.

I like the movement to higher density within 1000 feet of Park Ave (all directions) you should not be overly restrictive on height or scale. I am in favor of the Central Station development as designed

The CP for WP should address the next 10 yrs but plan for the next 40 years. The plan and the vision should encourage development and redevelopment to bring families that can have affordable housing. This requires allowing density. Height issues are territory concerns. Good planning together with proper guideline documentation
The city of WP should remain a city that is residential in nature with parks and open space to complement that type of development. Higher density development condos and town homes should be permitted where current zoning permits. No property line to property line developments should be permitted and bldg heights should be limited to four stories.

1) Do not give zoning variance except on rare occasions 2) Bury utilities and add beach street lighting 3) Curb large Buildings 4) Control growth 5) Protect existing and add more green space 6) Add more bike paths

Height and sale of buildings need “drastic future” DOWNSIZING. DO NOT continue Park place, Land mark, Douglas Grand buildings. Control this type of development in smaller buildings, especially around Park Ave and New York Ave and Central Park. Keep a “watchful eye” on mead Gardens and “SPECIAL INTEREST/CONTRACTOR” groups. Go slowly and carefully!! Keep WP quaint not glitzy!!

In the next 10 yrs., I envision a W. WP that is stabilized, with NO further encroachment of office/commercial into residential areas and with far more CRAs to protect low = and moderate –income housing. Throughout the city I see homes that are compatible with neighborhoods in height and mass (no more McMansions) Office and retail bldgs also will be compatible, no higher than 3 stories downtown and 4 stories elsewhere. I see a commuter rail station in downtown WP with adequate parking and bus links.

Building Height= no more than 8 stories; 17-92 and Fairbanks/Aloma are going to continue to be major thru favs no matter what- Design for maximum flow thru WP. Landscaping is a major concern-provide guidance re water and color. Build a high crossover from Rollins across Osceola. Keep Park Ave sidewalks wide. Keep “Doggie Park” as is- Restrict traffic to WP from Baldwin Park.

Retain 4-5 story height. Control number of Apartments built. Control, as much as possible, traffic. Plant Live oak trees. Expand green space as much as possible. Care for mead gardens.

My wife and I are long time residents happy with the city and general planning. A few comments 1) Limit growth of condos and commercial business to lessen traffic and parking problems. 2) Maintain shorelines of our beautiful lakes and lake water quality and boating growth.

1) Building Height restriction ENFORCED- No building higher than 3 stories in the city core; i.e. NY Ave, Park Ave, Interlachen. 2) Less density- strictly control number of living units in the downtown core. 3) Strictly require all new buildings to be set back from the street and to have approved landscaping facing the street. 4) Keep the comprehensive plan for WP first and foremost in dealing with the developers who are out of control! No more Carlisle Fiascos!!!
To keep out: tall buildings, over density in new constructions, over development of existing residential property

Stop the high-rise condos! Let’s keep WP the lovely village-like place it is! We are a jewel; let’s maintain that look! Let’ not allow money seeking developers to have their way here. Control development and send a resounding NO! To the developers.

We feel that Park Ave should be limited to three stories-NY if in scale should be 4 stories. Everything built should be in keeping with what we have with regards to scale and architectural design. I feel strongly that we should have an architectural review board for business and residential to address the effort to keep WP as it is, and can be improved. A good board could stop these problems before they get so far. I feel the ratios in our residential areas need strict review. We can keep all thus with good leadership and guidance.

Keep building Heights maximum 3 stories. Maybe 3 stories and attic/loft. Architectural styles are very important for maintaining our WP character and sense of place. This is what attracts people to our downtown. Some basic codes on architectural style need to be enacted; Have an architectural review board. Preserve our southern, Spanish, tropical, ad deco influences and prevent “Tudor” “cape cod” and other out of character ugly buildings from being built.

The two criteria that have the greatest impact on City Street are building height and setback. The character of the Park Ave Business District, including every cross street extending two blocks east and west, is set. Therefore, buildings shall never be closer to a street than the distance already established for that street. Within the Park Ave business district, building height shall be limited to 35 feet for new construction, re construction or remodel/renovation. We realize there are few existing buildings that exceed 35’, and frankly, they are out of place. Beyond the limits of the Park Ave Business District, the criteria for all uses (commercial, office, and multi-family) excluding single family residential, shall be: Building Height max 45’ Building setback from front or side street 10’ average with a minimum for 6’ for architectural purposes. For building height that exceeds 25’ remainder of building fronting a street shall be setback additional 10’

A city as is was several years ago. No more High Rises, not over 35’, no more buildings crowding our space. Room to walk and shop on our unique Park Ave.

I moved to WP because of its “village” type atmosphere and lack of commercial development. WP is a very special place with beautiful homes and unique buildings. Let’s keep WP the same and not allow large scale commercial development (not over 2 stories)

Thanks for seeking our input. Three story high limit on new construction. 15-20 foot setback from curb or sidewalk Stair step construction along Park Ave. So light can flow into sidewalk and road areas Rollins college architecture details to the façade of building.
We are in favor of retaining the urban village concept that we now have in WP. It will be difficult, but not impossible, to balance the need to increase the tax base with this concept. Careful consideration to design, traffic, open space, tree and vegetation control, etc. As to height of buildings- the SunTrust building at 3 stories and 40’ seems fine to me.

