

Fifty-three survey respondents made comments on the survey. They are shown on the following pages.

Comments:

- 1) A good example of transparency. The city says it can't use eminent domain on the environmental land purchase. Why not? It's a perfect example of using eminent domain for the public good. Sounds like a deal has already been mad outside of public participation.
- 2) Address the traffic issue on the north Causeway & Flagler! Curtail development on SR44 and focus on improving US1 and utilizing those unused auto dealership buildings. Build your hotels there instead. Make certain lovely landscaping is required in all building complexes. What is happening to development on the N Causeway (not even started) and the old Dolphinview property? Also, the Kmart property. Don't just let them sit vacant force developers to make parks of them (at their cost) until they build. They are eyesores to our city.
- 3) As a full-time resident, I would like to see the builders take more of the financial burden that is being put on the taxpayers to keep up with and advance our infrastructure. Water, Electricity, development need to keep up with all the homes they are building. We need to have more control over what is being built and what it looks like in order to keep this quaint seaside town a nice place to live and visit. Traffic is out of control. Delivery truck parking is our of control. We need a revision of the HUDS and a time limit put on them.
- 4) Bike path safety
- 5) City has become a haven for developers and tourists. The local residents fund the City and we should come first. In addition, I have contacted the City regarding A1A and Saxon to be told the County is responsible for maintaining, drains, roads, trails and right of way. As residents, the City should contact the County and force better care/management of these roads.
- 6) Commissioners need to get to work for the people. The recent election was a referendum on poor management previously.
- 7) Control growth. Transparency in government. Protect environmentally sensitive areas.
- 8) Developing and reviewing the long-term vision of our community will help us with prioritizing the other aspects listed here. A consensus of what we see New Smyrna in 10, 20 and 50 years will determine how we plan for growth yet maintain the charm and character that makes New Smyrna unique.
- 9) Explosive growth benefits only developers and their paid? partners. We the residents are left with overcrowding, traffic snarls and environmental disasters.
- 10) Geosam and Costal Woods / Venetian Bay need to be brought under control.
- 11) Hiring of an environmental professional with planning experience should be a priority so we can have input and oversight into future development projects...annual comp plan review!!
- 12) I want rampant growth slowed down and better-quality growth. Buildings and landscapes should be attractive.
- 13) I would like to see beach side availability of bright water for irrigation Vs using potable water...saving this critical water resource. Also, an accelerated plan to remove septic systems from barrier islands and surrounding areas...reducing impact on our lagoon.
- 14) I would put charter review at the top, but it will not come up again for consideration until 2038, right? (Or do I have it mixed up with something else?) Consequently, it is at the bottom of the list.

- 15) If we can get Land Development Regulations and Conserve Environmentally Sensitive Land and our government officials are transparent about what they are doing, the rest will fall into place.
- 16) If we had proper LDRs in place the city would not have to go further in debt for conservancy of land. Our infrastructure(public safety, roads, drinking/storm water) needs to be handled first to absorb all the new growth and development.
- 17) If we take the time to review all local, state and federal regulations, we may find out some of the land (watershed, etc) is already protected. YES transparency in government.
- 18) If you would do Due Diligence you would know Geosan is not trustworthy and will rale our town and run with the money. We in Venetian Bay are just now learning and trying to make them expand our HOA BOARD with HOMEOWNERS and not their employees!!!
- 19) I'm all for obtaining the Turnbull property for nature conservancy but not at a ridiculous price. I personally think the owner acquired this property with the intention of flipping at a huge profit to NSB
- 20) Immediate need for abiding by the Sunshine law- no closed meetings without the public being able to know what's going on. No catering to incoming "developers" from "outside" who have little interest in PRESERVING our city, but only in making money! Prime example is the Geosam Capital mess! More stringent requirements for proof of developers' financial ability to complete a project and time limits in which to do so.
- 21) Kudos to those people doing this work.
- 22) Most important. Receiving timely meaningful newsletters and information from city hall mayor commissioners.
- 23) Move to NSB and get lung cancer from excessive auto emissions along west side of Atlantic with a Southeast prevailing breeze from the ocean. Traffic is now 24/7 solid day and night. Saxon Drive is mostly getting it with new houses built on the west side of Saxon. The sand hill cranes are still standing on the pavement in front of Walmart wondering what happened to their roosting place. The heavy floods coming will remind the humans not to build in low wetland areas. Maybe the sandhills will get their roosting place back again?
- 24) My main concern is Code Enforcement. New Smyrna is growing so quickly, and our neighborhoods must be protected from investors whose only interest in our community is short term rental income. I have been made aware that there is only one code enforcement person out in the field to cover requests/complaints. I do believe we need to expand this department and also add staff to monitor internet rental sites. I know the department is doing a great job but do believe their resources will be stretched to the maximum with all the new development. Thank you for considering this.
- 25) New Smyrna Beach is blind to the homeless, along with the addicts and drugs on our streets. The undercurrent of the opioid epidemic along with local low paying jobs is creating a monster that is going to bite New Smyrna Beach in the butt. What is this City actually doing to address these issues? There are no local resources out there for this crisis. Keep tucking your heads in the sand..... drugs, crime and mental illness here is being ignored.
- 26) NSB needs more sidewalks on beachside (ocean ave) More bike paths that are not full of roots and overgrown grass at edge of road or sidewalk.

