CITIZEN COMMENTS FROM NOVEMBER 2018 KICKOFF MEETING - NORTH SECTION

Like
- Being able to cycle in the area
- Existing restaurants – Mr. Barbecue
- Potential for development
- The history in the area
- Good pedestrian traffic
- There are positive businesses here
- The corridor is a gateway to the downtown area
- The section of Peters Creek that was daylighted
- Easy access to retail
- Visual appearance of buildings

Concerns
- Difficult to walk – need more sidewalks
- Dangerous to walk in area
- Difficult to cross Peters Creek Parkway
- Speed limit, should be reduced to 35 miles/hour in the urban section
- Need to improve public transit and have more covered bus stops
- Budget Inn – needs improvement
- Crime or perception of crime in the area
- Downtown area creeping into residential neighborhoods, need to protect the West 4th Street area from development
- Lack of sit down restaurants, drugstore, and basic services
- Too many fast food restaurants
- Flooding in the area
- Area needs improvement
- Need to have a better environment to stimulate businesses
- Car dealerships don’t serve the surrounding neighborhoods
- There are some bad businesses here
- Lack of pedestrian bridges
- Need to create a natural buffer along creeks
- Parkway Plaza Shopping Center is a disgrace
- Pawn shops

Design Opportunities
- Proximity to downtown and opportunities to extend development down Peters Creek Parkway.
- Retain affordable housing on West 4th Street.
- Opportunity for comprehensive development on West 4th Street since properties on both sides of the street are mostly in single ownership.
- Retain the large tree in front of house at 1142 Bank Street.
- Redevelop the Budget Inn property at the intersection of Academy Street and Peters Creek Parkway.
- Add a grocery store and coffee shop in the West Salem Shopping Center.
- Need more neighborhood serving businesses like drug stores, banks, etc.
- Build a pedestrian bridge over Peters Creek Parkway connecting the Ardmore neighborhood with Diggs-Latham Elementary School.
- Bring buildings closer to the street, particularly area around Link Road.
- Provide safe pedestrian crossings and crosswalks.
- Lower the speed limit in the urban area of Peters Creek Parkway.
- Look at Peters Creek as a green ecosystem with creek buffers and a healthy creek.
- Use permeable pavement to reduce stormwater runoff.
- Redevelop Marketplace Mall.
- Improve Parkway Plaza Shopping Center.
- Add covered bus stops along the corridor and add cut outs along the road for bus pick-up.
- Create separated bike lanes and look at bus rapid transit.