To maintain the integrity of our beautiful city I feel we must control the height and density of any further building by setting a 35’ height limit with appropriate setbacks. Green space has always been a major asset. Keep all we have an increase it everywhere possible. Traffic must be controlled. On Lakeview Dr and sterling Ave we have stop sign where no one stops. Help is needed here and many other areas. Please, may we have an architectural review board?

We would like WP to remain the same as it has been for the past many, many years. Only 2-story buildings- Yes, limitations on size Landscaping between building and road should be required. Save trees! Architectural review board good idea.

A pedestrian friendly downtown= open feeling all around “our” park. Park Ave and interesting streets for 1 or 2 blocks should not have more than 2 story bldgs. Other places no higher than 3 with setbacks. 35’ height restrictions should be enforced- No more variances for special projects that destroy our village feeling- Just because some buildings are already there that are too high- I DO NOT WANT ANYMORE- thank you definitely need limitation to the length of bldg size/scale of residential homes should be regulated.

My vision is the one set in the present Comprehensive plan. 2 stories down Park Ave-3 stories on NY No more commercial buildings on the Westside- It is part of our heritage and should be protected – Central Park is sacred- No buildings around it – No more parking garages. No more ordinances and variances to help developers. Our city does not need to grow- use CRA funds to help the Westside- not private interests

Keep residential lots form turning into 2-3 story building s. No more condos and apartments on the Westside of town unless they are affordable to the residents now living on the Westside. No parking garages next to residential lots.

2 story buildings throughout downtown including West side 3-story setback of road at least 10 feet more than floor 1-2. 3 Story in rest of town with open space around them. 4story at I4no taller. Architectural Review of all Bldgs. No people with conflicts on boards. No commuter rail stops Stand Alone City Hall with tress open spaces.

Buildings no higher than 3 stories unless replacing a building that was higher (Langford), homes not built lot line to lot line and no variance on setbacks, maintain current green spaces. Moe traffic calmers on streets, particularly on popular residential cut through.

Keeping the image and look of WP while improving accessibility to the shopping by
off-street parking. No buildings within 2 blocks of Park Ave more than 3 stories high. (He building on Canton and park Ave is atrocious and an embarrassment to WP) Many visitors have similar comments. Put

Moratorium on new projects for at least one year.

No building should be more than 3 stories in height. The new condos along Pennsylvania Ave are a wonderful addition to that street. However, the bricking of Penn Ave is a disgrace and miserable for those of us who live there. Future bricking should be smooth. WP needs green spaces. Do not try to cram lots of people into a small area.

In older residential areas WP building codes should maintain the property setbacks for new construction. Otherwise we have a large 2-story building overwhelming the older homes. IN the downtown area I would like to see WP use constraint so as not to overwhelm Park Ave and the lovely Park area.

Other areas of the city-just use good judgment.

The only downtown we have is Park Ave-the more developed (i.e. condos) allowed the less town we have curtail condos and buildings taller than 3 stories away from downtown-Also, save the older neighborhoods the city/town has a history keep it-for instance Sorenson and Fletcher knows many neighborhoods have collection of this type of house-why destroy them and 1 lot and 1 house –stop allowing 4-6 condos on the larger older lots.

The city needs to be mindful of its unique character. Allowing more and more variance for 3 stories, where code calls for one and enormous houses on small lots will make the city become just another ordinary place. The 3-story variance will keep creeping further ad further into traditional residential areas, the development pressure needs to be contained and not allowed to despoil all of our treasure town.

Controlled growth, keeping the height limit of buildings in and around downtown to maximum of 3-4 stories, cleaning up Fairbanks Ave, all the way down to I4, keeping an enlarging Central Park, keeping the Golf Course!!

Bldg Height no more than 4 stories. Zone size of homes! Plan for green space on these lots so homes aren’t stacked on top of one another. More green space. Sidewalks. “Village” feel- block off town from car traffic certain hours on weekends/weeknights to encourage pedestrian traffic.

Only 1-2 story buildings at heart of city/Pak Ave. Taller buildings ok as closer to I4 (ex. Lee Rd ofc bldg) - Condos/apts needed easy access on and off I4lower congestion thru city- also higher density near I4 and provides affordable housing. Preserve Central Park-as is- possibility of adding playground

We have been residents since 1964. We are not opposed to “progress.” We are opposes to large houses on small lots with 10’ setback. The larger and taller the structure,
residential or commercial, the greater the setback should be. Please do not include city hall into one multipurpose building.

Present residences would like to see maintenance of heart of city and traffic control. Maintain 2 story buildings on Park Ave- no more exceptions. Limit 3 stories with setbacks in Cross St. Business District. All future buildings, businesses and condos, must provide off street parking

1) Controlled growth 2) Low density and intensity of land use 3) No “big box” retailers. Preference to small and local businesses. 4) Low height buildings w/proper on conformity (to historical) architecture. 5) No multi family dwellings, no condos, no apts. 6) Single family residences will help retain the “village”: atmosphere. 7) Traffic control! Better or forced use of designated through fares to stop dangerous cut thru traffic on neighborhood streets.

