

**Results of Tybee Neighborhood Association Website Survey Questions  
May 2007 Mini-Survey -- Infrastructure**

**74 responses**

During our June meeting we will be focusing on the Island's infrastructure. Your answers on the following questions will help us address this area.

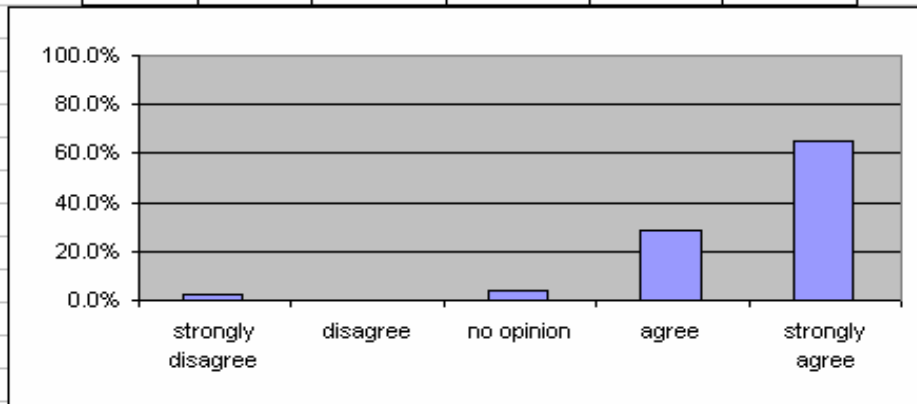
Question 1. Please rate how you view the condition of the following elements. Comments on these elements may be made in the comment box after the third survey question.

	good	acceptable	unacceptable	no opinion
1. Quality of drinking water	29.7%	56.8%	13.5%	0.0%
2. Smell of water at tap	23.0%	45.9%	28.4%	2.7%
3. Water pressure	36.5%	50.0%	13.5%	0.0%
4. Availability of water in future	4.1%	6.8%	66.2%	23.0%
5. Cost of water	10.8%	60.8%	14.9%	13.5%
6. Quality of water at beach for swimming	14.9%	52.7%	27.0%	5.4%
7. Sewers	8.1%	44.6%	24.3%	23.0%
8. Septic Tanks	0.0%	17.6%	27.0%	55.4%
9. Drainage Systems	2.7%	31.1%	48.6%	17.6%
10. Sidewalks	5.4%	43.2%	41.9%	9.5%
11. Number and condition of Curb Cuts	5.4%	27.0%	54.1%	13.5%
12. Surface of Streets	5.4%	54.1%	37.8%	2.7%
13. Parks	20.3%	60.8%	12.2%	6.8%
14. Cleanliness of Public Restrooms & public areas	4.1%	23.0%	58.1%	14.9%
15. Street identification	13.5%	64.9%	16.2%	5.4%
16. Solid waste collection	25.7%	54.1%	12.2%	8.1%
17. Recycling	32.4%	48.6%	9.5%	9.5%

Question 2. Please select your level of agreement with the following statement:

"The constraints imposed by the need for natural resources protection, hurricane safety and adequate delivery of services, clearly demonstrate that unlimited future population growth and unregulated use of land on Tybee would be hazardous to the health, safety and welfare of the public."

strongly disagree	disagree	no opinion	agree	strongly agree	0
2.7%	0.0%	4.1%	28.4%	64.9%	
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**Tybee Island Neighborhood Association  
May 2007 Survey Comments -- Infrastructure**

Doing a little street work. My street, TS Chu has had the street cut to repair a water line and has never been repaved. This has been this way for a year now and you can almost lose your car in the hole.

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... continuing to hold public hearings, maintaining a multi-year capital plan, and retaining/training talented manager(s).

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... low density... 35' max height...more green space in parks and city owned areas...more recycling...enforcement of litter laws

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...going by all ordinances - zoning, building, and state laws. Setback should be enforced by someone from City Hall going and checking before the foundation is poured or constructed. After the fact variances are a problem. Sometime it is the building department's fault because the correct information is not related to the person building, such as the case with \*\*\*.

