

Community Conversations

"Placemaking and the Environment"

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Resources

- "Living in Cornwall" Facebook page
- "Living in Cornwall" Business Facebook page
- Orange County Quality of Life Report Card
- Project for Public Spaces www.pps.org

- Develop/Create places people want to live and work
- Destination places
- Using what we have-natural beauty, historic buildings, attract different businesses, need trees on Main Street

"The Third Place"

1. Work
 2. Home
 3. Where you want to be
- Ed McMann, placemaker
 - Tourism destinations needed
 - Develop places to congregate
 - It's about community→Build "Place"
 - PPS.org Project for Public Spaces
 - Public has a voice in what is created
 - Make the reason to come to Cornwall
 - Bridge Street Project→pocket park-not a road
 - Community is the core
 - Cornwall-can be hard to start something new-petition circulating
 - What is our identity in Cornwall? Natural beauty, health.....

"The Third Place"

- Social, accessible, connection, comfortable, communication
- Libraries are the perfect third place
- Mayoral debate- hold it in a neutral place, unbiased, safe to express ideas
- Newcomers Club was helpful
- Not one person/organization is responsible for implementing change-everyone takes a little part
- First Friday concept-collaborative effort

Environmental

- Economical Advisory Community – holds open meetings
- Conservation Advisory Council
 1. Land use planning
 2. Work with schools "citizen scientist"
 3. Love/connection to environment
- How do we get people to care?
- Impact on the environment
- Water quality
- Walkability
- Preservation of the watershed-
 1. Local streams (Moodna, Canterbury)
 2. Geographic connection/ownership
- Hudson River-estuary up to Troy-
 1. Uniqueness of ocean/river connection
 2. 6 foot rise in Hudson River predicted
 3. Municipal groups involvement
- Spiritual connection to the place
- England-open space throughout farms
- Wurtsboro-school curriculum on the stream
- How to bring people to participate/small elements

Connection with History

- Of the landscape
- The streetscape
- Cornwall had neighborhood bands and performance halls
- No performance halls exist today
- Architectural connection
- Work with what we have-history/now/future
- "Placemaking" comes from urban planning
- Can't have a strong town without a strong village
- Remember where you came from
- Millennials→urban living focus→moving away from car culture; mixed use development; too much surface parking; need bike paths/racks. (fast forward to 2030...)
- Looking for place to live before they look for a job
- Ride bikes/walk (218), Sundays closed road
- Combines environment & placemaking!
- There is an unwillingness to change
- Need consensus-why placemaking is important!
- Not making down payments on cars, but on apartments

Triangulation

- Connection between activities
- CAC proposed 218 walk/insurance issues
- Few places to stop and rest
- No bike paths
- Friendly, accessible
- Placing value on things may make people care
- Natural beauty is what is bringing people here!