

## **The TLP Group**

*To live in genuine dialogue with others is absolutely necessary  
if we are to remain human. Thomas Merton*



# **The German Village Society Public Engagement Process Concerning the Third Street Project**

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## **BRIEF HISTORY**

German Village has dreamed, planned and worked for a Third Street corridor overhaul for 15 years. Starting in 2001, the German Village Society (GVS) along with the Brewery District submitted a joint application to the City to “create a sense of arrival” by enhancing the Front, High, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets’ bridges over I-70. Preliminary designs were drafted. In 2002 ODOT announced it’s intentions to reconstruct the I-70/I-71 Interchange which includes rebuilding of all bridges. In 2005 the GVS requested that 2001 UIRF Funds be used for a streetscape project on Third Street. In 2007, 2005 funds became available and the City hired a consultant to create a Third Street streetscape vision. The GVS Long Range Planning Committee worked with the City’s consultant to prioritize re-bricking Third St. in 2008 and then in 2010 the committee distributed “Re-Brick Third Street petitions”. An agreement was signed in 2011 between the GVS and the Mayor of Columbus to fund the project through a public/private partnership that concretized the Villages commitment to help pay for the project. A public meeting was held in December 2011 to present the results and recommendations of the KKG study. 2012 saw the GVS receive a grant for a preliminary engineering study to be paid for out of UIRF Funds and in 2014 OHM was chosen by the City as the firm to complete the preliminary engineering study. In March of 2015, OHM and the City conducted a public meeting in Fest Hall to show the draft results, including a cost grid. At the November 2015 GVS Annual Meeting the final project was presented.

## **FINAL PROJECT**

Curbs: Sandstone-\$774,000

Street: Reconstruction Asphalt-\$1.2

Utilities: 2 side poles-\$1.8m

Sidewalks: Brick-\$1.3m

Drainage: \$500,000

Lighting: Historic post, High pressure sodium-\$558,000

Landscaping Commercial Blocks: Street Trees-Planter/Ground cover \$124,000 and raised sandstone curbs \$397,000

Landscaping Residential Blocks: Street Trees/Tree Lawn seed-\$56,000

Site Furnishings: \$50,000

Signage: \$100,000

**Total: \$6,803,000**

## **REQUEST AND PROCESS**

In late March 2016 Shiloh Todorov (Shiloh), the Executive Director of the German Village Society, contacted me (Phil Cass) (Phil) inquiring about the possibility of me facilitating a public engagement process with the citizens of German Village to determine their reactions to and buy-in for the final Third Street plan as presented above. Included in this process was to be an assessment of those present as to their willingness to pay a special tax (if they owned property on Third Street) and also folks willingness to consider a philanthropic initiative to help fund the Village's portion of the project costs.

On April 6, 2016 Shiloh and Phil met to discuss the purpose of the engagement and the questions that the GVS Board wanted to get answers to. After Shiloh met with the Executive Committee of the GVS Board and after numerous e-mail exchanges Shiloh and Phil met again to review a preliminary design for the engagement (a World Café). We also discussed what kind of information would need to be sent out to the community in advance and what information would need to be at the engagement for people's use. We set the tentative date for the engagement for Saturday May 21, 2016 from 10:00-12:00 at Barcelona Restaurant. Phil then met with Shiloh and the Executive Committee of the GVS Board on May 5 to review the final design and to clarify the Committee's role for the engagement process. The engagement process then took place on May 21 as planned with approximately 87 people in attendance.

## **DESIGN**

The following is the design for the World Cafe engagement process:

Welcome and Introductions (10:10-10:30)

Presentation of Project (10:30-10:50)

World Café (10:30-11:50)

- World Café Process and Etiquette
- Question #1: What am I thinking and feeling about what I just heard in the presentation?
- Question #2: What about the project as now defined by the city excites me? If you have any concerns what are they?
- Question #3: If the GVS makes Third Street it's top priority (for funding, staff use of time and volunteer resources) will you continue to support the Society with your time, talent and treasure?

Ballot distribution and collection (11:50-12:00)

## **FINDINGS**

### **Ballots**

Starting first with the **Ballots** distributed at the end of the event:

84-ballots were submitted

34-(40%) people signed their ballots indicating a willingness to commit resources.

61-(73%) ballots indicated that they were for this plan and will make it happen with their checkbooks

9-(11%) ballots indicated that they were for the plan but would not support it with their checkbooks

9-(11%) ballots indicated they do not support the plan but will go along with the majority

6-(7%) ballots indicated they were against the plan and will actively oppose it.

As for fundraising:

0-name on Street

5-name on brick

11-name on light fixture

17-name on tree

17-name on bench/trash can/bike rack, etc.

22-live on Third Street and will sign the petition to tax them-selves

22-don't live on Third Street but will make an annual gift commensurate with an average Third Street assessment cost

14-flat donation

### **Question #1: What am I thinking and feeling about what I just heard in the presentation?**

24 Tables reported out on this question. This question was designed to give people a chance to simply download their thoughts and feelings about the project before getting into more focused questions. Looking at the verbatim comments (Attachment 1), it appears that this was successful. The comments are diffuse with very few themes emerging. The verbatim comments for this question should be read as providing some nuance to the other questions. Many of the responses were questions that people have about the project. I encourage readers to take a look at the verbatim comments in this light.

