

# North Main Revitalization Initiative

*Enhancing North Main - Energizing Sheridan!*

Drummond/Silla Block Party—May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## 1) What are North Main's biggest assets? (How it was and how it is?)

Thorne-Rider Park

Mixed ages in neighborhood—more young people moving in b/c more affordable housing than other areas

American Legion Baseball—brings people into Sheridan

Great area for mixed-use development—houses on Main street great for businesses below with apt on top

Close to creek

Positive changes happening on south end of North Main—by Taylor School—small entrepreneurial businesses

## 2) What is needed to generally improve North Main?

Clean-up Thorne-Rider—Bad first impression (American Legion Baseball)

Extend walking path

Lighting—like South Main

Don't want Coffeen Ave feel or look

Need pedestrian-crossing on 5<sup>th</sup> St. (Like crossing on Loucks)

People on Marion own to mid-creek—therefore no public access

Need 4-way stop on 11<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Need to lower speed limit—25 m.p.h.

Round-Abouts—need to slow traffic that exits Thorne-Rider and uses Val Vista and Spaulding for alternative to North Main.

Neighborhood area is affected by heavy traffic flow b/c used as by-pass to Main

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Homeless village—across bridge on west side—don't feel safe

Historical marginalization—dirty part of town

Business not encouraged to locate b/c of “dirty” reputation—reputation reinforced by deteriorated roads, dirty/neglected park, and industrial feel.

Vacant business spaces need attention—weeds, transient over-night campers

5<sup>th</sup> moving north—neglected---alleys, snow removal, street maintenance

Shameful appearance—north end of town, Thorne-Rider Park—“Salvage Yard Look”

Need business clean-up—Suttons signs

Want more small businesses—bakeries, restaurants, retail, cafes, neighborhood market, grocery store

Want to keep old town feel—businesses close to sidewalks

Want mixed-use with apt on upper level

Want construction regulations/standards

5<sup>th</sup> Street –Gateway—Unattractive businesses at intersection 5<sup>th</sup> & Main

Recognize need for industrial area—north of Golden Steer

Park & Ride—way to address downtown parking issue

North Main revitalization will take pressure off-downtown—parking

Place of merchants/employees to park where cars are not sitting all-day in retail parking spaces

Expand Trolley Route—hospital, Sheridan College, VA Hospital—link with a park & ride

WYDOT Project—want to see sidewalks, black ornamental lighting, art pods, trees, planters, area for out-door seating in-front of restaurants/cafes

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## **3) How do we engage people?**

Longer lead-time for events

Mayor attending

Bigger invite areas