

Byron Community Meeting #2: Guiding Principles

Saint Anne Church 2800 Camino Diablo, Byron, CA 94514 Tuesday, August 20th, 2019

The second community meeting for Byron residents as part of Envision Contra Costa 2040 took place on Tuesday, August 20th, 2019, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Saint Anne Church in Byron. The purpose of this workshop was to collect feedback on draft guiding principles, which articulate the values, priorities, and aspirations for the future of Byron shared by community members at the first community meeting. The guiding principles are organized into five categories: Community Character, Mobility, Housing, Recreation and Access to Nature, and Safety and Resiliency. In addition, participants were asked to share ideas for potential policies, actions, and other strategies that support those guiding principles.

County staff and consultants facilitated the workshop and 17 residents attended and participated. After a presentation about the Envision Contra Costa 2040 process, community members worked in three small groups and discussed guiding principles, policies, actions, and other strategies specific to Byron. Input and ideas are summarized below. Detailed notes from the small group discussions, as well as a comment card submitted at the workshop, are attached to this summary.

Community Character

- Re-establish Byron as a full-service independent community, in part by attracting small businesses that serve residents.
- Re-energize Byron's Downtown by planting trees and adding walkable retail to serve residents and agricultural tourism.
- Provide more flexibility in the Zoning Code to support development in the Downtown, including relaxing parking requirements (i.e., rely on on-street parking) and expanding the allowed uses (e.g., allow light manufacturing to support uses like breweries and bagel shops that produce and sell products).
- Work with Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID) to provide water service, thereby reducing dependence on wells.
- Expand the guiding principle regarding agricultural tourism to highlight the broad array of agricultural products and related tourism opportunities (e.g., fruit stands, test kitchens, and farm-totable restaurants), and support the re-use of Byron Hot Springs for events space and restaurants.
- Create a unique branding identity for Byron to support agricultural tourism.
- Do not restrict the raising/keeping of animals on property, which is important to Byron's character.
- Facilitate creative growth appropriate to the small-town agricultural character of Byron.
- Coordinate economic development efforts among individuals and community groups to maximize their effectiveness.
- Improve transparency and communication about development proposals; require prospective developers to do more early in the process to inform residents about plans.
- Streamline and reduce fees for County permits, including temporary permits for street fairs and Urban Limit Line (ULL) issues.

Foster better coordination among County and other agencies to support Byron's economic development goals.

Mobility

- Improve bicycle and pedestrian access to destinations within Byron, like the park.
- Add sidewalks from Downtown Byron to St. Anne Church on the south side of Camino Diablo, and continue the existing sidewalk on the north side of Main Street to Holway Drive; include street trees that are maintained and irrigated by the County.
- Make Camino Diablo safer for pedestrians by traffic calming and providing shoulders, sidewalks, and pedestrian crossings.
- Consider an overpass at Camino Diablo and Vasco Road.
- Implement the Vasco Road/Byron Highway Connector project, which will divert traffic and congestion away from Downtown.
- Bring commuter service to Byron Airport.

Housing

- Housing growth should be slow, incremental, and supportive of economic development within Byron.
- Development and infill should be responsibly encouraged while maintaining Byron's rural character.
- Streamline accessory dwelling unit permits.

Recreation and Access to Nature

- Develop trails for regional and local commute corridors (e.g. proposed regional Brentwood to Clayton trail and trail access to Byron Hot Springs when redeveloped).
- Provide a dog park for Byron residents.
- Consider creative re-use of railroad land.
- Plan for land acquisition to develop community parks that are connected to each other and to other regional parks through a trail network.

Safety and Resiliency

- Address concerns about dam inundation by studying the expansion of Los Vaqueros Reservoir.
- Ensure utilities are resilient to natural hazards and can accommodate any new growth.
- Encourage CHP to increase presence given population growth and increased commuter traffic and speeds.