**Question #2a: What the project as now defined by the city excites me? Each table please agree on your top three.**

- \* 23 Tables reported out on this question.
- \* 23 tables X top 3 excites me=69 possible responses.
- \* **Drainage** was in one way or another named as excites me 14 times out of a possible 69 responses-20%.
- \* **Sidewalks and gutters/curbs** was in one way or another named as excites me 21 times out of a possible 69 responses-30%.
- \* **Lighting** was in one way or another named as excites me 7 out of the possible 69 responses-10%.

**Drainage, lighting and the sidewalks/curbs are clearly the most liked aspects of the project according to this question.**

- Other responses getting some repetition were a general sense of improved aesthetics for the gateway to German Village that benefits us all. Slowing down of traffic making Third Street safer was also noted several times. Trees and their possible positive effect on the aesthetics of Third Street were mentioned frequently.

**Question #2b: If you have any concerns what are they? Each table agree on your top three.**

- \* 23 Tables reported out on this question.
- \* 23 Tables X top 3 excites me=69 possible responses.
- \* **Financial issues** were in one way or another mentioned 17 times out of a possible 69 responses=25%. These issues ranged from, this is just too expensive, to many questions and worries about fundraising and what happens if fundraising isn't successful.
- \* **Looking to suburban** was in one way or another mentioned 6 times out of a possible 69 responses=9%.
- \* **How will the improvements be maintained and who pays** was mentioned in one way or another 6 times=9%.
- \* Concerns about the **length of time** the project will take and it's disruptions was mentioned in one way or another 5 times=7%.
- \* Concern about having to **let go of other projects** because of this project was mentioned in one way or another 4 times=6%.

**Many questions and concerns about financial issues and in particular what happens to Third Street property owners if fundraising isn't successful was prominent. This was followed by concerns over the street looking like "New Albany", who maintains all this and losing other projects. As you review the other comments around this question these same themes emerge.**

**Question #3: If the GVS makes Third Street its top priority (for fundraising, staff time, volunteer resources) will you continue to support the Society (time, talent, treasure)?**

Each person received a 4X6 card to record their individual response to this question.

- There were 87 cards.
- 82 (94%) said that they would continue to support the GVS but many with caveats (see note below).
- 6 (7%) people said that they would not continue to support the GVS if the project goes through.
- 9 (10%) people said that they would support the GVS even more if the project goes through.
- 10 (11%) people will support the GVS but support drops off if all of the other priority projects go away.

Note on caveats: There were numerous caveats related to the need for the funds to be used efficiently, support as long as the Third Street project actually happens. If there is more lobbying with the city for more funds, if Third Street folks don't get stuck with the whole bill if fundraising isn't successful and if the GVS works with businesses so they are not hurt by the project.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

Of the approximately 84 ballots submitted at the public engagement gathering on May 21, 70 people (83%) said that they would support this project and 9 more said that they did not support the plan but would go along with the majority (making a total of 92%). Forty percent of the people submitting a ballot signed their ballot indicating a willingness to support the plan financially. From this data we can conclude that this project is supported by a very strong majority of those present at the event. It is also clear that sidewalks/curbs, drainage and lighting, in that order, are the things that people are most excited about in this project. Improving Third Street as a gateway to German Village and an overall sense of improving the aesthetics of Third Street were seen as a positive contribution to the overall German Village community. While fundraising is always a tricky thing, the GVS should be encouraged to undertake this initiative with some confidence. The GVS should feel confident that the organization itself will continue to be supported as this project goes forward (94%).

Finances in general and in particular concerns about what happens to Third Street property owners if fundraising is not successful are of concern to many people. Of course there is skepticism about what the true costs will be and some sense that the City of Columbus is not doing all that it could to help. It will be seen as a positive if this project is started soon and concluded efficiently with the least disruption to businesses as possible. People are concerned that this project does not drag on for a

long period of time. There is considerable concern (read the verbatim comments) that the Third Street project does not create a suburban look with many comments saying that they hoped Third Street would not look like New Albany. People would also like to see diversity in the species of trees planted along Third Street to again mitigate against a sense of suburbia. There were a few Third Street owners who have concerns about living on fixed incomes and whether they can afford this project. If there is a way to address this it would be seen very positively by those people and others who are sympathetic to their concerns. There are also numerous comments here about the need to try not to sacrifice all of the other German Village needs and priorities for this one project.

People reading this document should take the time to read the verbatim comments in the attachments as there are subtleties in them that could help in crafting ongoing communications about the project.

Congratulations are in order to the German Village Society for sponsoring this public engagement event where approximately 87 people turned up on a Saturday morning to give input into this project. There were many positive comments about the process.