My wife and I become residents of WP 30 yrs ago; because its founder, Mr. Chase, established a town concept w/a large central Park. Fundamental to success of our town was legal emplacement of the Comprehensive plan that addressed land use, building height, scale, and density. Importantly, variances to the plan mandated approval by referendum. Of recent interest, the save our homes amendment to Florida’s constitution resulted from ever increasing property taxes sought by elected politicians. On this issue, political activism , in no small part, contributed to success. Specifically, her large cortile of ladies tirelessly collected thousands of petitions. Recently, these ladies quietly worked to aid Mayor Strong’s electoral victory over development.

My vision is to maintain the unique character and village scale, which defines and sets apart WP. This should allow for 2-3 story maximums in the CBD, setbacks should provide for tree-lined streets, green space, and pedestrian friendly downtown area. WP should not be required to redevelop in such a way as to look like every other FL city. “Mixed-use” should be limited and have a specific definition in the TLCLDCR4 should be limited.

Downtown residences, town homes or condos of no more than4 stories are a good thing. Downtown food market is needed, hope the one on Fairbanks will fill the bill. In favor of expanding Central ark. Opposed to relocating the library.

I definitely agree that the ordinance adopted by the commissioner in Feb. 2005 be repealed, as the planning and zoning commission recommends. Having lived in the downtown area for many years, I certainly hope as much as possible the wonderful WP can continue.

Keep green areas and no encroaching on central Park or the golf course. No more tall buildings in downtown area- Park Ave and NY ave (no more than 2 stories). New buildings should be architecturally compatible with the village types structure on Park Ave. (not like Park Ave and Canton Bldgs)

No buildings over four stories, no buildings that will overshadow any of the city parks.
Strict adherence to rules of square footage of building to let area ratio with no variance given. To continue with bike paths and good maintenance of the lakes and city parks.

1) Comp plan is not neighborhood sustainable focused. 2) comp plan does not allow for community service centers mix use zoning on neighborhood lots. Comp plan does not specifically “no” lot stringing and zero lot live building which allows condo to be block busters 3) Parks and recreation has no plan to make lineal parks out of street right of ways to encourage walk, work commute.

Closely review square footage to parking ratio-it is woefully out of date as most people have their own car each. Limit buildings, especially those abutting residential property, to 2 stories. Require replacement of an oak canopy for trees lost or removed-Elms will not provide the historic canopy WP is famous for –hurricanes or not.

1 or 2 story on Park Ave and on intersecting streets 2 blocks from Park Ave No 3 stories. 2-3 story and away from the downtown area with 3 stories only allowed if they have setbacks from the road and the third story is setback at a 45 degree angle. 3 or 4 story on major arterial roads and then only with lots of open space setback from roads and not near intersections that are already F designation and at least two blocks away from intersection of Park.

We believe that a majority of WP residents and voters want downtown WP to retain the “village” environment. To us that is WP. Also we don’t want any building over 35’ we want lots of green space with trees.

Building restrictions: 1) height not to exceed 4 floor, with height not exceed 45’ w/exceptions of elevator shafts, service structures (a/c etc.) and architectural element in proper scale and style; 2) size consumerate with existing WP buildings (prior to 2000) Parks and Green Space: Maintain existing and add space and land can be acquired. NO MORE BRICK STREETS. Setup an emergency office staffed in emergencies (unlike none during 2004 hurricanes)

Restrict buildings lengths to 2 or 3 stories on Park Ave and NY Ave and not change the Park in any way. WP see always had the reputation of being a lovely own. We also want it that way.

Keep zoning restrictions! Keep height restrictions! Keep setback restrictions! Growth needs to be in keeping with the character of what makes WP as desirable as it is.

1) keep the height of the buildings on Park Ave to 2 stories. 2) surrounding streets at 3 stories. 3) Acquire more green space for Central Park. (perhaps using he Carlisle space instead of a building) Need architectural rev. brd.- w/ Jack Rogers! 4) Allow citizens to vote of major projects!!! (i.e. Carlisle and Douglas Grand)

Density is not necessarily a bad thing- Providing a medium where individuals can live – shop-entertain and work without driving is key to a vibrant city. Just because we
own cars does not mean we should have to use them for everything. The real WP problem is to provide a method for more affordable downtown housing options-limiting density on demanding excessive concession only serve to drive up costs and prices without a resulting increase in value. WP must recognize that Central Florida is growing. Since the city cannot stop or thwart growth. Its job is to implement programs that butt the negative effects of growth. Making the downtown vibrant including Orange and Fairbanks. Live/Work/Shop/Play areas ill allow more residents live more of their lives without leaving the city limits.

Do not annex areas where crime already exists. Slow down or stop the destruction of some of our older houses. Some of these McMansions are down right ugly! Do not let big businesses take over Park Ave it will lose its charm. More, lots more police around our schools, I want to see cruisers up and down streets morn and afternoon.

