



# Eden Comprehensive Plan Project

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## Summary of September Workshops

### Meetings

September 27, 2021  
5:30-7 PM  
Jean Harrington Park

September 28, 2021  
5:30-7 PM  
Grogan Park

### Description

The City of Eden hosted two public meetings in support of its Comprehensive Plan project, with the dual objective of informing residents about the project and collecting input from the community to be used in the Plan. The two meetings featured an open house format, which allowed residents to visit at any time during meeting hours to browse the materials and have conversations with project staff. The City advertised the meetings on their website and social media. Town staff and Stewart employees were present at both meetings to answer questions and discuss the project with attendees. Attendees were also encouraged to take the online Community Survey.

Both meetings featured the same mix of informational posters and maps along with materials designed to collect community input. The results of the input boards are summarized below.

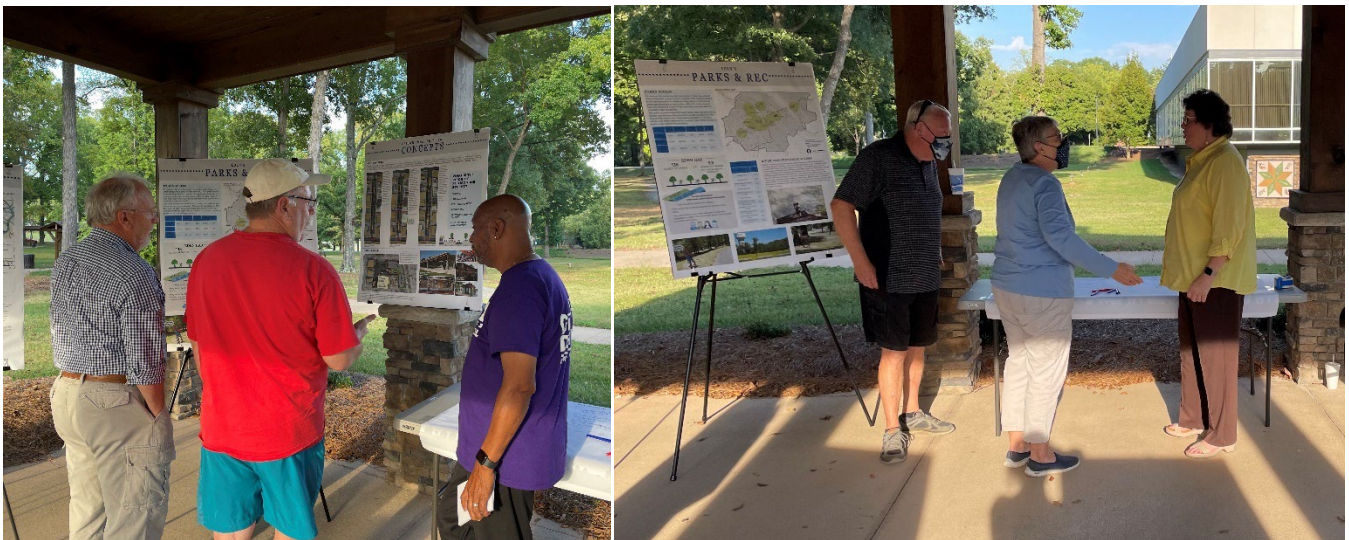
Major themes:

- Outdoor recreation
- Building appearance in downtowns
- Support for events and programming
- Improvements to outdoor public spaces
- More bus stops at key locations





*Harrington Park Meeting*



*Grogan Park Meeting*





## Board: What improvements would you like to see in...

### Draper

- Improve the appearance of Stadium Drive. More upkeep for private properties and businesses.
- Downtown improvements.
- More small businesses
- More on Draper Landing