- 27) Prevailing breeze on beachside is SE. People living on west side of Atlantic are getting lung cancer from giant 24/7 flow of traffic vehicles(air pollution) from New York City allowed to be built on south end of beach.
- 28) removing plastics. saving the environment and no more franchise on the island
- 29) special events on Flagler ave: traffic control (lack of) for thru traffic before after and during a combination with the North bridge openings, NOT ACCEPTABLE !!!
- 30) State Road 44 Is going to look like Highway 436 in Orlando. Nobody wants an hour drive from Canal Street to I-95. Growth and development need to be controlled, and the environment protected.
- 31) thank you for doing this
- 32) Thank you for providing this citizen input for consideration by the City Commission at the Visioning sessions to be held on December 13th and 14th.
- 33) Thank you!
- 34) The CCR's on the surface appeared to be a genuine reach out to residents located throughout NSB not just beach side for input; however, nothing real or tangible has been implemented. Issues that existed before the CCR still exist today and have propagated. Mistakes made by city officials on development and engineering plans have not been addressed; yet tax payers are supposed to just shrug their shoulders and keep giving MORE tax dollars to benefit a few special supporters of the politics here?
- 35) The City must revisit the sale of the North Causeway property. City owned open space on the river should remain as open space/park.
- 36) The Coastal Community Development workshops tended to be manipulative, particularly the one on Growth and Development. Public participation was limited, and questions were carefully crafted to trick answers in favor of development.
- 37) The traffic in town on SR44 is horrendous a major annoyance trying to enter from Bouchelle Island into traffic posted for 50 mph and typically zipping along closer to 60 mph. Over construction already seems to have affected drinking water quality which per Hometown News rant caused increased level of chlorination to rid bacteria, and the water smells like a swimming pool coming from the faucet.
- 38) These are all priorities, but that can't be done effectively all at once. Another time of priority is attracting the healthcare and service providers, public safety officers and teachers to support our growing community.
- 39) This city needs much better developing... it's not good at all right, very terrible planning for 44
- 40) This is a rare opportunity to realign the City of NSB with the needs of its citizens and to prepare the economy for the disruption and opportunity promised by emerging technologies and artificial intelligence. We must anticipate massive overdevelopment in residential and contemplate areas that need further development including cultural tourism. The reserve fund must grow in anticipation of sea level change, more intense storms, external growth impacts as well as opportunities to better balance the economy.
- 41) This is an excellent survey. It is difficult to rank the issues as all are important. However, this survey should be of help to the Commissioners and Mayor as they will be advised as to what is important to the citizens of NSB.

- 42) Traffic is getting to be a big issue at some intersections, especially Wallace Rd & Hwy 44, and all along Canal and at Canal & Hwy 1. Please don't make more stop lights the answer. A traffic study of NSB may be in order.
 - 43) We are sincerely concerned about the number of wetlands and conservation lands being rezoned for development. Additionally, we need more green space between developments, and stop developers from clear cutting land. Let's require larger setbacks for both business and residential development. Strict regulations against large apartment complexes creating high density housing situations.
 - 44) We must stop this raping of land and development, it is out of control. The developers have gotten away without enough checks and balances, and not paying nearly enough impact fees.
 - 45) We need to be concerned about the development taking place west of Rt 95 and the effect it will have on traffic throughout the city.
 - 46) Why are we letting companies like Geosan to create their own rules and the City Council Members just kiss their Canadian asses and then turn a blind eye to everything they do. We did not move Geosan Ville we moved New Smyrna Beach. Please enact building zones that make sense and have a long-term plan.
 - 47) Why can't we have a referendum on ALL new building from this point forward. ONLY ZERO SCAPE landscaping. NO MORE GRASS which leads to fertilizers which eventually leaches into our water.
 - 48) Work on the infrastructure before you allow more outgrowth of NSB. You only have so many natural resources available don't abuse your power of the almighty dollar to control long term consequences to the environment, public trust in your decision making.
 - 49) Would like to see more notification of topics that affect Venetian Bay residents.
 - 50) Would the workshop opportunities for the commission allow public observation?

 I believe the Mayor has ideas about managing the commission meetings better; including streaming them. Although Sunshine laws affect this too, It would be nice if there could be some provision for the city manager to meet with all the commissioners at one time when information is being passed on in person, rather than having separate meetings with each one so that we are sure they all get the same information.
- 51) We feel that the purpose of local government must be for the security and protection of "local" citizens and their properties. Police patrol and presence and enforcement of local building zoning and building codes protects our persons and our investments in our homes. In addition, maintenance and improvement of roadways and traffic flow through the community, including utilities, sidewalks, and landscape, allows easy access to safely evacuations, confidence in our home investments and a "small" town lifestyle. Regretfully the survey does not address any of these issues.
- 52) We have had a comprehensive plan in place, but it keeps getting variances and changes.
- 53) We have had enough of the council allowing Geosam the ability to do what they want when they want without any true regulation or consequence for their actions. The board is either going to start looking out for the Venetian Bay Community and others or they will be replaced.