## Attachment 1

## Verbatim Comments

### What am I thinking and feeling about what I just heard in the presentation? World Café Tables

#### Table 1

- Not without more information

#### Table 2

- Excited about the project
- Concern about not being able to raise the \$\$ if 3<sup>rd</sup> street residents don't agree with the assessment. If all GV residents had to pay perhaps \$\$ would shift away from other GV projects
- 3<sup>rd</sup> benefits entire community not just 3<sup>rd</sup> street residents and businesses
- Project will have positive impact on community as a whole

#### Table 3

- General picture as a non-property owner-what are issues-sidewalks, lighting, drainage
- Property owner-current brick-worry than \$500. What is the assessment-seems fair
- Property owners value goes up
- Need to know amount and what you get-\$400 not out of the air-very probable
- 3<sup>rd</sup> street emergency vehicles-are there ways to control traffic (St. Mary's emerging traffic, more general traffic)
- Narrow street to one lane-some calming effect

#### Table 4

- Deep roots, on the fence, everything done right.
- Is this the best use of funds vs other things needed?
- Inconvenience for 3<sup>rd</sup> street residents-how long will it take?
- Help redo brick street-bad now since amateurs
- Don't like the bike lane-Summit street is scary
- Overall in support
- Own a business on 3<sup>rd</sup> street plus resident since 19
- Drainage for the whole community is important
- Would like to see fellow resident pitch in
- How does it coordinate with Livingston
- Concern about the impact on business
- On the fence. Own business and dependent on foot traffic. Would this project make it more likely that Livingston project would better recognize GV as a destination? Concern about business impact

**Table 5**

- Not sure we'll live to see this through
- Excited and anxious about raising the money
- Concerned about fair funding around 3<sup>rd</sup> street and the surrounding neighborhood
- Drainage on 3<sup>rd</sup> is the heart of the problem. It's all or nothing? Yes says the city.
- Like the ability to discuss and hear our voice as a whole
- 70/71 change how much would the city alter-how much would that protect/destroy 3<sup>rd</sup> street
- When people think of the village, they think of 3<sup>rd</sup> street so we should dress it up-would prefer brick
- Worried about losing trees on 3<sup>rd</sup> during the transition

**Table 6**

- 81 year old said I'm not going to be around
- Excited about the project
- Why does an entire community need to support one street
- Flooding at Sycamore needs to be addressed
- Avoid taking \$ from brick fund to apy for 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Laws can be changed

**Table 7**

- NO/NO/NO/NO/NO
- Third street has been fine for the past 70 years, some updates within reason work
- Historically, 3<sup>rd</sup> street has never been all brick-brick sidewalks take a lot of maintenance-weeds grow in cracks-it will look like New Albany-boring
- How much of what we do if we move ahead now would be ripped up when the city/ODOT works on Livingston Ave.

**Table 8**

- Excited, but a concern from a 3<sup>rd</sup> street owner , is this a necessary expense if they have improved their property?
- Enthusiasm for 3<sup>rd</sup> street to be brick

**Table 9**

- Concerned about the tax impact
- Concern that brick sidewalks will be homogenous-current variety of patterns is liked
- Concern about cutting down all of the trees. Worry trees will all be same species-worry all heights will be the same
- Don't want to look suburban bland

**Table 10**

- Project is a great need and priority
- Property owner assessment is problematic-how is the rest of the village assessed?
- Is the design set? Is there still time to effect the ultimate design (aesthetic) of the project?
- Very important the "historic" "quirky" character is retained
- As a non-third street resident, we are willing to contribute if the design is appropriate to the historic neighborhood
- Consider brick gutters and brick rumble strips to slow traffic
- Fear of too engineered solution

**Table 11**

- Not sure it's worth \$8 million
- Other things I'd like to see done but probably won't happen
- Absentee owners are a problem-would like to see those properties addressed
- Don't want to increase tourism
- Afraid it will make us look like a new development

**Table 12**

- This is the way to get what we want-brick sidewalks and sandstone curbs, streetlights, etc.
- The city will eventually do the project but not is a GV way
- City listened on curbs-not concrete-sandstone is better. City now has a spec. for that-our collaborative conversation is working
- Giving up UIRF is the price we pay-we hope other sources can be found to continue the brick streets/UIRF projects
- We worry about what else we sacrifice via time/talent/distraction at GVS, visitor center, special projects, etc. We are sure we can be successful in pure philanthropy for the 20%, but do believe a pledge that looks like \$400/year for non-residents

**Table 13**

- Optimistic: discussion, hopeful improvements are long term value enhancer that stems deterioration
- Reasonable financial cost
- 3<sup>rd</sup> is primary gateway to GV, accrues most traffic and greatest use, therefore should have priority-first street for tourists to visit

**Table 14**

- Foundation for future improvement
- Hybrid model for utility companies for participation
- Naming maintenance preference
- Set the corridor up for future place-making
- Willing to invest more for potential higher level utility improvement
- Connection/spreading out third street momentum

**Table 15**

- Drains a priority
- Too many studies have been done in the past and nothing has been done