No more buildings over 4 stories. Streetlights on all street. Replace damages trees with Palm trees that are more resilient to hurricanes.

My vision of Winter Park is not new. I'd like to a small town that is a refuge from the traffic congestion and high density that the surrounding metropolis provides. If this city pursues a growth agenda it will squander the one real asset is has going for it: its smaller scale. The developers may not be able to make, as much money on these kinds of projects but the residents will have a better place to live. Commercial buildings should be two stories. The SunTrust Building belongs in Orlando not Winter Park. The building at Canton & Park is out of place. People can go to the Mall at Millennia for that kind of thing. The Carlyle should not be allowed. The Park belongs to the people, not a handful of condo owners. Bradstreet Partners builds no broad streets (Baldwin Park). They are financial bullies with their threats and lawsuits. They are predatory opportunists and need to be told to respect the wishes of the communities they barge into. Residential properties should have more space around them and between them. Maximizing profits by over building has turned a community into a business. This town has turned into a real estate development and trading business, with many newcomers only staying a few years to capture their profit and moving on. It’s become a perpetual construction site. Please don't just judge development proposals by how much tax revenue they provide. Lower density development is more comfortable for the residents of this town to live with.

Thanks so much for this opportunity for in-put. I am particularly concerned with these aspects: 1) SCALE- I suggest a Comprehensive Plan that returns to the development regulations in place around 10 years ago, before the Giant McMansions began to appear and huge commercial buildings were accomplished or contemplated. 2) Set-backs and building height are the main components. RESIDENTIAL - a) Increase current setbacks particularly on sides and fronts. All current larger residences are
attractive when they are set well back in their lots and when there is the optimal amount of space on both sides. Current side setbacks are far too small. b) Limit residential building height to a conservative ratio of house to amount of lot, NOT to the current setbacks. Maximum: 2-stories with a carefully chosen maximum height formula. COMMERCIAL - c) Limit building height on the commercial section of Park Avenue to the current heights. Do not increase heights and never, ever allow the construction of another Bank of America size building. d) Set up specific, improved maximum measurements for setbacks, heights, and square space to lot ratio. DO NOT ALLOW THE BUILDING OF THE CARLISLE OR SIMILAR SIZED PROJECTS. WINTER PARK CANNOT AFFORD THE RESULTANT TRAFFIC, SCHOOL POPULATION INCREASE OR AESTHETIC LOOK. THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT. It's a fallacy to say increased building and annexation will effectively broaden the city tax base. Services required will increase to match or surpass the tax income, not to mention the time lag between acquisitions and/or building and resultant tax income. Set in place formulae, etc. to handle the development of properties such as the Holler lot on Fairbanks, and the Progress Energy property on Orange, so that there is a very high ratio of green space to the buildings planned as well as building height limits of 35' max or less. I do not favor underground or in-building parking. Please put citywide limitations on them. 3) VARIANCES- NO MORE PLAN OVER-LAYS ALLOWED CANCEL ALL CURRENT VARIANCES, TO PROHIBIT THEIR USE AS FUTURE PRECEDENTS. 4) ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD - Winter Park needs one to maintain what remains of its charm. 5) TRAFFIC, SCHOOLS AND DENSITY - GOOD LUCK Comp Plan Task Force Review Committee! We're counting on you to use all your inspired ideas to control these elements. The city cannot sustain more of any of them. And thanks for your dedication.

I am a resident of Winter Park, and have been for about 50 years. I am 94 years old, and my writing is beginning to be somewhat crabby, which is why I am writing this on my word processor. I trust that is OK. I looked up your draft plan on the city's web site, as suggested. Frankly, it is a little too much for me to take in, as it seems full of legalese and professional language (at least I think so). As a layperson, I found it somewhat hard to comprehend. Perhaps a synopsis or an index would help. Here are some things I think would be good for Winter Park: I. Diminish the influence of developers and commercial investors in city affairs. Make it more difficult to change zoning regulations capriciously. Preserve more carefully the residential character of the city. Have regular reviews of zoning regulations and conformity with them. Simplify regulations and make them more understandable. Set reasonable building height regulations and observe them. None of this is new. Every politician and candidate has discussed and promised them, but in the end little is changed. Now may be a good time to make a start. Unfortunately, I am unable to leave my home without assistance, and may never see them happen. But, try anyway.
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**RESIDENTIAL**

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In regard to your INPUT request, we suggest the following: Maintain the 3-story rule from Interlachen to Pennsylavnia. Holler/Progress Energy: Do not object to 4 stories on these properties, providing that building facades are 20 to 25 feet from curb, with first half of the footage landscaped from the curb to the sidewalk with oak trees, etc. Walkways from sidewalk would connect to pedestrian crossings at traffic lights. Parking garages should be provided for residents, tenants and shoppers. For traffic control, there should be a reasonable ratio of single dwellings to condominiums to apartments to professional space to retail. Provide bicycle lanes where possible. Provide parking places for tourist busses to get them off the streets. However, we do appreciate that they bring people to Park Avenue to shop and dine. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to express our views in this manner as it is difficult for us to attend the public

Retain a village scale-controlled density-CO not create an elite “millionaires” only
community. MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING (under 200,000)!! Where will our teachers, policeman, service workers, and social workers live? Poverty exists in WP and our black residents should be acknowledged, respected, and viewed as an asset to our community, not something to gentrify!