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Considering a serious rezoning debate during this election year. Tybee Neighbors are invited to drive down our block--Fifth Avenue between 15th Street and Tybrisa (16th, where it intersects Chatham Ave).

We live on Fifth Avenue, in a single-family residence among traditional single-family residences of one or two stories on our block--much the same as all the blocks in our area west of Butler and south of 12th Street. Our Back River neighborhood is zoned R-2--meaning that duplexes can be built on our block. But when that zoning was passed, no one ever dreamed of the current consequences.

Here they are, in progress on our block--way out of scale with the rest of the neighborhood, just north of us and our single-story neighbor: **TWO HUGE 3-STORY DUPLEXES ON THE SAME DOUBLE LOT, FOUR BEDROOMS PER DUPLEX. 16 NEW BEDROOMS ON ONE QUIET RESIDENTIAL BLOCK** in this quiet, traditionally residential community. The most polite description we have heard our close Tybee neighbors utter is "Monstrosities."

Those concerned with infrastructure can predict the impact on the island's resources if this type of R-2 development continues unabated--on roads, water, sewage, and so on. Not to mention the impact on quality of life--important to many--in one of Tybee's historic neighborhoods, the Back River district.

Our long-time Back River friends and fellow primary residents who have spoken to us, **REGARDLESS OF THEIR VIEWS ON PROPERTY RIGHTS**, are as appalled as we are by the new development on Fifth Avenue.

Thank you for providing an opportunity to address the issue of infrastructure as it impacts us and our close Tybee neighbors.

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... limiting number of people and cars in rental properties... limiting number of real estate agents (just kidding)...limiting duplexes...redirecting truck traffic...recycle truck is cracking our street where 2 people recycle...STOP variances...they are there for a reason (unless medical need)...limit cars on island ...stop holding huge events

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Improving the sidewalks and curb cuts. They are a challenge for any pedestrian, and as I am visually handicapped, I take my life in my hands just trying to walk from 4th Street to Tybrisa. Although I have seen some great improvements over the last few years, they are still very uneven and curb cuts are unpredictable. Property owners also need to be required to trim back shrubs and trees that grow over the sidewalk, posing additional hazards.

Bike lanes on Butler would also be a huge improvement. There are great bike paths out by Pulaski, and biking some of Tybee's back roads is fine, but it is dangerous on the main roads. Bike lanes would be another way to cut down on car traffic and parking issues. How about returning Butler to one traffic lane in each direction, add a bike lane, and return the trees to the center strip? This would do a great deal to slow down the speeders and restore the beauty of the island.

As for trash pick-up, I don't understand the regulation that makes it cheaper to use two dozen small trash containers instead of a couple of large ones. This makes the pick-up a very slow and noisy project. I am happy to see recycling bins on the beach, but wish they were also mandatory everywhere trash is picked up.

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Fix and ramp all sidewalks; renovate the public restrooms and staff them much as is done for the interstate rest stops, particularly during the summer months; **ENFORCE** the litter laws.

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Island infrastructure costs should be paid for by those who use them, and that includes residents, as well as visitors. In addition, to offset infrastructure cost, I propose the City charge higher impact fees on new development. Also--because Tybee Island gets used hard by visitors, I think that a toll booth that charges a fee to all visitors will offset additional stress directly related to their use.

Tybee could have a policy to start turning cars away when the amount of cars coming onto the island exceeds the total amount of available parking spaces. This could help reduce stress to island infrastructure and island residents, too.

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Public bathrooms need cleaning more than once daily. I can see a change for the better on litter on the beach which must mean fines or warnings are being issued. I think the only element of quality of water at the beach we can really control is the amount of litter, particularly plastic, that goes into the water (and comes back). As the container/ship traffic and population along the Savannah River increases it is most important to maintain a presence with the legislatures to make sure the residual isn't drifting (downstream) to Tybee. If this is not controlled, it won't do us much good to have a sandy beach as no one will want to be on it or in the water!

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Limiting population...If we continue to let developers build whatever they want, we will over tax the infrastructure, and decrease property value, and quality of life at the same time.