**Table 16**

- Table in favor of moving ahead with the plan
- Also, strong preference for brick street or brick intersections compared to asphalt
- Understanding we can't afford that now, can the infrastructure be built in a way that brick streets could be added in the future if funds could be raised

**Table 17**

- Benefit the businesses more should pay more
- Improves 3<sup>rd</sup> street property values more than other properties
- Does 3<sup>rd</sup> street project maintain GV competitiveness with other downtown communities?
- Is it essential that 3<sup>rd</sup> street be bricked to be consistent with neighborhoods

**Table 18**

- Will fixing drainage help rest of community with flooding issues?
- Sidewalks-needs to be level for strollers/walkers to prevent falls, etc.
- Important to use historic brick to fix our streets-education to rest of community for leveling their sidewalks (less cost using historic bricks)
- \$9,000 estimate –might be too much to ask from some
- Lighting is not great-not dangerous

**Table 19**

- Hate idea of losing big trees
- Love brick sidewalks
- Increase pedestrian friendliness (slower speed limit, more designed crosswalks)
- Sidewalks definitely need help
- Definitely on board with not burying the powerlines

**Table 20**

- Other projects would be sacrificed
- What's the fall back position from the ideal?
- What parts of the big project are most important?
- Full project would be too expensive-need to scale down

**Table 21**

- Not enough information yet
- What exactly be the impacts be to individual homeowners on 3<sup>rd</sup>?
- What if improvements already have been done to individual homes?
- What will happen to those homes if the original was not brick?
- For the brick replacement, will it be done by others or use contractors

**Table 22**

- We do not understand enough to support all-in or not
- Absent owners would scare me if no funds were raised
- 3<sup>rd</sup> street owner concerned about cost share if no fundraising success
- Non-owner willing to support because of location of 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Understand 3<sup>rd</sup> is main street-deserves high maintenance-tourists, bikes-worthy of special attention by city
- Will city still pay for street (even if it doesn't go forward?)
- What will be done by city if we don't go all in and move forward?

**Table 23**

- Happy with the openness to discuss
- Assessment seems palatable (\$400ish)
- Like the design plan (no interest in re-bricking, really)
- Still getting familiar with the idea and not one side or another
- Hopeful it doesn't completely torture us
- Third street is going to need attention no matter what

**Table 24**

- \* Safety issues, drainage, etc. are very important.  
3<sup>rd</sup> street welcomes us home to GV appearances, uniformity of light poles, plantings, etc.
- Concern about precedence-residents absorbing the cost of deferred maintenance-why shouldn't we be leveraging our property taxes
- Is this citywide policy that neighborhoods must contribute to maintenance?

What about the project as now defined by the city excites me?

The bolded comments were the World Cafe tables priorities.

**Table 1**

- **Like the idea of a coherent design if it is attractive. Will miss the blossoming trees, can the new ones bloom in Spring?**
- **Like bike paths.**
- **Better drainage not exciting but wanted/needed.**

**Table 2**

- **Looks more inviting/complete**
- **Safety (even bricks and sidewalks)**
- **Brick walks, sandstone**
- Fix trees
- City lighting input vs just dictating the project
- Reuse existing bricks
- Removal of wires crossing the street, but like the idea of having phone poles.
- Like the idea of running downspouts under the walk thru the curb.
- Hope this spurs fixes throughout GV.

**Table 3**

- **Better drainage**
- **Safer sidewalks**
- **Inc. in property values**
- Better aesthetics
- Entryway to GV

**Table 4**

- **Brick sidewalks**
- **Getting rid of the built up layers and enhancing drainage**
- **Excited if the lighting poles were similar to those in the picture with hanging flower basket brackets**
- Repair and replace curbs and sidewalk
- Design potential on reconstructed asphalt (brick crosswalk, brick intersection)

**Table 5**

- **Clean up of sidewalks**
- **Drainage fixed**
- **Potential to coordinate Livingston Project with this one**

- Clean up utilities
- Broader GV effort belongs to everyone

**Table 6**

- **Replacing trees**
- **Sandstone curbs**
- **Brick streets**
- A list of projects with dollar amounts attached
- Improving sidewalks
- Slowing traffic
- Lighting

**Table 7**

- **Improving the walkability/sidewalks**
- **Enhancing and creating a truly welcoming beautiful entrance to GV thru 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**
- **Enhancing GV's competitive position among other Columbus neighborhoods**
- Non-3<sup>rd</sup> street property owners all would be willing to contribute to the 3<sup>rd</sup> street project
- Potential for underground utilities, thus bringing the neighborhood into modernity.
- Bicyclical lanes/enhanced street parking

**Table 8**

- **Drainage-get rid of smell**
- **Flat sidewalks would be good throughout the village**
- **Like helping to slow down traffic to make it safer like the bike lanes**
- Like getting rid of concrete used on 3<sup>rd</sup> street
- Like keeping street paved

**Table 9**

- **Getting the drainage fixed**
- **Don't like brick sidewalks-afraid it will look like a suburban mall. We don't want it to look generic**
- **Questioning use of sodium yellow lights when LEDS are now yellow-last a lot longer**