### The Boulevard

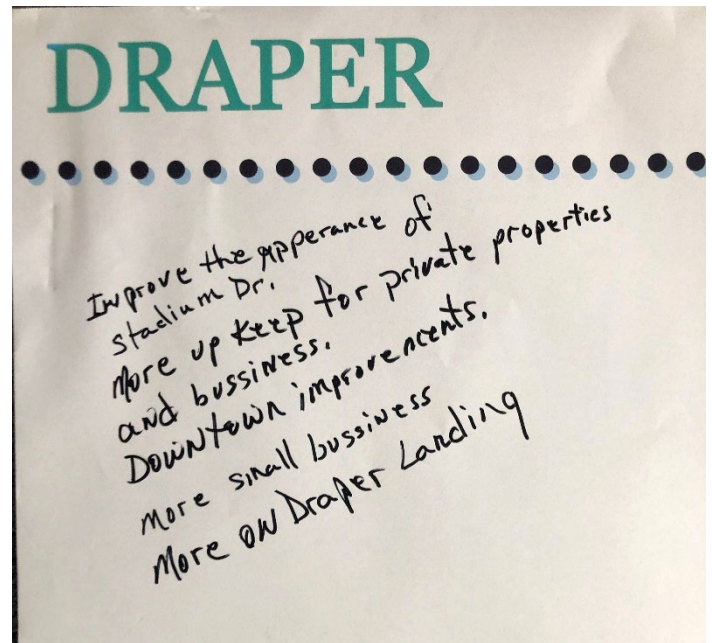
- Pocket park
- Address absentee owners!!
- Enforcement of laws (laws for upkeep of buildings)

### Uptown

- More music

### Spray

No comments



## Keep, Toss, Create Map

### Keep (blue sticky notes)

- Keep up "Rock the Block" advertize more and text signs
- Kings Mill on Matrimony Creek, pot for recreation area
- Hiking trail cut to Douglass Elementary, needs to be maintained

### Toss (red sticky notes)

- What is the value in Dehart Park? Actual use?

### Create (yellow sticky notes)

#### Draper area

- Fitness in the parks
- Make use of grassy area behind Draper Elementary
- Encourage grocery store
- Rebuild Theater
- Develop storefronts on Feldcrest



### Around Freedom Park

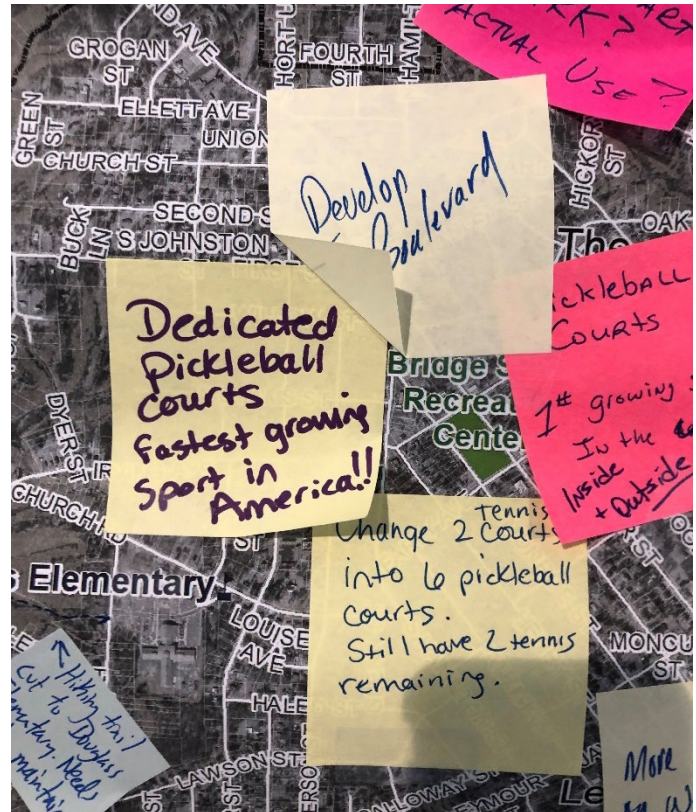
- Senior Center indoor/outdoor
- Dedicated Pickleball Courts
- Pickleball courts in the park
- Pickleball courts
- Dedicated sports area, Pickleball, basketball, tennis, etc.
- Make Stadium Drive Bike Friendly

### Between Van Buren Road and the Smith River, and near the Eden YMCA

- Large senior center for all activities
- Senior center indoor/outdoor

### Uptown and Leaksville area

- Small grocery store, bakery/butcher
- More development on Washington St
- Native Perennial plantings in fields (deer resistant) near greenways