Tybee Island can only support so much population. This may sound simple, but I grew up on an Island and it's not like Metro Atlanta, you cannot just keep going further out to build. Where I grew up one family home became two family homes. Families with one car became two families with 6 cars and no-where to park. Sewer, garbage collection, city services etc were all stretched well beyond what the original uses were planned for, and property taxes soared. It got to the point it was not the same place it was, and at 25 years old my wife and I realized we would end up living in someone's basement if we stayed. So we left and came to Georgia.

Tybee's future depends on what we do now. I realize I may sound like a hypocrite, as I do not live on Tybee full time yet. But our goal is to retire to our place on Tybee. My fear is that by the time we are able to move to Tybee it will have become just like my hometown. That is, a beautiful friendly place that got way over crowded and infrastructure started to crumble.

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1. Determining the sustainable level of our infrastructure and capping new growth thru a growth management plan.
  2. Finding new ways to produce energy and developing a plan for tidal, wind and/or solar energy production and ultimately getting off the grid.
  3. Encouraging conservation of our water thru ordinances, pricing, etc.
- Investigating new technology to make our sewage plant state of the art.

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1. Make sure that the city budget allows for adequate upkeep and regularly scheduled maintenance of our roads, parks, public spaces, water and sewer facilities, etc.
2. Look for alternative energy sources, such as solar power, wind power, reasonable desalination options, for reduction in costs and lower dependence on foreign oil and the electric grid.
3. Have reasonable recycling incentives for big users of recyclables: ie, bars, restaurants, public facilities, and increase ways for the city to use recycled materials in their daily business.
4. Increase garbage containers on the beach and along busy streets in commercial areas as well as have extra people on duty during the heaviest use periods to collect the trash frequently.
5. All septic systems should be discontinued with those properties connected to city sewer line as soon as possible.
6. All automatic lawn sprinkler systems should have a rain gauge installed to prevent watering during or following heavy rains. This to conserve water usage.
7. As sidewalks are added to street sides without them, try to widen them to become multi-use paths along one side of the street, to accommodate bikes, walkers, etc. Current sidewalks should have ADA required curb cuts with textured slopes, at right-angles to street (even with crosswalks, not angled).
8. Street signs should be easy to read, especially at night, for visitors, residents, and public safety vehicles.
9. All street lighting should be turtle-friendly (if it isn't already). Billboard lighting should shine downward, not skyward.
10. Gravel roads should be filled and leveled on regular basis. Where new construction cuts the roads for sewer connections, etc. or repairs are needed the road surface should be replaced evenly and according to a code that would ensure that it didn't become a hazard. This expense to be completed by the builder of the property.

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Question 3: We need to determine present square footage of police station buildings to balance against chief's demand for between 12-25,000 square feet in the new building which won't be built until after he retires. His input is important but he's not the boss.

Question 2: Must enforce low density housing as required in master plan.

Question 1:

4. We don't know about future availability of water supply.

- 7. Need to complete rest of sewer replacements.
- 8. Get all septic replaced with main sewer system.
- 9. Need to find and install effective treatment system for storm water runoff.
- 10. Need for many additional sidewalks, with curb and gutter.
- 11. Need many more curb cuts at right angles to intersections, and ramps to be ribbed or textured.
- 12. Need to fill in potholes, and sewer hook up trenches.
- 13. Signs for streets need to be more visible.
- 16. We have good service for waste collection for our homes, but need better system for the beaches.

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We need to charge the people who do not live full time on Tybee for the extra cost for maintaining the increased capacity for the sewer and water needed during the summer. We pay for usage... I believe there should be a increase in the minimum charge for water and sewer so during the off period so they still pay their share

Last week I counted 18 Tybee Island police cars at the court house. Why does an island about 2 miles wide and 6 miles long need 18 police cars? Answer non residents. Let's let the people the people who rent out condos, homes, motels etc. pay for the extra cost.

If we want to help the old time residents, we increased the minimum amount charged for water and sewer for all the vacant units in the off season and use these fund help our older year round residents with their water bill

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...determining the upper limits of development that the island can withstand, implement a Master Plan that imposes those limits and ordinances that ensure their fair, consistent and total enforcement.