**Table 10**

- **Improving the sidewalks for walkability and new curbs**
- **Better lighting would increase safety**
- **New trees, but concerned that the right ones are planted**
- Hope it would spur additional property improvements by owners
- Drainage



**Table 11**

- **Getting curbs and drains fixed**
- **Brick sidewalks will improve village experience**
- Sidewalk repair and replacement
- How will project be maintained after completed?
- How will cable companies adhere to design?
- Bike lane is an asset
- As city develops 3<sup>rd</sup> street needs to be improved
- How will poles be unified if governed by different companies
- Improve village presence/gateway to park and improved drainage

**Table 12**

- **Sidewalks and sandstone curbs**
- **Like the options that have been selected**
- **Laying the groundwork for a beautiful tree canopy in the future**
- That there is a realistic and possible plan that could actually happen
- Possible opt-in and support
- Sandstone
- Street Lights

**Table 13**

- **Improved lighting**
- **Redoing curbs, raising the curbs**
- **Safe sidewalks**
- Cannot do sidewalks until streets are done
- Do not care if sidewalks are brick or asphalt
- This meeting is attended by soooo many
- Makes 3<sup>rd</sup> street exciting when all is done

**Table 14**

- **Improving 3<sup>rd</sup> street improves the rest of the neighborhood**
- **Safety of walking on safer brick sidewalks**
- **Aesthetics, cleaner look, continuity along street**
- Bike lane
- Better safety of crosswalk signage ( if that's included)

**Table 15**

- **Walkability-brick sidewalks**
- **Health and safety-drainage**
- **Lighting-consistent and historic**
- Cohesive improvement for the whole corridor
- "Broken window syndrome"-neighborhood in decline vs fine line with historic preservation
- Utility poles that are not functional removed?

- We put thousands into our buildings, this seems small by comparison
- The right kind of landscaping with trees, etc.
- Visual improvements affects whole being

#### Table 16

- **Sidewalk replacement and curb replacement**
- **Main entrance improved visually and physically**
- **Lighting**
- Everyone benefitting from some level of uniformity
- Opportunity to simplify utility poles

#### Table 17

- **Sandstone and brick sidewalks and curbs**
- **Reconstruction of asphalt and drainage**
- **Pedestrian lighting**
- Brick sidewalks –keep them level
- Historic character-curbs
- Could owners volunteer to bury their lines

#### Table 18

- **Drainage**
- **Brick sidewalks and curbs**
- **The narrowing of the street to slow down traffic to enjoy the street and create a village feel**
- Historic lighting
- The opportunity to put a great frame on a wonderful piece of art
- The public/private partnership
- Question-can we advocate for the C-Bus to come down 3<sup>rd</sup> street?
- Question-How are we considering the improvement of bus stops for visual appropriateness in this project?

#### Table 19

- **Fixing the drainage**
- **Like the process**
- **Upgrades to drainage, sidewalks, etc.**
- Want to do handicap ramps in brick
- Raises the property value of homes on 3<sup>rd</sup> street
- Most interested in the esthetics-brick sidewalks and sandstone curbs

#### Table 20

- **Drainage is essential**
- **Safety-sidewalks, curbs, lighting**
- Re-bricking the street would be great but probably too expensive

#### Table 21

- **Alleviate drainage issues**
- **Happy with asphalt**
- Could take or leave sandstone curbs
- Like utilities divided on sides of street
- Smooth brick sidewalks
- Improved lighting

**Table 22**

- Foundation for infrastructure improvements
- If we have the opportunity to improve infrastructure we should take it
- Foundation to make/keep GV as the jewel of Columbus
- Build off the highway caps/push along the highway caps
- Improve main street idea
- Invested time should be valued not wasted (15 years)
- Potential for improvements to allow other transportation (bikes and buses)

**Table 21**

- \* All negatives

If you have any concerns what are they?

The bolded comments were the World Cafe tables priorities.

#### Table 1

- **The utility companies should be asked and expected to subsidize this cost, as they typically will and do in other parts of the city.**
- **It is very important that the 3<sup>rd</sup> street project not delay plans to improve the other GV streets, particularly Beck St., one of the worst in GV.**
- People living further from 3<sup>rd</sup> street will not benefit as much as those living on 3<sup>rd</sup> street or near it.
- Not addressing the wiring/utilities in GV. We all agreed that the wiring/utilities in GV is a travesty in a modern city.
- It appears that very little consideration was given to the middle option for utilities which would substantially improve appearance for not much more money.

