



Portsmouth Listens

Study Circle Report

Group Leader: Robin Albert

2 Broad Categories of Major Interest

- Quality of Life
- Managed Growth

Within these broad categories lie many topics, some regional



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Quality of Life

- **Safety**

- Community, Police and Fire Departments be responsive and supportive of each other
- Continue to create strong, supportive neighborhoods

- **Employment**

- Continue to attract and maintain quality sources of employment



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Quality of Life

- **Sense of Belonging/Being Represented, Heard**

- City Government decisions should be inclusive

- Be aware of the diversity of the population
and consider everyone's needs

- Establish an Office for an Ombudsman at City Hall

- As a recourse, for community members feeling a
lack of representation with respect to City services.



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- **Housing**

- “ Smart Zoning” to accommodate requirements of diverse community

 - Allow increases in population density in residential areas

 - “Shared housing” and “cluster housing”

- Promote work-force housing development

 - Establish financial/ “ in kind” contribution requirements from developers



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- **Recreation**

- Maintain support for current recreational programs

- Increase accessibility of programs to include the physically challenged

- Create a system of pedestrian/bike paths throughout the community

 - Along the North Mill Pond and river

 - Connecting Spinnaker Point to the downtown

 - Non-motorized pathways linking communities

- Implement recommendations from previous Master Plans



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- **Arts and Entertainment**

- The City needs to be proactive in support of the arts

- When City buildings are vacated consider mixed reutilization

- Implement the recommendations from previous Master Plans

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- **Open Space**

- Float a bond dedicated to open space/natural resource protection

- Create an “Open Lands” committee

- To obtain and preserve conservation land,
work with private landowners to establish easements, and
coordinate efforts with other land protection organizations

- Dedicate a proportion of money obtained through the sale of City property to open space



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- **Sprawl**

- Make current and future shopping centers more aesthetic

 - Zoning requiring buildings on the street with parking behind

 - Build and improve sidewalks

 - Limit light pollution

 - Zone to encourage parking garages vs paving acres of land

 - Encourage complementary architecture

- Improve Islington Street

 - Increase “curb appeal” through attractive landscaping, lighting, sidewalks

 - Improve safety at the Bartlett Street intersection

 - Enhance link to downtown



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- **Downtown**

-Reestablish key businesses in the Downtown area

Use tax incentives to maintain affordability

Support business diversity and services

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