

Downtowners

November 13 Downtown Walk Report

Seventeen persons enjoyed at least part of the downtown walk Saturday November 13. We visited five open houses of downtown homes of persons who are a part of the group. Fifteen of us enjoyed lunch together at Aroma Broealis.

We had a brief discussion following lunch thinking about where we want to go next – what topics are of higher priority. There seems to be some interest in exploring possibility of developing one of the many beautiful downtown warehouses into retirement condos. Eugene Aleci could be a resource for ideas of how one would get started in such a venture. Do we look for a developer? Could a group be their own developer? I received an email from Paul Engleheart who suggests that there is an Eli(?) Stoltzfus around town who is a developer and owns some tobacco warehouses downtown.

I've also had some conversations with others who were not able to take the walk who have interest in the condo idea.

So this could be a possible next discussion topic.

Other random ideas included:

Developing a resource list of good plumbers, carpenters, electricians, general fixit persons etc. I'm thinking that this could happen by mailing list communication.

Nursing home without walls idea – I'm thinking this might come later if and/or when we would identify ourselves as a more specific downtown community subset.

More ideas/thoughts on intentional community.

Ideas of “cultural creatives” as the types of persons we want to be

Efforts to make group more intergenerational.

So – keep feeding me ideas, and I'll try to facilitate.

Rod