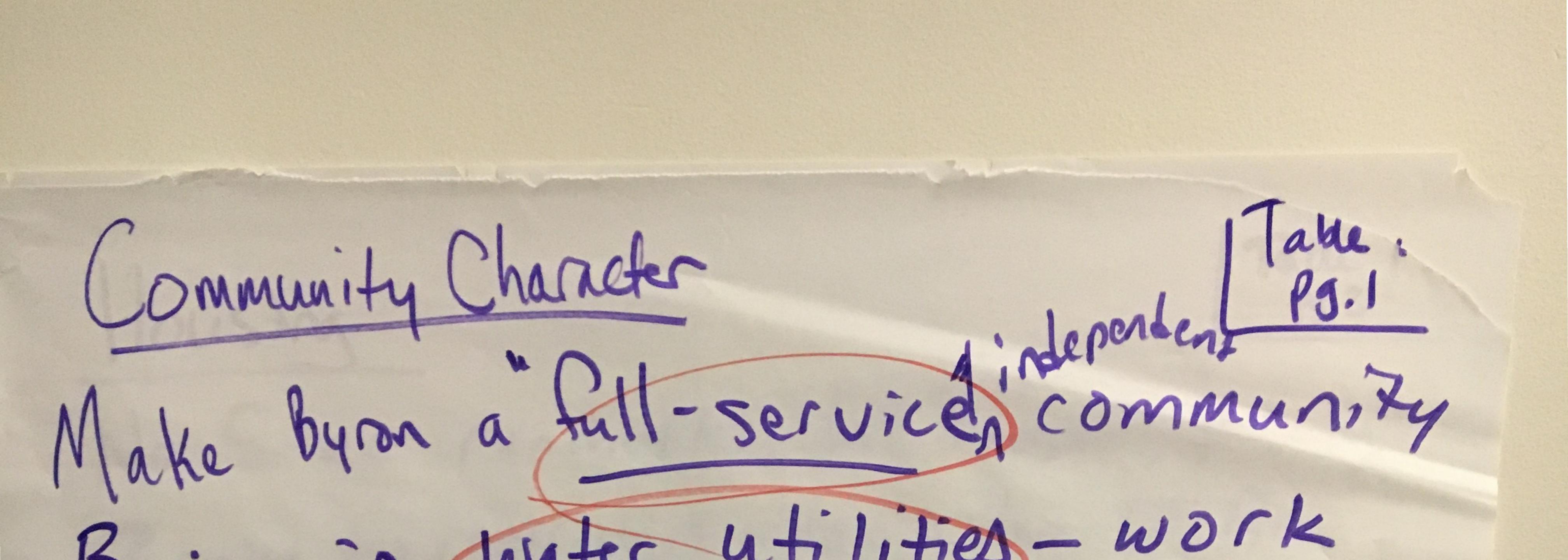
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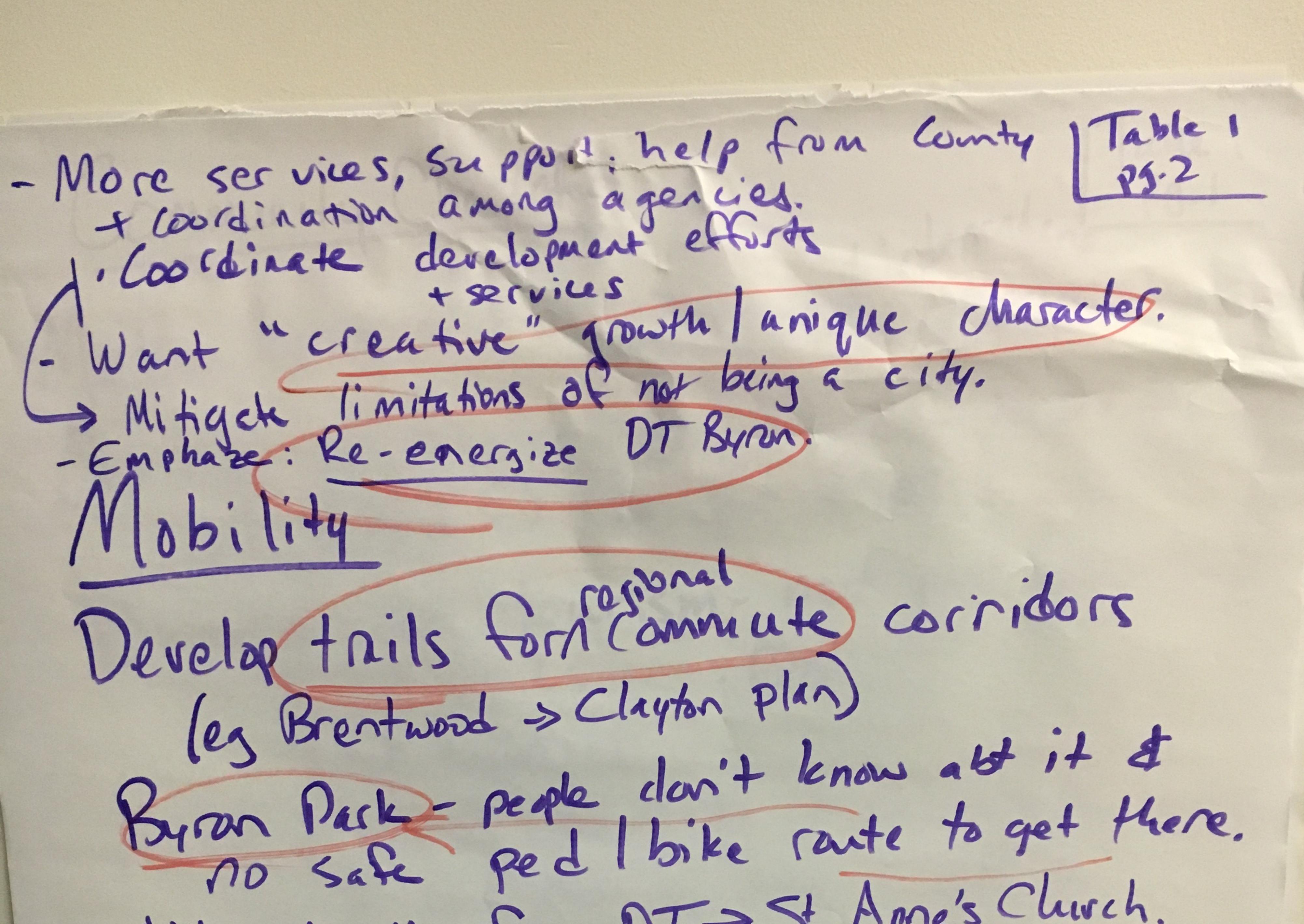
Please fill out this form if you have any comments about the General Plan, Zoning Code, and/or Climate Action Plan Updates. (*Name and contact information are optional*).

