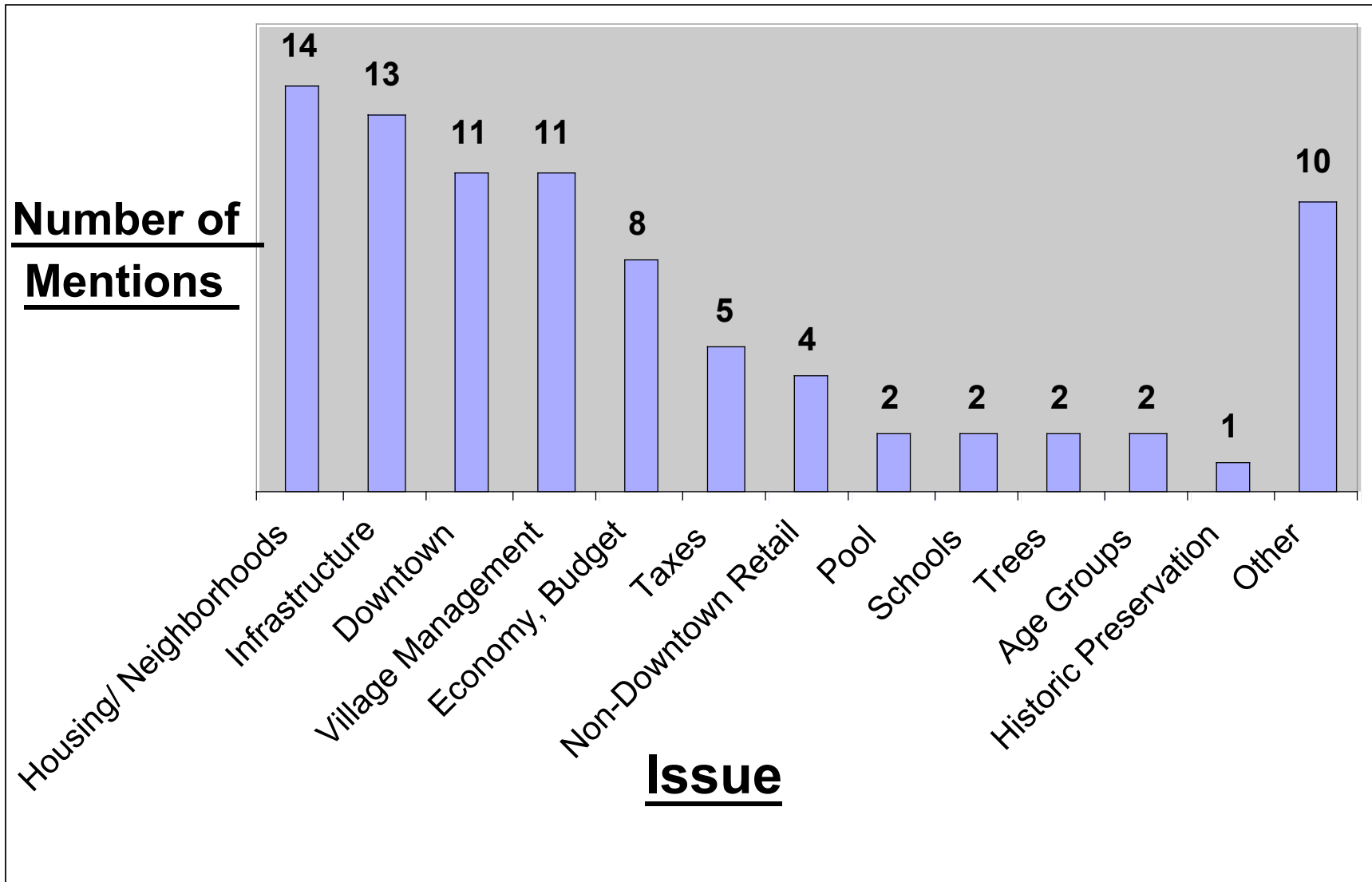


Citizen Summit, 2008 – Analysis of Major Concerns



Major Concerns Grouped by Category

PLEASE NOTE:

- Issues shown here are taken verbatim from the Citizen Summit 2008 transcript document.
- Asterisks and numeration appearing in some categories represent prioritization of issues assigned by a team. Not all teams explicitly prioritized their issues.

