

ECONOMIC + LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

ELEMENTS	WHAT'S WORKING	WHAT'S NOT WORKING	WHAT'S NEEDED
<p>Business Opportunities (what additional types of businesses would you like to see?)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurant growth • Dining opportunities • Everything we have now seems to be working • Fast food • Plenty of shopping and grocery stores available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mess you see once you leave Publix east on 280 • Entertainment • Too many fast food restaurants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laundromat/Dry cleaning • Small industrial • More sit-down restaurants • Not sure, just need to be selective • I don't want to see our small town become more congested with fast food restaurants, but more businesses are always a good thing • Entertainment/regular restaurants/a place to safely shoot/practice • Loyal Order of Moose
<p>Partnerships + Organizations (Chelsea Business Alliance, 58 INC, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBA • COP • Compact 20/20 		
<p>Local Government Support (financial incentives, tax credits, regulatory assistance, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Mayor and City Council • A Mayor that listens to public • We have adequate facilities. For example, a wonderful new and larger library, community center and sports fields. I believe all agencies are working together for the good of our community. Very happy to see that the sales tax increase is actually going to our schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic enforcement and litter control • I know that we need to borrow money for capital improvements from time to time, but we don't need to be so deep in debt that we are paying high amounts of interest on bank loans. I strongly support the "pay as you go" system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needed for our existing non-profits • taxes needed for better services, sidewalks, trails
<p>Business Recruitment / Retention Efforts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • don't know 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel
<p>Workforce Development</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small manufacturers • ^This is needed^

QUALITY OF LIFE

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<p>K-12 Education and Facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary schools I am satisfied with Shelby county school system Teachers and Admin are fabulous Recent improvements seem good 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes at capacity We are starting to have a drug problem, and a lot of bullying. The High School's reputation is starting to be talked about in other communities, and numerous families are sending their kids to Briarwood, and other Christian schools Zoning! Better preparation for college studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Middle / Intermediate school High school More restrooms at HS ballfield A new middle school. Our middle school is old and needs to be demolished. Ever thought of building a brand new high school and making the existing high school the middle school? There are three elementary schools moving to too old of a building that can't possibly hold that many kids. Prayer and pledge put back in the schools To rezone the schools (again!) to even out the number of kids coming from large neighborhoods. Chesser, Polo Crossings, Forest Lakes, and Chelsea Park are all zoned to Chelsea Park. "Middle Lane" on street in front of schools to keep traffic flowing.
<p>Community Facilities (community center, library, senior center)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Center Community center community center the library and community center are awesome! Community Center is a welcome addition! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacking places and activities for teens and after school activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanded senior activities – trips, speakers, 5 days a week A DOG PARK !!!! Pool We have enough for now. Keep up maintenance on existing facilities I would like to see more physical activity classes (yoga, etc.) available for commuters, ie 6:30 or later in the evenings, perhaps an early Sat class schedule Community public pool, teen center open late. Cultural and community activities--ex, Community Choir, Language Lessons, Theatre (plays and events)
<p>Parks + Recreation Facilities (maintenance, recreational programming, what's needed)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chelsea ball fields and playground. Softball fields are nice but the other fields, playground and restrooms could be improved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other than softball fields the other fields, pavilion's, playground and restrooms need improved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog park bike trails Park w/ lake or pool access A DOG PARK !!!! A public golf course and Country club (forgot to write this in at the meeting). we need more tennis courts so our middle and high school players don't have to go over the mountain to the YMCA Fenced in Dog Park section. Host Easter egg hunts and similar family events at the softball fields areas. Nature parks, playgrounds, walking trails, bike trails Dog parks, golf course, bike trails, hiking trails, community swimming pool large enough to host swim meets, or swim team of all ages
<p>Entertainment Opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow growth for restaurant/bar/music establishments that are providing good service, food and nearby "nights out" with friends and family. Community Center and movie theater are only real entertainment in area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What entertainment opportunities, are there any? In Chelsea all there is to do is go to Walmart, eat or go to movies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theater bowling alley Movie theater I'm a transplant so if there is something I want to do, I tend to be okay with driving to do it. I am not sure what is "needed" but as with anything I believe we need to think long term, fiscally feasible additions and avoid quick fix, "trendy" opportunities and avoid duplicating attractions that are found in nearby communities. Bowling, Billiards, mini golf, bicycle trails, night life Theatre, Community choir, Community Indoor Events Concert venue/mini amphitheater, NHR Drag Strip, Dirt Bike track, skateboard park
<p>Access to Childcare and Healthcare Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seems to be sufficient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have to go over the mountain to get comprehensive healthcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doc-in-a-box Seems sufficient