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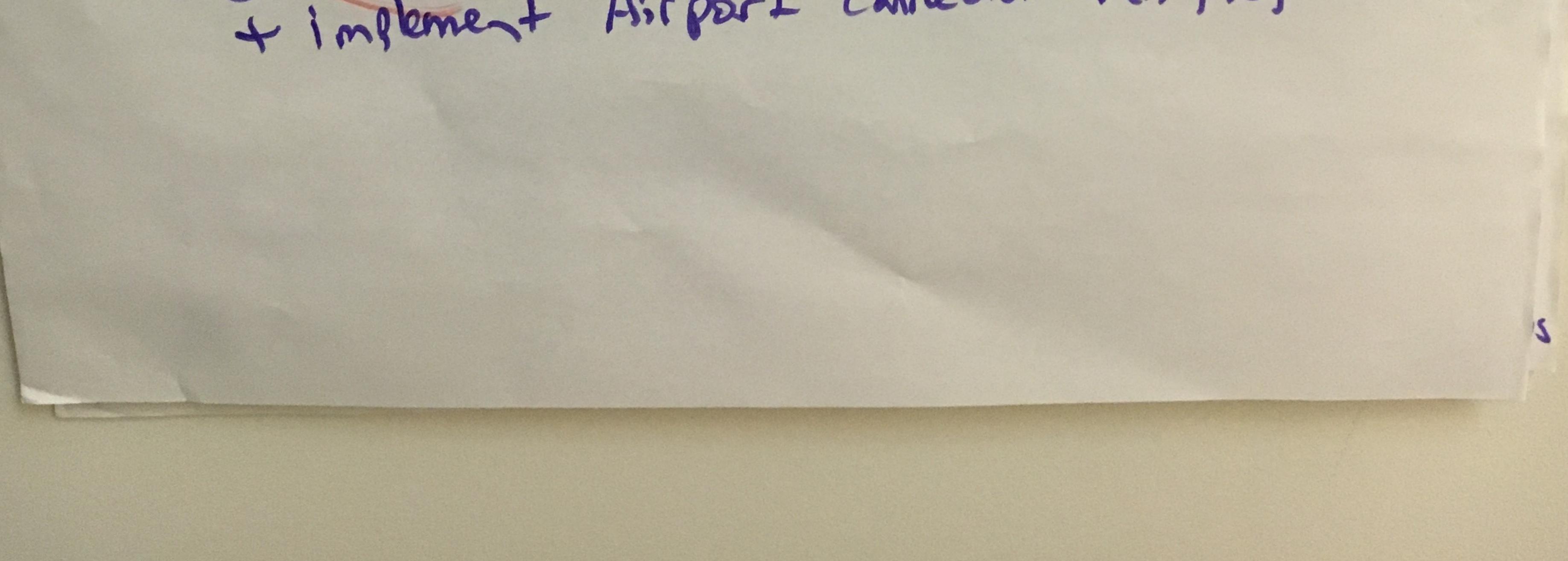
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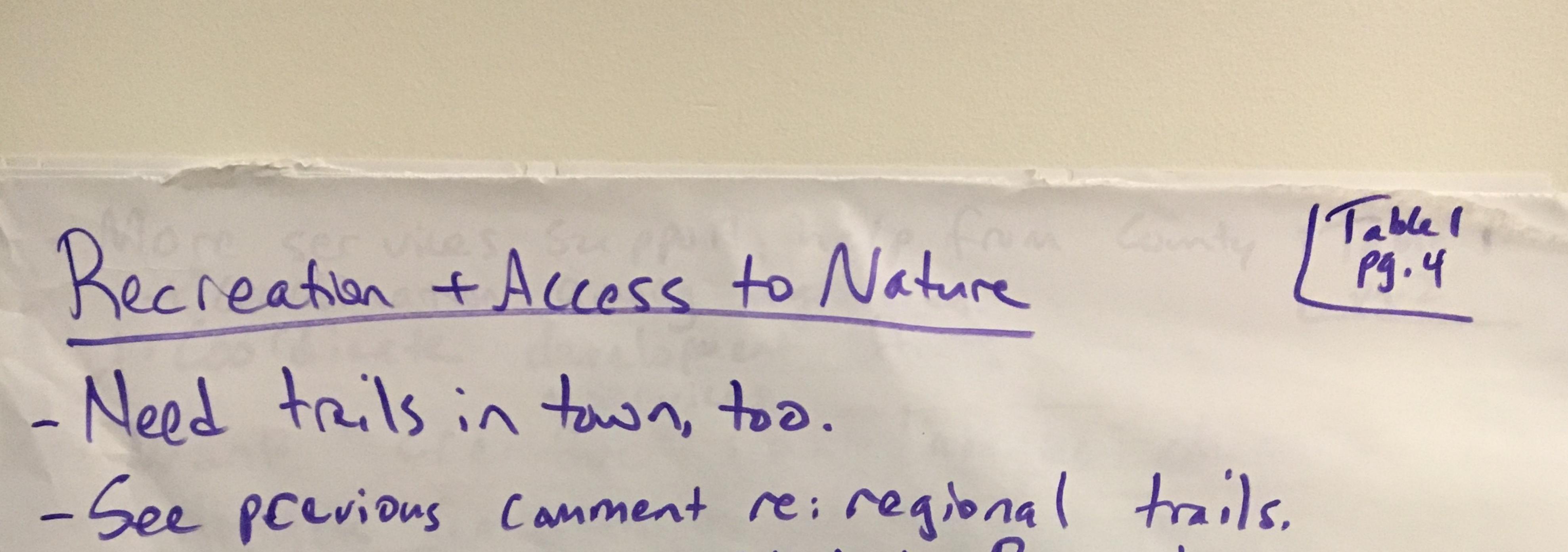