Limit high density residential construction-as traffic is already a problem. Maintain or include current level of passive open green space i.e. parks, golf course, gardens. Building scale and design Standards should reflect village influence- height restrictions of 30-35˚- No more Park Place structures keep retail/restaurant on street level.

Refrain form issuing variance to allow larger buildings Park Ave should be 2 stories. Some residences downtown some residences downtown are good, but “more feet on the street” also means more cars, more children in school, and more need for water and sewers. People will not walk to work and shops, they will in their cars going to Wal-Mart etc. Congestion ruins the quality of life for everyone. Scale is important. Preserve Central Park as a village green in a village.

The best of intentions by planners and commissioners to incorporate new growth principles into the planning of WP is commendable, however not all have worked. Witness the FAR definition being rescinded. Another very decisive overlay needs to be revisited. The planned development overlay an advisory professional architectural; review and report of every project needs to be made before final decisions are made concerning PDO projects. Either this review process rescind the PDO and return to the previous codes, which were working very well.

Bad schools-higher taxes-taller buildings-fewer trees-more traffic-no leash laws- more government intervention and oversight-higher electric ad water utility fees- finally legalized gambling!!

Very concerned citizens

Buildings in downtown WP should not be 2 stories- nor should new buildings because of height limits spread out. Density is a problem that can be dealt with by not allowing citizens to build to close together. Keep WP a unique “small town“ without the high-rises. The more buildings and bigger buildings- the more people and the more traffic

A city that returns to some of the things that make it great-no more oversized buildings in the Park Ave business district, a community where a diversity of people can live, a government that follows its own laws and keep variances to an absolute minimum, a city that actually notifies neighboring property owners of proposed changes that affect them, a city that pays attention to its citizens more than the developers.

I want to see the character maintained on Park Ave and the surrounding streets. Also, limit the building height to 35˚ in this same area. I want to walk down these streets and not have a crossed in feeling. With heavy density ad congestion it will also
hinder a good cross ventilation of airflow. Let’s keep WP the gem that it is and our historical homes and buildings.

Eliminate PD overlay and return to past codes. Return to a village scale—Keep height to 2 stories/30’ or 3rd story not to exceed 35’ w/ a minimum of a 45 degree setback from the street or from both streets if it is a corner lot. Buildings surrounding Central park should not be taller than 30’. Professional review process for architectural decision made by the city staff—the vision of the citizens may be different form the staff. We are not an urban core—such as Orlando. Rather we are the village of WP.

Stop development in property where P.O. was – make sure P.O. has adequate parking. Smaller signs for businesses. Watch density of housing, not too many condos. Care in regulating population density of WP. Good roadways; don’t brick everything, the brick they are doing right now is rough. Maintain Central Park and rail roads as it is—it gives WP character. Adequate low-income housing needs to be in WP

My vision sees out of scale homes built. Increased traffic and larger trucks @ Lakemont that is a new cut thru for 436 and Casselberry. Lack of noise control on Lakemont, mufflers that are illegal, loud stereos, Heavy trucks unlimited weight.

Change the code for height setback and stacking of floors of buildings. Park Ave, Interlachen, and NY need to have shorter, smaller buildings with setbacks for green and sky space. (And Park Ave needs to have the smallest, less imposing buildings!!) Stop all annexing! Stop condo building downtown to cut the traffic. Stop catering to large entities including churches and church schools and listen to taxpayers who make up the most of WP. Stop making decisions in favor of the Catholic Church and others when the city codes haven’t been followed for the residents. Have your minutes reflect what is said in the City Commission meetings.

Restrict construction of large. Multi level homes on small lots in neighborhoods that are traditionally small single level dwellings (i.e. square footage limits, property setback limits, etc.) Abandon future “brick street” projects— they are impractical from every angle (cost, maintenance, noise) Find ways to restrict “cut-thru traffic in our city by non-residents. Limit size and weight of truck traffic into neighborhoods (especially construction related vehicles.) that destroy roads and curbs by requiring multiple deliveries of smaller loads, etc. Repair and maintenance of residential roads.

Tree lined streets, village look and feel, pedestrian friendly, quality civic buildings, home ownership on the West side, green space evenly distributed throughout the city, form based on zoning codes. While it is a current “hot button” height is only one leg of the chair. Mass and setbacks form the streets are of equal performance. You can create a “Baldwin Park” anywhere but, Park Ave is unique and should be preserved as a one and 2-story street. The 55’ height in the CBD should be rescinded allowing only buildings of 35’ or less. The 17-92 and Fairbanks corridors are more accommodating for taller buildings.
Slow down on tearing down and building up. Re check, on vehicles in front yards (for years) not being used. Being a resident since 1954- I know that brick roads were beautiful then- but not practical now!


We need green space. No parking garage in the neighborhood . To keep the pools. No building higher than two stories, no condos. Stop moving us out. We need back the sidewalk. When development came into the neighborhood they need to get with the neighbors and let them know what they are doing.

