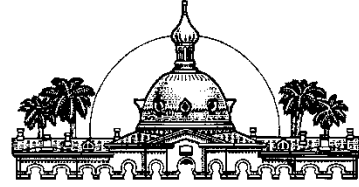


## 5-Year Consolidated Plan – Public Meeting #3

Town 'N Country Area  
Town 'N Country Commons (Library)  
February 21, 2011  
6:00PM



### Summary:

#### Town 'N Country

Hillsborough County is in the process of developing a Five Year Consolidated Plan FY 2011-2016 to create a strategic and unified vision for HUD funding over the next five years. In order to arrive at this vision Hillsborough County is conducting a series of public workshops to allow for public input and comments related to the Five Year Plan.

On February 21, 2011 the County conducted the third of six workshops which was located in the Town 'N Country Area at the Town 'N Country Commons Library.

In an effort to provide an environment that would allow for all attendees to be heard a two tier approach was conducted. The first was in the form of a fill-able survey. The second was through an open discussion where citizens were asked to discuss issues and concerns publicly.

#### Community Survey

The survey allowed for attendees to rank eligible activities from 0 "no need" to 5 "highest need." Activities were divided in to six categories including: Public Facilities and Improvements, Public Services, Housing Rehabilitation, Other CDBG Activities, Economic Development Activities, and Homeless Services. The surveys also addressed public opinions and information for housing and other statistical information.

#### Survey Results

Through the course of this third public workshop there were a total of 6 respondents to the Community Survey. Their results produced *category* ranking scores between 2.9 and 4.1. Out of the six *categories* the public responded that activities in Homeless Services had the strongest need with an average overall score of 4.1 out of 5. The Lowest averaged ranked *category* was Economic Development Activities at 2.9 out of 5. The highest average ranked *activities* were Homeless Services for *Veterans* at 4.8 out of 5, and Homeless Services for *Youth (under 18 years of age)*, with an overall rank of 4.6 out of 5. The lowest average ranked *activity* was Streetscaping for Commercial Districts with a rank of 2.4.

#### Details in each category are as follows:

- Public Facilities – Average 3.6

Highest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Ranking
Flood Drain Improvements	4.5
Water/Sewer Improvements	4.5

Lowest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Ranking
Facilities for AIDS Patients	2.5

- Public Services – Average 3.8

Highest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Ranking
Substance Abuse Services	4.4

Lowest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Ranking
Legal Services	2.8

- Housing Rehabilitation – 3.9

Highest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
Rehab; Single-Unit Residential	4.5

Lowest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
Lead-Base/Lead Hazard Test/Abate	3.4

- Other CDBG Activates – Average 3.5

Highest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
Code Enforcement	3.8
Construction of Single-family Housing	3.8

Lowest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
Clearance and Demolition	3.2
Construction of Multi-family	3.2
Historic Preservation	3.2

- Economic Development Activities – Average 2.9

Highest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
Loans/Grants for Business Development Activities	3.6

Lowest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
Streetscaping for Commercial Districts	2.4

- Homeless Services – Average 4.1

Highest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
Veterans	4.8

Lowest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
Chronic Substance Abuse	3.2

Source: Hillsborough County Affordable Housing Department: Community Survey February 2011

### Housing

Of the residents surveyed, the majority responded that renting is more affordable than home ownership within Hillsborough County. Also, when purchasing a home, surveys showed that a family of four making \$54,000 annually, prior to taxes, could afford to pay “less than \$125,000” for a home (1 respondent did not answer). The majority affordable rent range is from \$850-\$1200.

### Respondent Information

There were 6 respondents (2 male, 3 female, and one did not respond). These respondents came from two different zip codes; 33615 and 33614 (one did not respond). These residents have lived in Hillsborough County between 8 months and 55 years, with an average of 18.5 years. Of the respondents 3 were White, 2 were Hispanic/Latino, and

one did not respond. The median age categories of residents were 51 to 61. Income ranges differed significantly, with one (1) respondent from each of the *Under \$20,000*, *\$20,000 to \$34,000*, *\$35,000 to 49,000*, and *\$50,000 to \$69,000* income groups. However two respondents did not respond. The majority of respondents were not at all familiar with Community Development, 1 respondent was “*very familiar*,” 1 respondent was *somewhat familiar*, 3 respondents “*Not familiar at all*,” and 1 respondent did not answer.

### **Open Discussion**

During the open discussion citizens were asked to speak their mind on issues and concerns affecting their respective community. Through this process many residents spoke out. A number of issues were brought to the Project Teams attention. Listed below are issues that were discussed during the open discussion:

#### Community Needs

- Public Facilities
  - Roadway repairs/re-pavement
    - Hillsborough Ave. to one (1) mile east/northeast of Sheldon
  - Sidewalks
    - Need for connection between community facilities (e.g. community center to neighborhoods, commercial)
  - Storm water improvements
    - Ditches/flooding concerns – need for improvements (e.g. in front of library)
  - Beautification
    - Landscaping w/irrigation for medians
    - Potential gateway/wall (e.g. Seminole Heights’ brick wall along Hillsborough just west of I-275)
- Public Services
  - Programs for mentally disabled
    - Drop-in center or similar facility
  - Programs for developmentally disabled
    - Job training
  - Code enforcement
    - Waters Ave. at North Bridge & Riverwood; concerns regarding shared fence
- Homelessness
  - Shelter options
    - Transportation to shelters (not just downtown)
    - Cold weather shelters
    - Duration of shelter stay and cost of stay (discussion of vouchers, etc.)
  - Areas of concern: vacant lots/woods near Waters toward Sheldon and Sweetwater

- Housing
  - Address Chinese dry wall; asbestos
  - Address subdivision of Single-Family homes into apartments/duplexes (unpermitted remodels/conversions)
    - Parking on sidewalks/yards
  - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
    - Veterans
    - Disabled

### **Conclusion**

Although there are many categories that citizens of the Town 'N Country Area feel are important. There are a few items that were stressed throughout the meeting as being of the highest priority:

- Flood/Drainage Improvements
- Water/Sewer Improvements
- Substance Abuse Services
- Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation and Construction (Address Chinese Drywall)
- Code Enforcement
- Homeless Services particularly related to Veterans

For questions regarding the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, please contact Karen Collins at 813.274.6605 or [collinsk@hillsboroughcounty.org](mailto:collinsk@hillsboroughcounty.org).

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[www.hillsboroughcounty.org/affordablehousingoffice/5yearplan.cfm](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/affordablehousingoffice/5yearplan.cfm)