#### Table 2

- **Brick sidewalks aren't continuous, they are broken down by driving, handicap ramps, and concrete . want handicap ramps to be brick.**
- **Why should we pay for extra infrastructure? We are willing to pay for increased aesthetics**
- **Time it will take and the disruption to the community and businesses.**
- We don't trust the city to control the final outcome
- Unnecessary expense for 3<sup>rd</sup> street residents who maintain their sidewalks and drainage
- Rising the funds
- Not doing the street in brick and instead doing it in asphalt

#### Table 3

- **What does the assessment include?**
- **Clarity of project details and maintenance after project completion**
- **Beyond assessment where does remainder of money come from?**
- What happens to other village projects?
- Safety of bike paths

#### Table 4

- **What is the 3<sup>rd</sup> street owners bill if fundraising doesn't come thru?**
- **Time frame-How will this impact businesses and homeowners during the project-how long?**
- **Not uniform sidewalks because of St. Mary's opting to opt in or out**

- Younger may not want to count time and money-community forced buy-in
- The opposite-see older residents-not wanting buy-in like younger would

#### Table 5

- **Don't want it to look like a suburban street with perfect bricks, lighting and landscaping-maintain the characteristics of old GV**
- **Use more LED warm bulbs**

#### Table 6

- Would not be fair to assess only 3<sup>rd</sup> street residents for the work, given 3<sup>rd</sup> street is minimally important to tourism, etc.
- Not obvious that brick on 3<sup>rd</sup> street is important-asphalt with brick crosswalks might work just as well plus flower boxes
- This looks like commercialization of 3<sup>rd</sup> street (looks good primarily for business, tourism (except sidewalks and drainage

#### Table 7

- **Worried about encouraging more people to come into GV (tipping point)**
- **Losing character (looks like Disney World with evenly spaced trees, perfectly little planned bioswales, etc.)**
- **Too much money on just one project**
- Too much focus and money spent on a project that mostly benefits business and visitors
- Neighborhood has generally improved over time and was never perfectly manicured
- Too many other needs
- If it goes forward, one patron supporter withdraw all society support and one who already dropped membership will not return
- This just lines the pockets of contractors and consultants

#### Table 8

- **Inaction-this could be defeated in lieu of other priorities but I feel that this is the beginning of the process**
- **\$7,000,000**
- **Duration**

#### Table 9

- **How long will this really take?**
- **Will it take away from our historic look? Don't want it to look like Westerville**
- **How will garbage and recycling be affected?(especially during active work on the street)**

- What do bike lanes add to us? Does encouraging bikers increase risk to others?
- Will street look naked with all the large trees gone?
- Concern over 70/71 project and it's impact on 3<sup>rd</sup> street
- What will this do to traffic flow during the process?
- Will there be more hidden costs?
- Will we have resources to take care of other issues as they come up?

#### Table 10

- **Who will maintain brick sidewalks-weeds?**
- **I'm a widower and can't afford \$400 a year. What could I do? Is there some way to help-not all residents are well off and can afford this)**
- **May be some way to grandfather old time resident**
- How many non 3<sup>rd</sup> street people would have to pay/contribute to make this project work?
- Come up with a way for non 3<sup>rd</sup> streeters to contribute .
- Bike lanes aren't really for village residents-for outsiders-leave them out
- How much does pretty cost?
- Is there some way to make it not look so much like suburbia?

#### Table 11

- **A business owner concerned that restricted access will destroy business-need for signage and timetable**
- **Fundraising-can we raise required funds? Corporate funding has not been significant. Huge task of fundraising in short time. Who is willing to pay besides property owners? What if we don't raise the funds?**
- **Other projects that might not get done**
- Improvements to homes causes increase in property taxes-have gone up 400% fro GV while 100% citywide (city should be giving more (brick streets, tec.)
- Change in expectations-that city now wants the URIF directed to this project instead of others

#### Table 12

- **How will we fund the GV 20% beyond special assessments?**
- **What are other projects are in the pipeline that the GV will risk community support?**
- How long will it take?
- Do it in phases so it lessens the disruption

#### Table 13

- **How are repairs managed post project completion?**

- **Impact on other GV and GVS funding development**
- Buy-in by owners vs landlords
- How do businesses get leveraged for support?
- Funding project-is there capacity by donors to support?
- Impact to businesses
- Why city has not maintained to date?
- How will sidewalks be maintained, who is responsible?
- What about curb cuts are they replaced?
- Why are only homeowners being assessed and not the entire village?

**Table 14**

- **How accurate are the price tags for each component?**
- **What is the timeline?**
- **Have we exhausted all alternatives and lobbied for political support?**
- The proposed funding plan would drain too many resources from the GVS and other projects would suffer
- Lack of clarity about city policy
- Fundraising models create dangerous precedent

**Table 15**

- **Ongoing maintenance**
- **How to sustain this financially?**
- **Disruption for residents and visitors**
- Type of trees
- Add brick crosswalks

**Table 16**

- **What is 3<sup>rd</sup> street entrance going to look like when ODOT decides?**
- **We should raise instead of robbing our brick fund**
- **The city should pay all infrastructure updates for the safety of all**
- The cost may become more than projected
- All the wiring and poles not removed
- The GVS does not need to do everything

**Table 17**

- **Cost-would like additional financing options (special sales tax in district)**
- **Businesses in all of GV will benefit so cost should be spread among them as well**
- **Concerned about potential lack of buy-in from non-resident owners (landlords)**
- Quality of lighting too much
- About whether St. Mary's buying into the project