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I believe that growth should be limited till our infrastructure can be improved. Developments of 20, 30 or even 40 unit structures will tax the system between them and the water treatment plant. I am not sure if it will also impede flow for all the homes in-between them and the plant as well.

If Tybee has density issues, then they sure have a funny way of showing it.

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...by having an open dialogue with the city leaders

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...limiting construction

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...doing what should have been done in 1992 and worked on our sewers, drainage systems and septic tanks in a timely manner, instead of making repairs when a system breaks down.

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The Thomas and Hutton engineering study done in 1992, for the city of Tybee, concerning infrastructure, public services, parks and rec, etc. laid out a budget and schedule for improving areas studied, over a 20 year period. If this plan had been implemented in 1993, the city of Tybee's problem areas pointed out in the study, would have had 14 years of being addressed, resulting in Tybee's infrastructure being considerably more up to date in all areas studied. Instead, 14 years, has seen a piece meal implementation of recommendations made by Thomas and Hutton, a water tower here, a water pipe replacement there, a sewage pipe installment there, a sewage plant update, all done when required by a system which was failing (don't fix it until it breaks), or mandated by the threat of not receiving state permits (sewage out flow permit to the savannah river).

I don't know why the city used this approach, and they would never admit that !

The Thomas and Hutton recommendations were the basis for the repairs they have done in the past 5 years. I do know the city of Tybee needs to use a more professional approach in addressing infrastructure problem areas, of which there are numerous problems areas left, from the 1992 study. Think of the cost saving which would have resulted for Tybee tax payers, had the improvements been implemented since 1993, instead of being handled on a as need basis, most since the year 2002, on a crisis basis?

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--limiting future construction of multi-family dwellings (apts., condos, townhouses)

--widening Hwy 80 from Talahi Island to lighthouse (traffic jams cause much pollution and make exiting the Island for emergencies very difficult)

--establishing & publicizing existence of recycling center(s) (I am not aware of places to recycle other than on Wilmington Island)

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Improving our water quality. The sulfur smell is uninviting to wash in, bathe in, or drink unfiltered.

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Not increasing density of development. Maintain adequate setbacks between structures. Regulate the amount of greenspace per house/development. Invest in purchase of public greenspace

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Making "green thought" the beginning and the end of any building discussions. Enforcing what we have on the books and adding stronger covenants and really strong consequences for builders and developers, and yes, homeowners who violate the building codes. Charge really high fees for adding on to services and give credits for any and all conservation additions/efforts (like solar, fake grass, etc)

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Continually working to improve it; fixing things that go wrong in a timely manner; and always remember that we want Tybee to be a desirable place to live and visit for many years to come. Use vision rather than a quick fix.

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**STOP BUILDING MORE AND MORE HOUSES/CONDOS ONLY USED FOR RENTALS.**

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- 1- Plan for the future
- 2- Identify the problems
- 3- Establish those requirements and go forward with the support of as many of Tybee residents as possible.

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... preparing a Comprehensive Plan that ties land use goals and development forecasts to infrastructure plans. Future demands should be quantified by 5-year increments at least 30 years into the future. This would include not just population and dwelling units, but actual forecasts of water consumption, wastewater treatment, traffic counts, and recreational demands. The plan should be updated at least every 5 years. Planned capital investments into the infrastructure should be documented in a long-term capital improvement program that identifies each project well into the future. As time moves forward and things change, the plans are modified accordingly. Such an organized way of planning growth will make financing options easier, including the notion that new developments should bear a burden of infrastructure expansion.

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Repairing streets, sidewalks and curbs. Limit number of day visitors to the number of parking spaces available. This would also cut down on cruisers. Why can't we have a toll booth on the causeway and when parking and facilities are full...cut off access to the island unless you are a resident, visiting a resident, or renting a property on the island that has it's own parking, etc. The island is too small to allow uncontrolled access. On busy weekends traffic has become a hazard to residents.

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Redirecting the storm water run off so that it does not empty into marsh and river.  
Tight controls on setbacks.  
Protecting and increasing greenspace.

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...stopping the building and trying to concentrate on the greening of Tybee and I don't mean money in the developers pockets.

