

# City of Martinsville

## Big Tent Event - Meeting Notes

### June 26, 2008

*Comments correspond to numbered map on last page of meeting notes, where applicable*

<b>POSITIVE FEEDBACK</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Downtown /Square	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Courthouse and Square are both beautiful areas</li> <li>- Historic restoration site</li> <li>- Good Sidewalks</li> </ul>
E Morgan/ E Washington	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Valuable historic district</li> <li>- Restoration effort was a success</li> <li>- Well developed residential housing</li> </ul>
	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- N. Historic District</li> <li>- Clean</li> </ul>
Main Park	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shelter house is popular</li> <li>- Beautiful open space</li> <li>- Popular Pool</li> </ul>
	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mixed use area (Agro/Industry/Residential)</li> </ul>
High School Complex	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Known for Academics and Sports</li> </ul>
Hospital	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Popular for its cancer ward</li> </ul>
School	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In-town school</li> <li>- Historic</li> <li>- Well built Gym</li> </ul>
Sanitarium	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One of the last two surviving sanitariums in area</li> </ul>
Parkway	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Open Recreational Space</li> <li>- Good for Cycling</li> </ul>
	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Area that would be good for Industrial development</li> </ul>
	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bridge</li> <li>- Possible area for industrial development</li> </ul>
	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Large plot of land that would be good for development</li> <li>- 3 or 4 owners</li> <li>- Not in flood plain</li> </ul>
	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possible area for development</li> </ul>
	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possible area for development</li> <li>- EJT (part is outside of it)</li> </ul>
Fair Grounds	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good location for development but not a good place for fair grounds because of traffic</li> </ul>

<b>NEGATIVE FEEDBACK</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Gateway</b>	G	- Gateway needs improvement - No signs
<b>Junkyard</b>	1 and 2	- "I avoid driving by there" - Site that needs clean up
<b>South Street</b>	3	- Poor living conditions - Degraded
	4	- Crowded residential area that is also degraded
<b>Gateway</b>	5	- Abandoned houses - Looks like a bad gateway
	6	- Good chunk of land but needs clean-up and a new use
	7	- Needs Annex - Two people living there do not want annex but are using city utilities
<b>39/Morton Ave</b>	8	- More sprawl with no annex but use of city utilities
<b>Nutter Ave</b>	9	- Vacant lot, site for development
<b>Ohio St.</b>	10	- Bad traffic, needs signs
<b>Wal-mart</b>	11	- Needs a pedestrian walk way
<b>Old K-mart</b>	12	- Needs redevelopment
	13	- 40 acres for sale that could be used for development but is nothing at the moment
	14	- Protected area - Use is still up in the air (well site?) - Undergoing development
<b>Wellhead Site</b>	15	- Possibly a contaminated well head
	17	- Under performing industrial park - Relocate trailer park in the area (flood/tornado site) - Vacant industrial buildings
	18	- Flooding

## Concerns / Issues / Other (no sticker on map):

- State Interchanges
  - 39 and 44/252 (good place for intersection because of hospital)
- Cycling
  - People like to bike along the scenic country side. This area should be preserved for tourism and residents
- WPA
  - Sidewalks are good
- Shopping Centers
  - like Wal-Mart
- Main Positive Aspects
  - Historic Districts
  - Recreational Spaces
  - Schools
  - Abundance of areas that can host new development
- Major Limitations
  - Redevelopment (Number one Priority)
    - ✓ Quality housing to improve degraded property sites
    - ✓ Possible park around river?
  - Gateways
    - ✓ Huge lack of clearly marked gateways
    - ✓ Need more signs for routes to hospital , schools, and shopping centers
  - Not pedestrian Friendly
    - ✓ Sidewalks are a huge disappointment and are in poor condition throughout the town
    - ✓ Some areas lack sidewalks completely (especially around shopping centers, including wal-mart)
    - ✓ Lack of clearly marked routes for walkers

- ✓ Not a lot of alternatives to driving (more biking trails)
- Traffic Congestion
  - ✓ Though traffic isn't much of a problem the Post office, Morton Ave, and N/S route are often congested
- Industrial Underperformance
  - ✓ Vacant lots need to be utilized and some areas need clean-up