Our vision is more green space, less traffic. But realistically, we’d like to see WP 10 yrs from now look much like the WP of today. No increases in density or traffic or building height are our goals. We want to be a distinct village, an oasis, not just part of urban sprawl and congestion.

Stop the exclusion of larger buildings on and near Park Ave. Control appearance of buildings to maintain village atmosphere. I.e. new building on Canton and Park does not fit in. Expand Central Park and no development in Park. Control size and density of new city hall complex by limiting commercial and retail space. Plan for future expansion to the west rather than building larger on existing land i.e. acquire land west of NY Ave.

Keep the density low by limiting high-rise development, less than 3 stories. Provide affordable housing for the “west side” Encourage heritage families to stay in their homes by providing incentives. Promote the West side community to heritage families.

Smart growth is need but growth should not be ignored or denied. WP should provide a “sense of place” to its residents and visitors. Let’s embrace the growth with attractive new developments and plenty of green space and sidewalks. For example Park Ave had appeared to turn its back on change and new development until recently. It is now a great place t shop, dine, and live. I go to Park Ave at least once a week. Let WP grow and at the same time maintain the quaintness and beauty of the city.

Building Height should be kept down- 2 levels max. traffic must be directed to major Hwy’s-off residential. Park Ave should be kept the way it is no more buildings. Businesses should be able to fix and repair without losing current look.

Stop the new developments. Limit building heights. Maintain and restore the character of the old building that gave WP its charm. Preserve and create more large parks and green space that give WP its appeal and set it apart from other areas. Must provide more parking and deal actively with traffic(Baldwin Park is/will create traffic hell. Clean the little lakes and ponds (Algae getting bad)
We do not need more large buildings in downtown WP that do not fit in the small town décor on Park Ave. If you want large buildings move to Orlando/ Miami/New York.

Biking and walking friendly; green parks; visitor friendly; easy access roads w/out so much congestion; not too big but not too small. All the development that is taking place is all I want to see in the town center.


The city and its residents must be more involved in controlling residential redevelopment in the neighborhoods. Soon it will be too late!! Currently, contractors on speculation are in control. They buy lots, knock down 2500 Sq. Foot story homes and replace them with 5000 sq. ft. 2 story look-alike houses crammed into the smallest space they can get away with!

I prefer that WP remain a “pedestrian-scaled village” with buildings that 2-3 stories only with upper floors setback on Park Ave. For NY Ave, buildings on the Park side should have the same height limits as Park Ave. All buildings should be setback with landscaping between the building and street. Massive buildings should not be permitted. Especially in the downtown business district. Interior courtyards within and “old world” features will NOT diminish the scale of a massive building. Neither will “architectural elements.” Lastly, high-density residential units downtown will reduce our quality of life with increased traffic congestion. Redevelop with extraordinary care.

WP should be a pedestrian, bike, and pet friendly urban oasis. More green space, less concrete. More single-family homes, fewer town homes/ condos/ high-rises. I’m very concerned about the impact the Holler property redevelopment will have on the traffic on Fairbanks, Orange and Denning. Also, the alcohol restrictions for Hannibal Square businesses are ridiculous. WP should not treat its residents like irresponsible children.

A 100% no growth policy. In the short term it may seem that this sound ridiculous. But 10yrs from now as Central Florida is a 100% grid locked-overdeveloped mess, WP’s allure will be unsurpassed. Look at areas of California. It can be done.

Height of new construction defined as feet. Setback same on all stories. Taller buildings (4 story on Fairbanks Corridor). Commercial architectural view very necessary. Height 30ft in central business district.

Too many multi-family dwelling being passed by zoning board in residential areas, Minnesota Ave, Pennsylvania Ave, and huge hotel type residence buildings east of Park Ave-to library. We already have a traffic problem, and now 4 times as many people living in these areas, with cars! Much foliage and natural areas in Mead Gardens is being destroyed, by one city worker, wildlife habitat destroyed, poison put along creek, does “waterways” know about this?
Replace streets paving dept. with commercial companies on bid basis-WP city crew is slow, slow, slow and quality is terrible. I.e. Denning and Park Grove plus many others.

Too many big tasteless houses going up on tiny lots. What happened to the charming WP that so many of us settled here to enjoy? WHY TURN WP INTO ORLANDO?

Go Back 20 years!


I am disappointed in the changes in code, which allow these huge buildings. Also, you are bending the rules and allowing homes to large for the amount of green space, especially on corner lots. Follow the guidelines that were set up several years ago.

I am opposed to NY Ave and other downtown streets being treated as a village with obstacles. It is important that we be able to conduct business, get across town, attend church etc. Without a lot of obstacles. We have been a city all this time we don’t need to be a cookie cutter copy of Maitland, College Park, Altamonte Springs, with a lot of the same builders copying each other. We should retain some landmarks and keep the quaint aspects of our community. There should also be affordable housing for more than the affluent.