Bring in Water utilities - work wi BBID to do that. Expand ag tourism-not just wineries Fruit stands . Etz. . Test kitchens Need process to make it easier to get work wI the County & get pormits. - Temp. permits to hold street fair Marketing | branding for unique Byran identity to support toursm · Coordinate efforts So not Plant trees DT. More support from County. Including variances to deal w/ ULL l'mitations

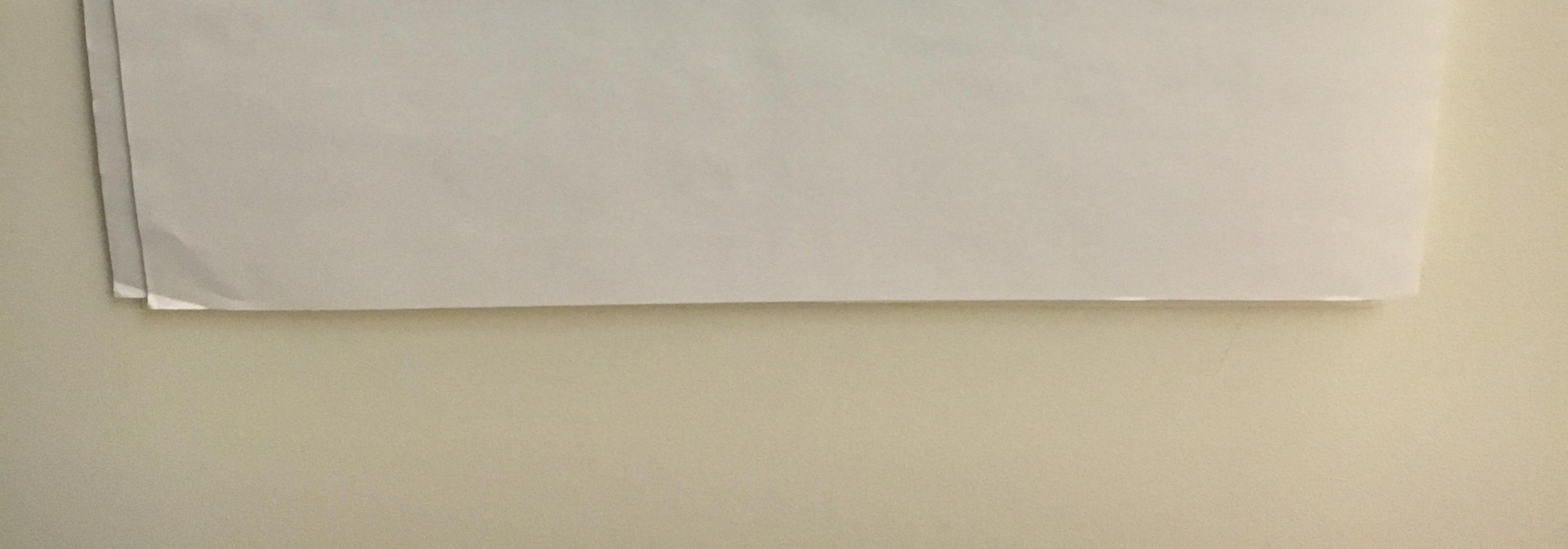


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- Byron Hot Springs could help Byron be a destination · Consider event space restaurants. · With that network walking tails around it. . Possibly thil to connect to Byran town. Safety & Resiliency Dan inundation concerns - Consider w/ expansion of Los Vaqueros. -Should give us 1/20 if expand Mard utilities * . Overpass @ Camino Diablo + Vasco Rd.



Community charact ER · creature re-use of hot springs · Consider creative alternatives to parking requirements to help small businesses re-inforce adequate circulation is met Before development is built oraising/keeping animals on property is amportant maintaining tural character-do not destrict MObility -unsafe to work on Cernino Digblo -bring roadways up to modern roadway Standords-should have shoulders updated safety features