- More commitment from city to or public/private partnership
- Lack of availability to address other issues in GV because of all focus on one thing

#### Table 18

- **High pressure sodium vs LED-LED can be harsher lighting, LED has longer life, better light coverage, color recognition**
- **Worried city will use same brick/same pattern-will be homogenous look , worry all lots will have homogenous tree lawn/walkways**
- **Who picks the trees? Homeowners vs the city-different ages to be planted to keep different sizes, different species to keep unique looks, assume to be from tree list**

#### Table 19

- That we spend more money on studies and not get on with it
- That nothing is done for another 10 years

#### Table 20

- **Staff of GVS time-all occupied on 3<sup>rd</sup> street**
- **Funding fairness-utilization of UIRF, 20% fundraising, 3<sup>rd</sup> street corridor, remainder of community**
- **Future financial impact-taxes overtime, school levy interaction, increased taxes due to property value increases**
- Potential that the proposed isn't enough-brick the entire street, bury the utilities
- Affordability for retired resident living along 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Table 21

- **Risk of looking too clean**
- **Lack of coordination with city on Livingston project**
- **Cost uncertainty**
- Need to know timeline for those who need to make repairs now
- Staff focus/cost/current issues
- Quality of trees-need to be right choice and varied
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#### Table 22

- **Loss of historic character, homogenous look**
- **Raising additional funds**
- **Affecting businesses**
- Affecting parking
- How will this affect emergency vehicles? Are they closing a block at a time or keeping one side open?



**Table 23**

- Assessments-how will they be managed ongoing and will we see direct benefit from it? Make sure there is community benefit
- Ensure everyone understands their contribution and mutual benefit, further giving the opportunity to contribute to all GV residents
- The efficient and effective use of money
- Clear communications to all contributors
- The risk of other projects suffering because the assessments receive full share of wallet

**If the GVS makes Third Street it's top priority (for fundraising, staff use of time, volunteer resources) will you continue to support the Society (Time, Talent, treasure)?**

**These are responses from each individual.**

- Yes-15 people simply said yes I will support the GVS regardless of the outcome
- Yes-I will support the GVS if the project moves forward
- Yes-As a long time patron members we would not support the GVS any higher than regular membership amount
- Yes-We need to care for longtime 3<sup>rd</sup> street residents who cannot afford
- Yes-Not a deal breaker-I'll pay the \$65 membership but not contribute to the project-The society has lost touch with the residents and seems more concerned about pursuing it's own agenda-The village is not about pretty.
- Yes-My husband and I are here for at least 15 more years. We support the greater good of the neighborhood.
- Yes-contingent upon future and prompt details regarding the project and progress.
- Yes-I could support at the Level 1 that I currently support at- memberships, business involvement, special fundraising-concerned about what the GVS would no longer support during the project.
- Yes-would minimally support going forward. Major concern is safety, I have tripped and fallen. The city needs to step up and correct sewers-drainage.
- Yes-I'll support the GVS as long as the project doesn't make us look like New Albany. We don't need all brick sidewalks but we do need safe sidewalks no matter what the surface is.
- Yes-Can push out other projects to focus on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Will support the society, believe in the role of society. How does GVS continue to support events with 3<sup>rd</sup> focus. May need additional support.
- Yes-if brick and if the city and property owners pay out.
- Yes-I agree with the 3<sup>rd</sup> street project
- Yes-I would support GVS but I do not think adequate lobbying has been done for increased city support. GV deserves more.
- Yes-City should be responsible for more street and sewer runoff.
- Yes-If the city is accountable for all infrastructure in maintaining safety for all people, no \$ taken from brick fund and delete/reduce some design projects to give GVS flexibility along with quality.
- Yes-as long as financial cost is not too high.
- Yes-If resources are used wisely
- Yes-I think the project will tax the community, GVS staff and residents