Led by a strong city government with Mayor Strong at its helm reflecting the will of the people and their best interests and not developers, my vision includes: a realistic and balanced plan for growth preserving the charm and character that makes WP special; a more aggressive and smarter approach to controlling cut-through traffic realizing brick roads do not slow down or lessen traffic; and an acknowledgment by city leaders. They failed their constituents with the traffic mess created by Baldwin Park development and a pledge to do a better job of fighting for and protecting the residents of WP. It is you, Mayor Strong, who must demonstrate leadership and vision in order to accomplish the best plan for WP. Make us proud.

Under Mayor Marchman, We have seen the character of WP changed from a small quaint community to a haven for fly by the night developers and all in the name of putting residents downtown, so we can compete with other cities. Growth is expected but moderation should be used and consideration for the community. Also, traffic should be a consideration. We are causing our own traffic jam. Why are we trying to squeeze as many people into the smallest area as we can? The city is allowing high-density condos and apartments in what was a single family home or a duplex. With the 2 and 3 stories being built, we can no longer see the skyline and there is a feeling of being walled in with condos like Casa Cielo and the
duplexes across the street from them on Minnesota Ave. There seems too be no consideration by the city for the existing neighbors living in these areas. Also, there seems to be favoritism just to get more tax dollars for the city to spend. It seems to be that the city needs to live on its budget spending it more wisely than on eliminating train whistles and re-bricking streets for so-called traffic calming. With all the new construction going on in the city dust and hazardous products are constantly in the air. Why isn’t something being done to require contractors to enclose areas they are sandblasting, concrete saw cutting, and demolishing? Since a lot of these buildings are very old they could contain lead paint and asbestos. Code enforcement does not police the landscaping companies who weekly inundate our streets with debris and leaves and we are forced to pay more for storm drainage cleaning due to this. If more trees are going to be planted, let’s take care of the ones we have and remove the dead ones. We voted for you, Mayor Strong We hope you can make a difference! We look forward to ousting the rest of the commissioners, as they come up for election.

We feel that the best quality of life for the residents of WP will be maintained if: A comp plan is followed that returns to the development regulations, which were in place around ten years ago. In residential areas there is an increase in setbacks and there are limits in building heights and more conservative ratios of amount of house to amount of lot. Commercial building heights are limited to current heights and measure are in place to set up specific, maximum measurements for setbacks, heights, and square space to lot ratio. No more plan overlays are allowed. While we are in favor of architectural updating, we strongly disagree in population density is either necessary or desirable.

Build new City hall along lines outlined years ago with the Streetscape. Bring back WP’s minibus system. Enlarge civic center and lake Isle

Keep building 3 stories in height in the city and keep policies to control. All streets all ways at night, and every one keep them yard clean in front and back.

Continue the direction you are going. Specifically, I recommend you take action to annex properties west of 17-92 and North of Lee Road ad far North as you can go. Then proceed with planned development in that location. Recommend we not plan anymore “large” buildings in and around Central Park/ Park Ave area. We need to maintain as much charm as we can.

Holler Chev. And Progress Energy Land should not be sold for condos. this should be used for commercial things. Stop building High rises and condos and have office buildings. They are eyesores to the WP area. Example the one built on Canton and Park. We do not need any more parking garages.

Planning groups have been appointed for some of the major areas of redevelopment i.e. Holler property and Progress Energy. Those recommendations need to be complied with even if they cost more. A few dollars of extra taxes are worth keeping “WP”
2 story CBD, no commuter rail in Central Park; no public/private developments, curtail gentrification of Westside, CRA money to be used to help develop sustainability of residential character of the Westside; preservation of Central Park and honoring Cent. Park master plan, tighter tree preservation ordinance, no parking garages, follow Comp plan and land development codes, no land giveaways without appropriate public participation, No development on Central Park. Relieve traffic and enforce concurrency, no new urbanism, limit condos-school concurrency

A comp Plan created by taxpaying residents-not merchants and not attorneys or other employee of developers. Buildings in the CBD limit to 30 feet in height. More density should be on Denning, Fairbanks, and Aloma. No more 4 story buildings on NY or Morse. WP should remain a 2 story village scale.

Marchman’s management of the city increased buildings in number and height, scale of buildings, density of people and traffic. DO NOT CONTINUE HIS POLICY. We are a beautiful city of HOMES, keep it that way. Do not commercialize our landscape with condos and destructive planning.

The CBD should retain its flavor, with no additional structures on Park Ave rising above 2 stories. This could be relaxed to 3 stories a block behind Park. I support the Enzian theatre in the proposed location-Main corridors coming into CBD should be properly scaled, no higher than 3 stories, or 4 with proper setback. Setbacks are as important as heights. An architectural study should be done to clarify these. I am for development, but restricted to achieve the best interest for our citizens.

I have no problem with urban infill, high density development in the “downtown” area. On the other hand the McMansions in the old neighborhoods stink. The city council needs some backbone-do not let substandard development happen. Take a look at the parking garage built on the old Jacobson’s site. It’s an accident waiting to happen inside, no turning radius.

I am extremely disgusted with the commissioner and glad to have a mayor the will oversee the beauty of keeping WP an exclusive place to live. I disagree with all the building of condos and our lovely post office. How will you serve patrons of the post office without space to park?