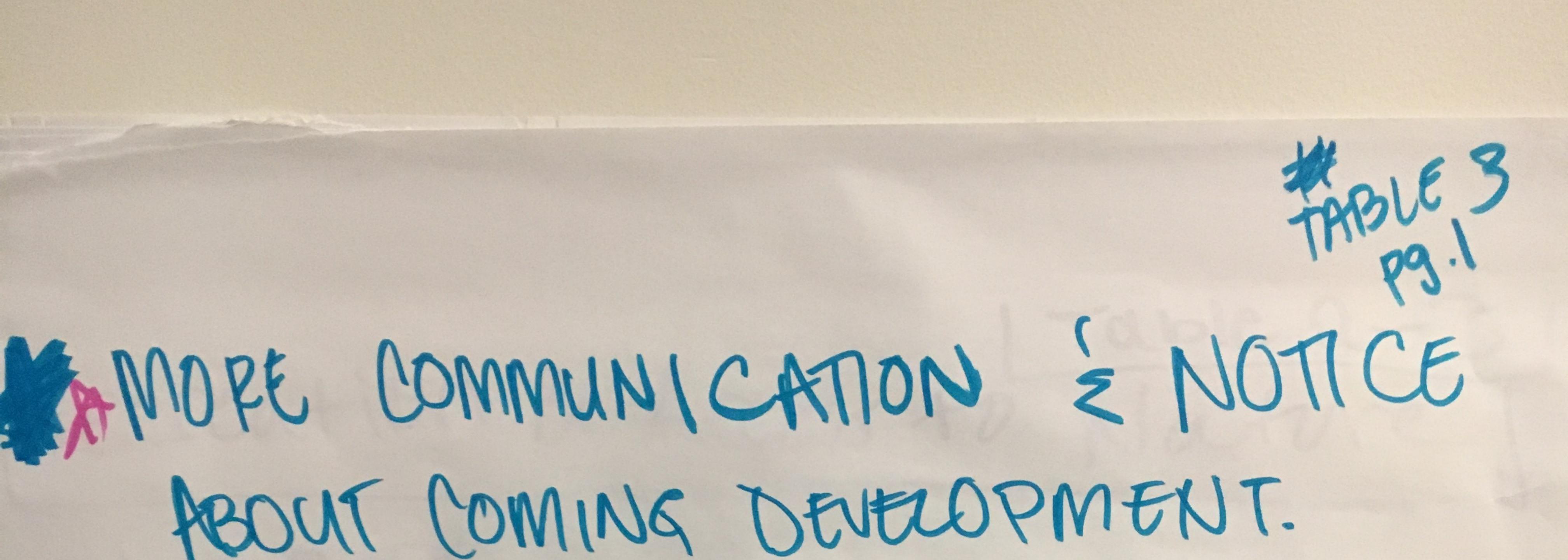
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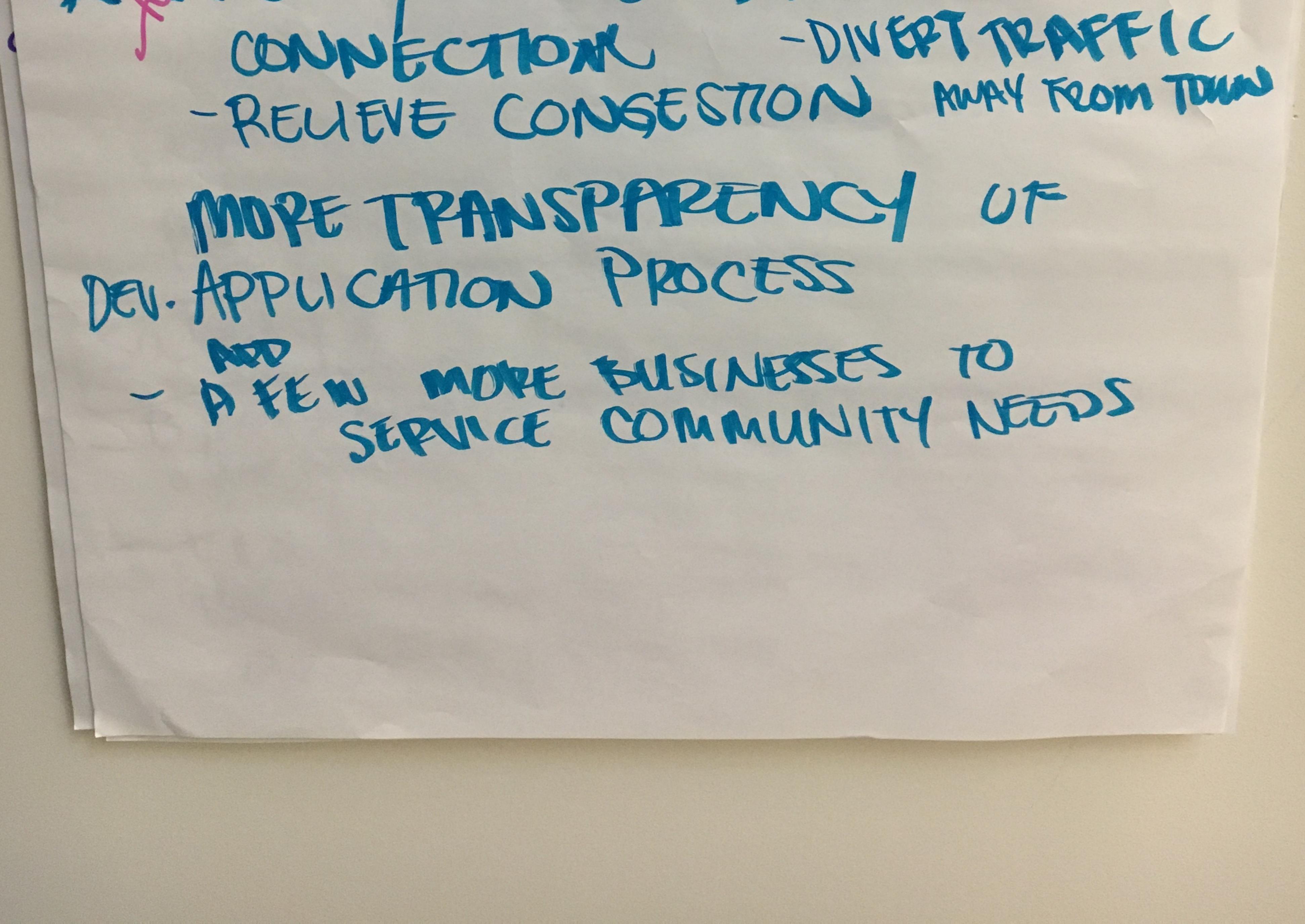
rate & amount of housing growth that is slow, few units @ a time, inconntal, to support econ. <u>development</u> in the community and bullet-redevelopment & development in Byron should be responsibly encouraged