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Diversity of Housing Stock (housing & lot sizes, prices, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current mix of housing & prices are a positive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No affordable housing for rent • Not many quality apartments/townhomes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more diversity in housing & pricing • We do NOT apartments • Quality townhomes/apartments
Availability of Senior Housing (nursing homes, assisted living facilities)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need affordable housing • Not much variety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong consideration as many of us are "sandwich generation" and would like nearby resources • I'm concerned we are not properly planning for senior housing – would love to see this develop more • Assisted living / senior community • Need affordable housing • More assisted living, independent living and nursing home options
Concentrations of Distressed Housing / Problem Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nothing 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how can we help revitalize some "distressed" property areas • a plan of how to update and clean up
Code Enforcement		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too many signs placed on trees, medians, sides of roads etc. At election time it is RIDICULOUS, looks trashy in the littered sort of way. I understand the need for signage at Parade of Homes time, elections, etc. but would like to see less of these not more. I realize it is "cheap" advertising, but it is also an eyesore. • in my own neighborhood HOA will not make people clean up yet they grab the HOA DUES immediately make HOA stand up to their obligation rentals don't live by same rules that is how you keep a neighborhood nice • Code enforcement is not being enforced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unification of signage, etc. • As we grow I hope a comprehensive design plan for commercial buildings, signage etc. would be implemented. When I moved to B'ham I was very impressed with the office parks hidden down lush, tree-lined roads, well landscaped commercial/retail properties even along busy streets. I do hope we will steer clear of multiple car lots, storage spaces, etc. and maintain the natural beauty of Chelsea as we grow. I realize businesses bring revenue, but let's make sure they want to be here for the long haul, are willing to contribute to a well planned, appealing and prosperous community for all. Drive through other parts of town, take notes, what makes you want to stop, shop, return to explore and what areas are an eyesore... • enforcement city should have meeting with all HOA leaders as we in Chelsea Park will never get a spot on association neighborhoods and start to enforce • SCSO to be trained on current ordinances so that they will be enforced
Wayfinding (landscaped gateways, neighborhood signage, etc.)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of signage in my particular neighborhood are blind spots • City is not enforcing the neighborhoods to keep signage updated and in good condition • Too many Billboards--looks tacky. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City to enforce neighborhoods to ensure signage and landscape entrances be maintained. • Billboard restriction
Public Safety, Fire, & EMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire • Shelby County Sheriff Partnership • Everything • I think we have a fine EMS system • This is working great. Fabulous response 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community training seminars for residents about services and safety