We would like the city to scale back height and size requirements. The new development down W. New England replicates the avenue beautifully. However, the building @ the corner of Canton and Park is a disaster from the height to the horrid color. This is what we don’t want our beautiful city to look like. We believe bldg height should not be above 3 stories and concur with the Carlisle being scaled back. We think final design (i.e. ext. color and architectural design) should be reviewed prior to approval.

Create setbacks and height/floor requirements which keep residential and commercial buildings in good scale and stop the over grown look which is currently permitted. Leave Central Park as is-the charm is simple elegance.
It is essential that we keep in mind the uniqueness of our beautiful WP and strive to maintain the scale and charm that have define it. Traditionally, 1 and 2 story buildings have been the norm on Park Ave. Let's keep to the scale and predominance of these heights. Please, no more "high-rises" (4 stories plus). Please require that three-story buildings must have the setback of the 3rd story.

Corridor of Park Ave should have height restriction of 3 stories conform to scale and charm of the area. Area within 1 block of Park Ave should have height restriction of 3 stories. All other areas-buildings no higher than 5 stories. Multi family dwellings limited to 10 units per building-we are becoming WAY to dense downtown-traffic will be a nightmare and we are in danger of losing the quaint charm of WP.

I believe the “urban village” concept is more urban than village. There will be a lot of pressure to develop higher density residential throughout WP where zoning allows. I believe the city needs to set strict maximum density for residential that border on unreasonable. Packing more people into the same area will only decrease the quality of life we now enjoy.

Please no tall buildings to shut out the sunshine! Maintain and beautify the downtown Park. It won’t be easy-the growth of traffic, population etc, but please try to keep the intimate, unique atmosphere of WP. Shopping the little shops along Park Ave. and lunching in Hidden Garden was a pleasant surprise.

A dynamic town that pursue the interest of all its citizens, not just the wealthy folks on brick streets. Some residential development downtown and support local businesses. A movie theater and some bars would be nice downtown.

Encourage new urbanism. Annex home acres area and facilitate complete redevelopment. Transform 17-92 into a classic grand boulevard and Fairbanks into a gateway boulevard. Allow 4 story, larger scale, denser building on major streets. Embrace rail transportation. Develop a trolley line between Park Ave and WP village. Press on under grounding. Keep up the good work with live oaks.

A city of homes; condo numbers capped to prevent increased population density. A CBD of 2 story buildings, heights increasing away from center no more than 4. Commercial buildings, as well as homes, having landscaped setbacks from street. A city, which protects its neighborhoods from commercial and other inappropriate developmental encroachments. The “village” of open spaces that we brought into.

Increase foot traffic around Park Ave by encouraging small condo/ town home projects; clean up old dilapidated buildings. Review existing zoning that may need to be changed because of changing time in our economy and new building styles. Clean up Fairbanks to I4 encourage and give incentives. Protect Park Ave merchants. A more effective questionnaire would have elicited a better response.

Stop vehicles from running red lights. Stop vehicles failing to stop at stop signs. Excessive speeding on Aloma, 17-92 and other streets. No traffic control. Poor planning east-west traffic –worse than I4 on Aloma, 17-92 etc. keep buildings in
code and limit condos—add more traffic control, which is out of control. Police should be aggressive in traffic control—not enforcement. Better control of growth and density. Better road nets.

10 yrs. from now I would envision, idealistically, Winter Park as being only slightly larger in population, but just as sophisticated and just as charming. But realistically this probably won't happen due to the influx of people. However, I would not want the city to encourage a great increase in population: 1) Limit the size of downtown buildings. 2) Encourage first class businesses to come to downtown. 3) I would have no objection to making the downtown park smaller, but certainly do not eliminate it. 4) We have enough neighborhood parks. 5) Do what can be done to make downtown accessible from all four major directions and provide alternate major routes for bypassing downtown. 6) NO MORE BRICK STREETS. 7) Pave over the brick streets (with smooth asphalt) those streets that lead to downtown. 8) Police and Fire Depts. are doing an admirable job. Thank you for asking my input.

Please implement more traffic calming devices. With all the development ever in NY Ave is crowded like I-4! Regulate development! The city is slowly losing its unique charm and becoming just another overdeveloped city! A start would be to fire Don Martin and Albert Vargas! They seem to mainly deal with developers for their own best interest—not the city’s best interest.

Height limitations of 35 ft. Open space. Traffic control but not parking garages. Buildings in character of the WP style. Building length and mass that do not dwarf existing buildings. Setbacks should be followed—Stop giving variances to everything!!

(native of Central Fla, resident of WP for the past 20+ years, registered voter) Controlled growth and development, especially in the urban core, to allow the city and Park Ave merchants to prosper, instead of dying on the vine as in the past several years. There are a large # of residents like us, who would like to eventually retire in a condo on or near Park Ave, and walk to shops and restaurants. Thank you!

Moderation and balance to expanded growth! Primary concern about size and square footage allowed on residential and commercial land. Support slower movement in area of multi-family high rise structures, especially in areas of established neighborhoods.

Keep the momentum of the high quality, well planned projects (for example the Carlisle, etc), which will help the vitality of this fine city to continue.