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Limit development. Place a moratorium on all development until a land use plan can be put into place. Tybee only had so much land available and I don't think every inch of land has to have something on it. From personal experience I can say that developers ( for the most part) come in and build to fit their financial needs, sell, and move on. They don't have roots in the community. As far as the water goes, I do not drink Tybee water. The water smells bad and tastes bad. I bring my own water with me. Tybee may need a huge face lift from A to Z. One more thing, I would really like to see the green spaces at Tybee preserved and beautified. Maybe some of the tourist dollars could be used for this. Something to pass on, there is a huge movement in Austin Texas to preserve the local flavor of Austin. The slogan is "Keep Austin Weird". They support local shops , merchants and preservation. Maybe Tybee folks can take a note from Austin. Keep Tybee.....!  
.....Tybee?

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Quit studying to death the infrastructure and start doing the right thing by doing things right to correct the unacceptable status of our infrastructure. People take the attitude that if: "If I can't see it, it doesn't bother me." We need individuals on council who realize and are willing to authorize and appropriate the funding needed to make Tybee's infrastructure 100% operational. Go back 11 years and see how much money we have given to the study of the infrastructure and the results thereby (ratio of money spent for studies as to the quantity of service provided to correct the inequities in the system) and compare it with the years 1994-1995. Recycling should be mandatory. Street ID needs updating by approved by council. There are named streets that have never been approved by council and

entered into the council meeting books. This also is true in sub-divisions. Police and fire departments need updated street maps. And, while we are at it, insure that the houses - and the few remaining vacant lots - are correctly numbered; entered on an official street map; and the owners required to place the house numbers so each can be seen from the nearest street. Numbers should have reflectors on them for night identification. Could go on ... infrastructure should be all inclusive in new master plan ... if ever written, reviewed by Tybee residents, presented to residents and published.

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Limiting the number of new structures and the number of families per structure. It breaks my heart to see what's become of the lovely island I moved to 23 years ago. Memorial Park is over-crowded to the point where I can't imagine even discussing putting one more thing in there. The alleged "Dog Park" is a joke. No shade, one rickety bench to sit on, one feeble water fountain and a surface that is hard to walk on. JC Park is only marginally better. The trail around it is treacherous. The ponds/canals are sluggish with trash. Stations with plastic bags and more trash cans might remind people to pick up after their dogs. A place is still needed on the beach for dogs to be able to run and swim. I could go on, but what's the point. Money talks and our island is paying the price.

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Using our tax dollars to correct problems and to start a contingency fund to help with future problems. Establish a rotating program to update systems. Become proactive not reactive.

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limiting future growth thru restricting multi dwelling buildings, expanding setbacks and lot size requirements

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First let me say that most of the public that fills this form out has no clue what the term infrastructure means.

i applaud your effort to educate them but doubt their is much you can do for them. the city is not much better. City hall makes politically correct decisions which has very little to do with common sense or educated decisions .

Tybee is in the process of " subbing" the operation of the water sewer dept out to OMI. BIG MISTAKE. They cant find anyone who can " Run it their way" Well ...no a licensed operator is gonna run it the correct way.

The City has just spent millions on "Upgrading" the sewer plant and it needs to be done again?....HGB&D has engineered a plant that is hi-tech and with out " hi tech" maintenance the instruments lie and the operator flies the plane into the ground.

I doubt the folks from OMI can run it any better unless they address this issue. I interviewed for this position a year ago but was not chosen ( i either didn't interview very well ( its been 22 years )or because of my long time residence and kin to much of the island, was not considered for fear of political conflict. ) (( remember Diane vs Frankie))

Items 4,5,7,&8 i doubt anyone on your staff are qualified to answer. I have worked in the water/sewer bureau with the city of savannah for 22 years and hold a ga class 1 license in water and I DONT FEEL QUALIFIED to answer them. If you think your water is expensive now..... Tie into the city of Savannah's system or look at "R.O.".....NOW THAT'S EXPENSIVE!

Good luck. thanks for trying.

Remember this: Nothing beats a failure but a TRY !

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Clearly stating how we want the community to grow and look, 5- 10- 20 years down the road. We must take a stand and then stick to it. Draw up the desired and agreed upon goals. Create artistic renderings of how we want the town to look and put this out for all to see.

