

# Create Wilmington Comprehensive Plan

## HISTORIC DOWNTOWN-OLD WILMINGTON

### Neighborhood Planning Area Meeting

# SUMMARY REPORT

Thursday, April 3rd, 6:30pm  
Community Arts Center  
Attendance: 35

## KEEP IT!

What you like most about your neighborhood

Riverwalk, pocket parks, museums, local events, diverse age groups, the bikeway, Thalian Hall, residential density, free first hour parking at parking deck, shops and restaurants on Castle Street, tourist attractions, Cape Fear Community College, building height restrictions, locally owned businesses, proximity to shops, dining and entertainment, parking decks, entertainment venues, street lighting, and the markets

## CHANGE IT!

What changes you would make

Restore brick streets, bring in a grocery store, increase tree canopy, underground utilities throughout downtown, expand Dramtree Park, expand bus service, remove Business 17 designation from Market and 3rd streets, more lighting in parking areas, more signalized crosswalks, public restrooms, limit bars and entertainment venues, replace parking pay stations with smart meters, make alternating oneway streets in residential areas, bike rentals and more bike racks, and increase police presence

## DREAM IT!

Your big ideas

A downtown grocery store, mixed-use development on underutilized sites, more parks, more canoe and kayak access to river, bike lanes everywhere, passenger rail service, gas lights for street lighting, tax credits to refurbish homes, industries with good paying jobs that match our skill and education levels, new bridge over the river, more public art, greater focus on New Hanover High School and Williston connection to downtown, another ship to dock across the river, underground utilities, incentives for businesses and residential developers that bring people downtown, more parks, a drug store, remove Business 17 from Market and 3rd streets, expand the trolley service, and expand the bus service

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