Housing/ Neighborhoods (14)

- * 2. Housing market
- 6. Affordable housing
- * 1. Village redevelopment (teardowns, preservation, etc.)
- 4. Losing diverse housing stock
- 5. Lack of affordable housing
- 3. Preserving and building healthy, vital diverse neighborhoods
- 4. Subsidizing speculative developers
- 8. Preservation of neighborhood character
- 4. Neighborhood identity
- 6. Affordable housing
- 7. Keeping DG diverse - housing stock
- 6. Preserving affordable homes
- 11. Preserving neighborhood character
- 7. Housing issues - maintain accessibility for working professionals/seniors

Infrastructure (13)

- 7. Quality of roads
- * 5. Dealing with underpass project
- * 3. How to pay for infrastructure projects?
- * 1. Infrastructure repair
- 5. Continue with sidewalk plan
- 11. Incomplete stalled infrastructure projects i.e. Brookbank Prairie
- 4. Stormwater overshadowing other capital needs
- 2. Street repair sidewalk matrix
- 3. Stormwater management
- 5. Stormwater related to development
- 6. Continue with emphasis on infrastructure
- 5. Sidewalks – finish matrix
- 4. Traffic grid lock

**Downtown
(11)**

- * 1. Lack of major retailer in Downtown
- 9. Loitering in Downtown and library - vagrancy
- 5. Diversity in retail (DT - grocery - pharmacy - diner)
- 6. Managing social services in Downtown
- 7. Downtown property owners - taxes forcing increases in rent (cost of doing business)
- 7. No grocery hardware store in DT
- * 2. Continue growth of Downtown
- 3. First floor tax producing (downtown)
- 5. Need grocery store downtown
- * 2. Sustaining a viable downtown
- 3. Density and congestion downtown

**Village Management
(11)**

- 8. Better intergovernmental communication
- * 1. Short of building inspectors/short staff
- * 2. Lack of master plan
- * 4. Village customer service needs improvement - code and PW
- 5. Reduced focus on customer service due to staff attrition
- * 1. Can we carefully manage capital projects so there's no waste
- 10. Tell employees not to satisfy FOIA requests by giving them a stock of correspondence to look through
- 9. The Village with H.R. taxation subsidizes those organizations that have tax caps and done in secret
- 13. More citizen involvement
- 8. Not having a Village Manager
- 12. Lack of rotation of public service volunteers (boards and commissions)

**Economy, Budget
(8)**

- 6. Lack of adequate economic development
 - * 1. Economy
- 3. *Balanced budget
- 4. *Economic development plan for entire Village
 - * 1. Where are we economically?
 - * 2. Economy
- 1. Budget issues, concerns
- 10. Work force

**Taxes
(5)**

- 5. Taxes. Taxes. Taxes
- 7. Taxes (all entities)
- 5. 8% sales tax rate -too high
- 3. Sales tax increase
- 2. Tax bill – R.E. tax increase

**Non-Downtown Retail
(4)**

- 6. 63rd St. shopping center dying if not dead - economic development
- 6. 63rd Street Community Corridor
 - 1. Ogden stalemate; Redevelopment of perimeter fringe: Fairview north of tracks forlorn, 75,63, Finley
 - 2. Retail occupancies

**Pool
(2)**

- * 3. Pool - not having public pool
- 6. Community pool needed

**Schools
(2)**

- * 3. Accountability of our education system
- 4. Schools remain strong

**Trees
(2)**

- 4. Invasion of harmful tree pests
- 9. Lack of private tree ordinance

**Age Groups
(2)**

- 11. Addressing needs of senior citizens
- 10. Engaging youth in community

**Historic Preservation
(1)**

- * 3. Historic preservation: In reality

**Other
(10)**

- * 2. Pumper at fire station 2
- * 2. Financial support for local vendors
- 7. Large commercial development in other towns - draining ours - competing with ours
- 8. Be ahead of curve and societal change and strategize for it
- 9. Feel more corporate coming in and retail leaving
- * 1. Need to attract larger chains -need to understand so we can compete
- 1. Influence of large business owners
- 6. Traffic noise – vehicular
- 8. Airplane traffic noise
- 10. House burglaries