When something comes up that interferes with this vision we will have strong visual as well as verbal guides to refer to.

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Many things. Have a planned infrastructure maintenance program. Improve sidewalks, curb cuts and road surfaces so that they are safer for walking, bicycling and other non car uses. Provide water and sewer to all parts of the island, even the non-incorporated parts. This could be done by incorporation (I live in the unincorporated part and would be willing for this to happen) or special district taxation. Then outlaw septic tanks on the island. Public areas should be kept clean and tidy as they represent the pride of the island.

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I feel each of us needs to think about what we say before we unintentionally spread unnecessary gloom and doom, ultimately pitting neighbor against neighbor. I was upset to hear reporters on the Weather Channel saying that Tybee is definitely going to be washed away soon due to the changing weather patterns in spite of our doing anything regarding erosion,etc. Then, we hear those that call themselves the "old-timers" standing by the concept that year-in and year-out, nature balances herself and Tybee will remain. Both of these comments have some truth in the, but my point is that we have to try harder to reach a MIDDLE GROUND/CONSENSUS that is workable for the majority. I do not pretend to have ANY answers. Tybee has been our second home for almost 12 years and the only thing I have come to realize is that as a coastal town, the problems are

constantly changing, which creates the near-impossibility of finding solutions. One crisis yields to another before the current one has been solved and like most politics, it is personal. For example, the fact that what bothers me most, idiotic campers who: 1) dump waste on the road in front of my house as they leave, 2) block the road itself by double parking in the street, 3) filling up my trashcan paid for by MY tax dollars, 4) trespassing in my yard and letting their unleashed dogs poop; all of these things probably never occur to other residents from other parts of the island. Likewise, I am sure that many of their problems NEVER occur to us. Therefore, we have to come to an agreement that EVERYONE probably has valid complaints and that we have to try to support each other to achieve the improved big picture, rather than think that our individual woes are worse than those of everyone else. Again, I have no solution/suggestion other than to remain "neighborly" and stick together when we can. Economic development unfortunately depends on change in the form of new construction, but surely we can institute some fair restrictions which also do not violate the rights of the property owner, along the lines of the very common sense restrictions on building heights introduced years ago. Case by case hearings should also provide the basis for controlling improper growth, if citizens are willing to attend and NO SECRET MEETINGS are called by the powers that be providing proper transparency for the public at large. Anyway, sorry I lack the wisdom of Franklin or a Solomon (King Solomon, that is...). My only credentials are the fact that I love Tybee and its atmosphere. I do have to admit, however, that if some special interest group wants to court my support by promising to patrol the campground, I am willing to be swayed! Seriously, though, let's try to stand together. Thanks.

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Reduce the number of trash collections for residential property to once a week with an associated reduction in the cost of the service. Those, such as business, could request additional pickup and the additional cost for that extra service. It is not necessary for the majority of the property owners who do not require twice a week pickup and ends up subsidizing business and rental property owners. It could be a little help for the high tax burden we have to pay on Tybee.

Comment on question 2. This statement needs to be revised so it will make sense in plain English so even a cave man can understand the point being put forth. By the way we don't need any more growth on Tybee.

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Ensuring Adequate water and sewer supply to a build out of the island number.

Improve old pipes and water system to improve leaks and other waste of water.

Improve the storm water system to keep from running polluted water into the marsh.

Have a sign design theme and bigger signs for older eyes. Mark the street names on the poles on the beach so visitors have an idea where they are. Improve signs for parking and island attractions.

Build bike path.

Build new public rest rooms that can be kept clean.

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Repair the sidewalks/curb cuts; pave/repave some streets

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I know that this is being addressed, but the public restrooms have been a really weak point for Tybee. I've actually gone home rather than use the North Beach facilities at some times. I'm not the kind of person who would use the North Beach Grill's facilities without making a purchase, although I'm sure that this happens frequently.

Although I can see the advantage of our new parking system, I think that North Beach has lost a lot of potential parking spaces due to the new system. The old "free-for-all" system was bad, but we squeezed more cars in (probably had more fights, also). I know that paving is bad, but the parking lot there could possibly get a permeable surface facelift and a tighter parking pattern. The lot has already been sold out on a weekend morning and it's not even June.