- Yes-I will continue to support, but worried how much staff/money will focus on 3<sup>rd</sup> st. project.
- Yes- I will support the project. If I donate, the \$ would come from my donations to the village.
- Yes-I will support the GVS if 3<sup>rd</sup> st. project goes forward
- Yes-I am very supportive of the project and would definitely continue to support the GVS/
- Yes-I would support the GVS if this project is approved and we are not asked to overpay for services provided
- Yes- I would support this. My feeling is that it is time to fundraise to actually improve our neighborhood for it's residents. I feel that all could be asked to contribute \$400. I support paying additional \$'s for specifically sidewalk repairs
- Yes- I will continue to support the GVS but I probably can't increase support in the next few years
- Yes-I would support the GVS-my main interests are leveling the sidewalks, fixing drainage issues and improving lighting
- Yes-I would support the GVS if bricking the street is included
- Yes-Support GVS if project variables with city and state are reliable and the fiscal study passes muster
- Yes-I support the GVS Board regardless of their decision on 3<sup>rd</sup> st.
- Yes-I feel comfortable that due diligence has taken place and I therefore support the GVS
- Yes-It's important to the neighborhood-But we already pay higher taxes than any other neighborhood, and shouldn't the city "pony up" more after all the infrastructure is more than 100 years old
- Yes-I would support the GVS id there were definite plans in place regarding the costs, payments and timeframes within the next year. This planning process has dragged on for far too long and id it goes much longer GV will be in danger of falling behind other parts of the city
- Yes- I would support the GVS. I want to see more signage up on 3<sup>rd</sup> street so you know you have entered GV design is important-hanging baskets on 3<sup>rd</sup> street light fixtures
- Yes-I will continue to support the GVS. The level of my support will depend on the participation of those who may benefit more from completion of the project (ie existing businesses, owners of rental property)
- Yes-I would support the GVS either way. I do think this project would be extremely beneficial to our community.
- Yes-I support the GVS and will if focus is on 3<sup>rd</sup> street project. I just want to make sure that GVS fundraising \$'s are kept and that the bill is not given in total to 3<sup>rd</sup> street home owners, if fundraising is not met
- Yes-I would support GVS-get o with the 3<sup>rd</sup> street project
- Yes-I would support this project completely, but my only concern is the GV and the city are not addressing the utilities underground

- Yes-I would support the GVS id the 3<sup>rd</sup> street design could be more creative and distinct. The current plan solve necessary drainage and sidewalks but the design is generic and lacks the character essential to GV. At a minimum brick gutters could be introduced and would be distinctive
- Yes-I support the GVS through this project. The long term benefits to GV are worth the investment
- Yes-Not sure how much I'd be able to increase my support financially but yes
- Yes-I support the GVS. Could they screw this up to the point that I withdraw my support? Possibly
- Yes-As long as our questions are addressed before design
- Yes-If the 3<sup>rd</sup> stree project moves forward, I would support the HVS. At some point action is the priority
- Yes-As long as GVS treats historic preservation with rationality and sensibility to residents
- Yes-I would support the GVS as I now do with the caveat that the society continues to represent the residents and property owners. I am concerned about the number of rental units
- Yes-I will support the GVS if les emphasis is placed on commercial/business and tourism interests. I support some aspects of the 3<sup>rd</sup> street work (I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> street property owner/resident-particularly drainage improvements. I do not support the planned community of the streetscape design as pictured in the handout
- Yes-If the project works with business to make sure their customers have access
- Yes-will support. Concern-avoid getting called away and using all resources at the expense of all else
- Yes-Depends on what else is possible> I would pay whatever the 3<sup>rd</sup> street residents pay as an assessment, provided other projects )security patrol) could also be addressed
- Yes-Want the GVS to report to the residents and am concerned about project being the sole focus.
- Yes-I would still support the GVS-this is a neighborhood project and GVS is supposed to be the advocate for the neighborhood. However, I am concerned about postponing other time sensitive initiatives-oral histories-we are losing the people with the memories and survey of the district is needed to prevent further loss of our character
- Yes-I am concerned the impact on other fundraising projects. The one side utility pole is very important to me
- Yes-I would support the GVS if: It did not eliminate other initiatives, if continued input was integrated into the process and if LED lighting were used
- Yes-I will support the GVS with this as a top priority but not if it is the sole priority

- Yes-I would support the GVS. I know this would take a great deal of time and energy but I would hope we could also continue with at least a few other issues/events in the village as well
- Yes- I will continue to support-I would like to see the 3<sup>rd</sup> street project happen but not at the expense of maybe delaying or cancelling other projects throughout the village

**Yes and support would increase**

- Yes-more so than before
- Yes-I am 100% all in and will continue to support GVS events and more in donations. I am not a 3<sup>rd</sup> street owner
- Yes-I would redouble my efforts to support GVS if they do this
- Yes-I will continue to support GVS and give additional time and money
- Yes-I support the plan for improving 3<sup>rd</sup> street and will help in any way I can
- Yes-I will continue to support the GVS and willing to do more volunteering and fundraising if/when this project goes through
- Yes-Furthermore my involvement will increase. Excited to contribute to an improved aesthetic and more functional presence
- Yes-It is strongly likely that my support of GVS would greatly increase not decrease
- Yes-My support for the GVS would increase if the 3<sup>rd</sup> street corridor project goes forward. I think it is an amazingly terrific potential for the neighborhood and the city. I would love to participate and learn through the development of the 3<sup>rd</sup> street project.

**Enough is enough**

- I would support, however, enough is enough with salaries and hiring for studies... So if it continues I will not join in the future
- It's not a deal killer but when is enough, enough? I don't want to pay for more employees and more studies

**No-will not support**

- No-Top priority to exclusion of others in the village
- No-I would reduce my contribution to membership-this project takes away too much from other village concerns
- If the project results in the loss of GV character and authenticity I wouldn't support or stay in the village
- I don't support them as it is and can't afford them or the fundraising things
- I am concerned items such as the sidewalk project, police liaison, communication with the city or other issues would suffer. If these items suffer, I could have trouble supporting this project and the GVS