### The Boulevard

- Develop the Boulevard

### Around the Bridge Street Recreation Center

- Dedicated pickleball courts, fastest growing sport in America!!
- Pickleball courts, #1 growing sport in the US, inside and outside
- Change 2 tennis courts into 6 pickleball courts. Still have 2 tennis courts remaining

### Additional comments (not on a sticky note)

- (located at Mebane Bridge Rd) Old Mebane Bridge, Old Whistle Jacket, opp. for a view

## Board: Tell us your big idea for Eden

### Environment

- On the greenway, it would be to see the river

### Transportation

- Sidewalks on Monroe Street – new and repairs



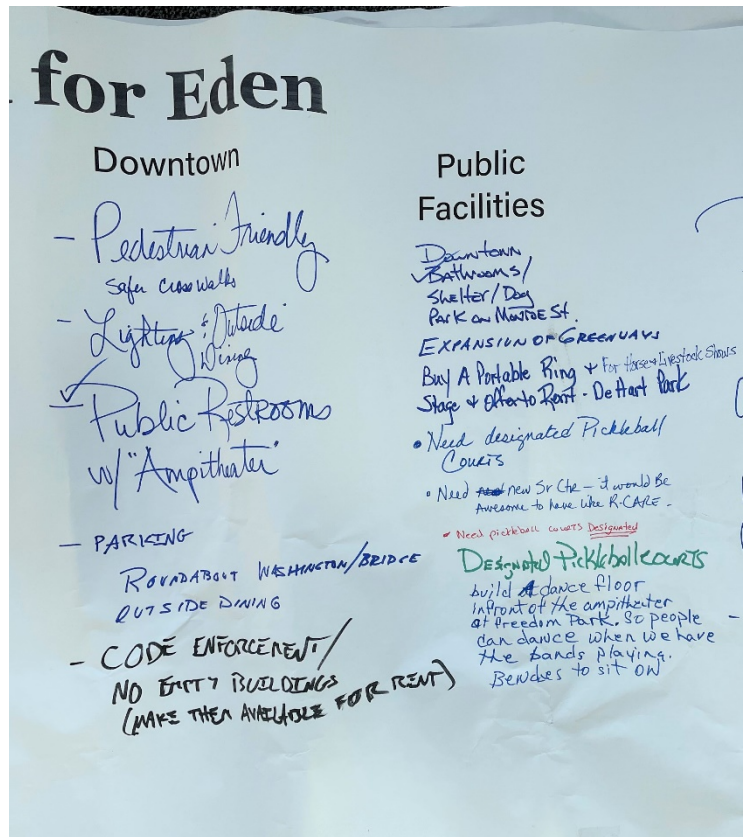
- Bus stop shelters throughout city
- Bus stop shelter at Jean Harrington Park
- Bike Lane
- Bus stop at Eden Library
- Repave Hamilton Street and add a sidewalk
- Bike land
- Bus stop at senior center (x2)

### Downtowns

- Pedestrian friendly
  - Safer crosswalks
- Lighting & outside dining
- Public restrooms with ampitheater
- Parking
- Roundabout at Washington/Bridge
- Outside dining
- Code enforcement
  - No empty buildings - make them available for rent.

### Facilities

- Downtown bathrooms
- Shelter/Dog Park on Monroe Street
- Expansion of Greenways
- Buy a portable ring and stage and offer to rent DeHart Park
  - Use for horse and livestock shows
- Need designated pickleball courts
- Need new senior center - it would be awesome to have like R-CARE
- Need pickleballs courts designated
- Designated pickleball courts
- Build a dancer floor in front of the ampitheater at Freedom Park so people can dance when we have the bands playing.
  - Also have benches to sit on.
- Yoga/zumba classes
- More events like Riverfest
- Art District



## Board: Uptown Eden Small Area Plan

- Study Sidewalk extension on east side of Monroe Street



- Look at opportunity for stage & restrooms on Monroe Street
- Increase lighting in town parking lots (i.e. lot on Henry Street)
- Edits needed to 1B Concept: Building removed north of Post Office
- Keep Driveway for new townhomes
- Keep Driveway near Jay Street