The following are comments to questions 1 and 2.

Although I have to agree with the statement, as written, in question 2, I do object to the wording. Has anyone really suggested "unlimited future population growth and unregulated use of land on Tybee"?

Are businesses on Tybee, especially bars and restaurants, given any incentive to recycle? I would think that WM would make enough to offer some incentives to offset the hassle of recycling for some businesses.

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Correcting and improving the quality of the infrastructure. For example the street we live on T.S. Chu Terrace has a terrible standing water issue when it rains. Rain water gets as high as 12 inches, causing cars to by pass the street. my problem is that its in front of my driveway, preventing my entrance or exit. It does go down usually within 4 hours of the stop of the rain. However drainage on TS CHU Terrace is non existent. I would consider this an opportune place to start repairing the infrastructure. If streets do not drain, any real bad whether can lead to many people being stuck due to flooded streets.

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Large condo developments use more water and tax the system greater than smaller owner owned developments....My neighbors the \*\*\* and \*\*\* were denied after several attempts to create a small very efficient town home style condo unit, but were denied because of density issues. If the island has density issues, then why are we building these large condo buildings?? How much water does a 40 unit building use versus a 8 unit???

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Stop the insane building EVERYWHERE. There does not need to be a new condo or new house on EVERY vacant lot or treed area. I thought Tybee was about land protection, not payola, when it comes to new housing. I see violations EVERY day in building. What happened to protected lands?? What happened to a new park and bathrooms?? Tybee needs to be protected and not over built. Try selling some of the 300+ houses on Tybee first, and then (MAYBE) allow new building. WAY too many variances. Small property should = small house.

Also, we need to refurbish our beach. It's eroded beyond what it should be and it's damaging the water quality.

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Make sure that the city staff can adequately support (maintain, clean, update, etc.) the city properties to include parks, streets, beach, buildings, downtown-commercial area. City has increased the number of properties without taking care of what is already in existence, i.e. tennis courts, beach crosswalks maintenance and cleanliness, cleanliness of bathrooms all over island.

It is often an embarrassment at the lack of maintenance in public areas - maybe a citizen based task force could be brought together to do a continuous check of city maintained areas. Downtown area - Tybrisa Street - is often filthy, especially after weekend activities. Street should be swept, sidewalks cleaned (swept and washed) and trash should be quickly removed as it is smelly and quite an eyesore. City should ensure safety in our streets - providing adequate cross walks on Butler Avenue and Jones Avenue. Sidewalks should be ADA accessible also.

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Improving sidewalks and bike lanes to cut down on vehicle traffic. As a vision impaired person I find current conditions extremely treacherous - never know where there will be branches over walks, uneven sidewalks, no curb cut, etc. Biking also requires one to take one's life in one's hands. With fewer vehicles we would have less traffic (with its noise and pollution), less need for parking, and less gas consumption.

Trash pickup: Why are businesses encouraged to use a large number of small trash barrels, rather than one or two large ones? This creates more mess, as well as a great deal of noise while all the little barrels are being emptied. It can't be a very efficient system! Also, why are businesses (motels, condo developments) not required to provide recycling bins?

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No more spending on things that do not benefit the citizens of Tybee. The campground purchase in my opinion was wasting money that could and should have been reserved for the upgrade of our water/sewer/drainage/fire and especially the streets. Jones Avenue is terrible to ride down. Some of the streets are going to have cave-ins because of the pipes eroding and cracking. The small portion of 10th Street from Miller to 5th Avenue was voted on and approved for paving many years ago and nothing has been done.

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Stop building and work with what is currently on the island now; even if you have to raze some of the newer buildings (or wait until there is a hurricane and they will be blown out past Savannah anyway).

I understand that people want to make money, but I don't agree that their money making should be at the expense of the island.

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Better conservation measures and better planning.

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a) limiting the number of multi-family structures and b) encouraging the renovation/maintenance of single family dwellings on the island, c) putting aside as much green space as possible, and d) promoting eco-tourism.

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