INFRASTRUCTURE

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<p>Mobility Choices (sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parks • not much 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more sidewalks • 280 is disaster • Railroad crossing bars to stop traffic when trains are coming! • Traffic control on Hwy 39 and 47 • Because of the layout of our city along a very busy strip of US 280, it is too dangerous to have sidewalks to utilize. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature trails • Bicycle paths • Bicycle paths • Sidewalks • Sidewalks • sidewalks • More walkable areas for retail, restaurant enjoyment as we grow. A biking, hiking, walking trail would be wonderful. The challenge, aside from funding to develop and maintain, is the getting there. Seems one of our biggest challenges is safe, speedy traffic flow. THIS is a major issue, and it is rapidly worsening, diminishing quality of life. • More sidewalks, Bicycle paths, Public transportation (bus stops) • Sidewalks and Bike paths. Restructure 39/47 intersection. Overpass on 47 over Railroad tracks. • Better Ingress/egress in and out of Chelsea • better traffic control around the Chelsea Corners area • It would be great to have a "down town" area, but that will happen only if we tear down or remodel a few existing structures and acquire more local land to develop near city hall. The railroad track would be a negative in doing this.
<p>Maintenance (pavement conditions, damaged stormwater infrastructure, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parks are clean • I believe our city leadership has been quick to respond to many requests and taken care of them adequately. • acceleration lane Chelsea Park • Seems like roads are well maintained and trees trimmed along roads. • Glad that we have a maintenance crew. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many neighborhood roads in bad shape • slides need new paint or rubber to prevent burning kids • Revisit the trash/recycling contract when it comes up for renewal. I'm sure this too is on the radar :) • turn from wallgreens and Publix • Flooding and erosion on Meadow Lake Lane--runoff from Hwy 47 and community center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • slide heat protect for kids • Sewer rates (I know this is on the leadership's radar) • More acceleration lanes • Lots of trash along streets and roads. • Culvert, Water diversion. • better or wider roads to handle the increased traffic • I feel that sports field take priority when maintaining city property. • Several months ago the city adopted aesthetic ordinances for future buildings. I think this needs to extend to landscaping as well. For example, the main entrance for Winn Dixie has bushes that are too high and presents a danger for regular cars to exit left or right.
<p>Traffic Issues and Speeding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not sure any is working, unfortunately, but it's in process • lights are working • Holy moly, you likely need a team just to read these comments. I live in Chelsea Park and do not believe a light is needed at the main entrance. IF you feel you need a light, go out the back entrance and take the light there. I'm thankful for the new acceleration lane, but on the the rare instance someone is turning in, it's scary. I consider myself a cautious, defensive driver and have been startled twice when someone seems to suddenly appear there as I'm about to cross, focused more on the tight turn, not hitting sticks (perhaps a concrete barrier like near Whole Foods may be more reliable and cost effective in long run). So mixed answer, improvement yes, best solution TBD. The new light at Hwy 11 is AWESOME! • presence of police • Speed limits seem good in the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nothing that I have an issue with • 280, 280, 280 (and a lack of viable alternate routes). I know is the trade-off for living in the burbs. I knew the commute when I moved 12 years ago was going to be a challenge. It gets worse EVERY year when school is in session especially. The addition of a light by Publix will likely mean I leave at 6am, not 6:15 to arrive at work on the Vestavia/Hoover line by 8am. There are A LOT of acres for sale, several neighborhoods planned. The quality of life is going to be substantially diminished if we as a "metro" area do not address this (and I've been here long enough to know it has been discussed/dismitted more often than not). I do not have children/activities to come home to, but a daily average commute 60-80 minutes without an accident on my route is beyond words. The time for this to become a REAL PRIORITY for someone with the guts to lead the charge is CRITICAL. I will happily find a way to be involved and support the mission. • people are flying in from east on 280 • 65 miles an hour from Walmart to Westover is too fast • Traffic in front of schools. • We do not have a problem with the amount of traffic. We DO have a problem with people not following traffic laws. • enforcement- seeing Chelsea Cop car on the side of the road is not a deterrent. Neither is seeing deputies sitting but not enforcing traffic control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic at Chelsea Park entrance and Publix • Winn Dixie traffic accidents frequent • Widen 280, or biways along side • Infrastructure in process, need help • no • Main entrance/exit in Chelsea Park - on the the rare instance someone is turning in from the 280 W side it's scary. I consider myself a cautious, defensive driver and have been startled twice when someone seems to suddenly appear there as I'm about to cross, focused more on the tight turn left, not hitting sticks (perhaps a concrete barrier like near Whole Foods may be more reliable and cost effective in long run). I do not have a feasible suggestion for this without adding similar lights/turning lanes like they have near Inverness and I'm not sure that is the solution as it will lead to additional delays in commuting, • would love to see speed bumps on the side roads of Chelsea Park. Speed has become a huge concern. • Create middle lane for turning school traffic and buses to keep streets flowing. • Need more traffic lights, dangerous spots--intersection from Winn Dixie parking lot, Hwy 11 and 47. Tickets for tailgating (driving too close) • Turn County Roads 41 & 43 access to 280 as flyovers with on and off ramps, maybe the same with 47as well... • Traffic light at exit/entry to Chelsea Corners. more speed enforcement • I think the speed limit should remain at 50 mph on US280 E until passed Publix shopping center. I also think several crossings should be limited to right turns only, especially in front of Chelsea Tire and Walgreens. And this needs to be a 'ying yang' method.
<p>Utilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no comment • During power outages, power company goes to work right away to restore power. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more light in park spaces • Sewer rates, rebid the trash/recycling contract as previously mentioned. I know these issues are "on the list" of the Mayor and council. • Poor cellular, television and internet signals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add lighting in parks • Does rapid transit count? :) • More cellular and tv signal towers. More street lights in neighborhoods.