

Priority Recommendations from 11/12/08 Community Gathering

Housing

Housing Strategy-10: Promote sustainable design – Develop design guidelines for housing that can be applied to any Town-sponsored housing development or required as a condition to an approved 40B project. (15 dots)

Housing Strategy-8: Encourage adaptive reuse of underutilized buildings - The Town should consider specific provisions to encourage infill development and adaptive reuse of vacant or underutilized buildings such as the Texon site. (11 dots)

Housing Strategy-3: Reconsider adoption of the Community Preservation Act to provide funding for the creation and preservation of affordable housing opportunities. (8 dots)

Economic Development

ED Strategy-9: Maintain the aesthetic quality, density, and residential character of the professional office corridors along Newton Street and College Street, taking special care to limit the encroachment of commercial uses and changes to the density and development pattern in this area. (14 dots) ***(Also written was “no more gas stations, auto repair shops, fast food joints, pubs, or car washes.”)***

ED Strategy-10: Substantially increase the Town’s involvement in efforts to bring desirable employers, industries, redevelopment investment, and new resources into South Hadley through improved marketing, information, and business development work. (14 dots)

ED Strategy-2: Pursue continued investment in and redevelopment of the Falls, including active participation in redevelopment of the Texon property, by retaining and developing community facilities and recreation resources as anchors for redevelopment. (12 dots)

Municipal Facilities

MSF Strategy-4: The Town should continue to evaluate, monitor and consider the merger of the two Fire and Water Districts. (15 dots)

MSF Strategy-1: Create a single management strategy/unit for the overall maintenance, repair and construction of all town buildings. Tie this unit to the newly created entity(s) to promote Sustainable Development. (11 dots)

MSF Strategy-5: Move forward with plans to renovate or build the new library facility. Maintaining a strong municipal facility presence in South Hadley Falls is important for revitalization of the Falls area and is one, but not the only criterion for final site selection. (10 dots)

Transportation

Transportation Strategy-9: Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities by repairing and constructing new sidewalks; maintaining or enhancing crosswalks; improving roadway lighting; retrofitting facilities to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; adding in streetscape elements; and providing bicycle lanes, paths, and parking. (18 dots, 1 star)

Transportation Strategy-6: Work with the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority and the Holyoke Intermodal Center to expand public transportation services in South Hadley and adjacent communities. (11 dots, 1 star)

Transportation Strategy-13: Connect the Falls to the Commons/College area by establishing adequate and reasonable pedestrian and bicycle connections between the two areas of South Hadley. (8 dots, 1 star)