

Auburn Community Conversation #4

Location: Danville Grange

Date: October 1, 2013

DISCUSSION QUESTION:

Given the difficult decisions that our community must face, and the reality that property tax increases must be minimized, what are our priorities for Auburn's future?

PRIORITIES INTRODUCED BY RESIDENTS

Listed in order of priority as discussed by residents.

- Protecting & preserving Danville village identity
- Impact of the railroad
- Economic develop to relieve property tax burden
- Support for PALS
- Other

DISCUSSION NOTES

Points of view included:

Protecting & preserving Danville village identity

Danville has a strong village identity—an asset in future planning.

- Need to protect and develop Danville's unique character.
- A unique little community with history.
- The Grange is a strong community center.
- Remember--Danville was here before Auburn!
- Many multi-generation families still live here.
- There may be a lack of pride in Auburn but Danville has lots of pride!

Feeling the losses:

- Get old street names back?
- Why close Brown's Crossing?
- Volunteer fire dept gone.

Future planning questions:

- Could a master plan for Danville be built into the Comp Plan?
- Possible to expand potential residential development while sustaining small village feeling?
- What is the actual zoning of various areas at this time?
- Too much in ag?

- Importance of Danville 's separate address—not Auburn.
- Keep post office?

Impact of the railroad

- Diesel smoke
- Noisy—whistles
- Impact of long idling times
- Cuts access to areas on other side of town such as ball fields
- Need more open spaces on this of tracks

Economic development

- Need to broaden economic base.
- How to attract more businesses?
- Use strategies to stay rural while developing.

Support for PALS

- Need to better communicate what PALS does.
- Need to help PALS since they are helping children in poverty who need help.
- PALS needs more money.
- Danville helps—The Grange; the church.

Other

- Concerns about property taxes
 - A new high school building is a big issue: where would the money come from?
 - Fees for non-profits—fair? Change to recognize some are smaller?
 - Does reverse 911 always work?
 - How can state and local work together better?
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- Communications—how to fund out about public notices?
 - How can citizens know what various city services cost?

To resolve problems—

- Call the City: 333-6601
- Call your City Councilor