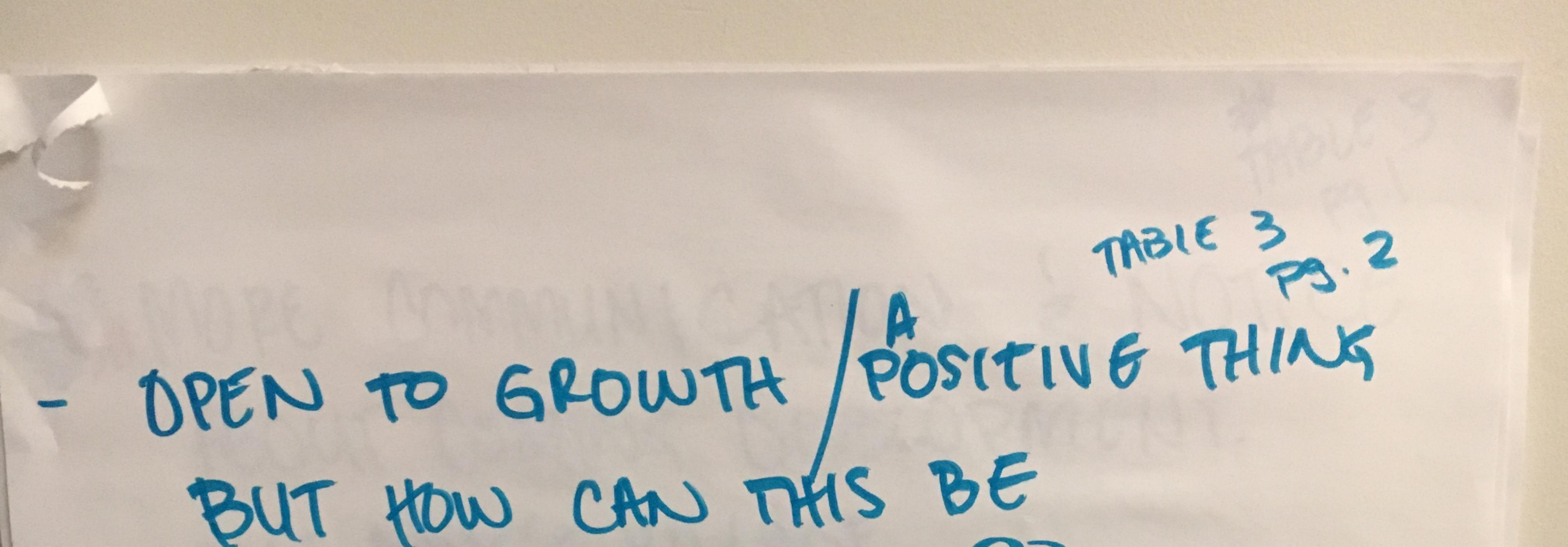
to the extent that it maintains rural character. E.g. allowing Accessory Units on property for family (incremental) Streamline these types of things

Table 2-3 Recreation & Access to Nature · Jog park «railroad land - con it be donated/ re-used for outdoor rec purposes? • plan for land acquisition establishing Community parks, emphasize Connectivity to & between existing. parks/trails - Byron doesn't have some public safety issues as other committies of higher population - traffic Safety is biggest safety issue-could be port of Mobility quiding principle



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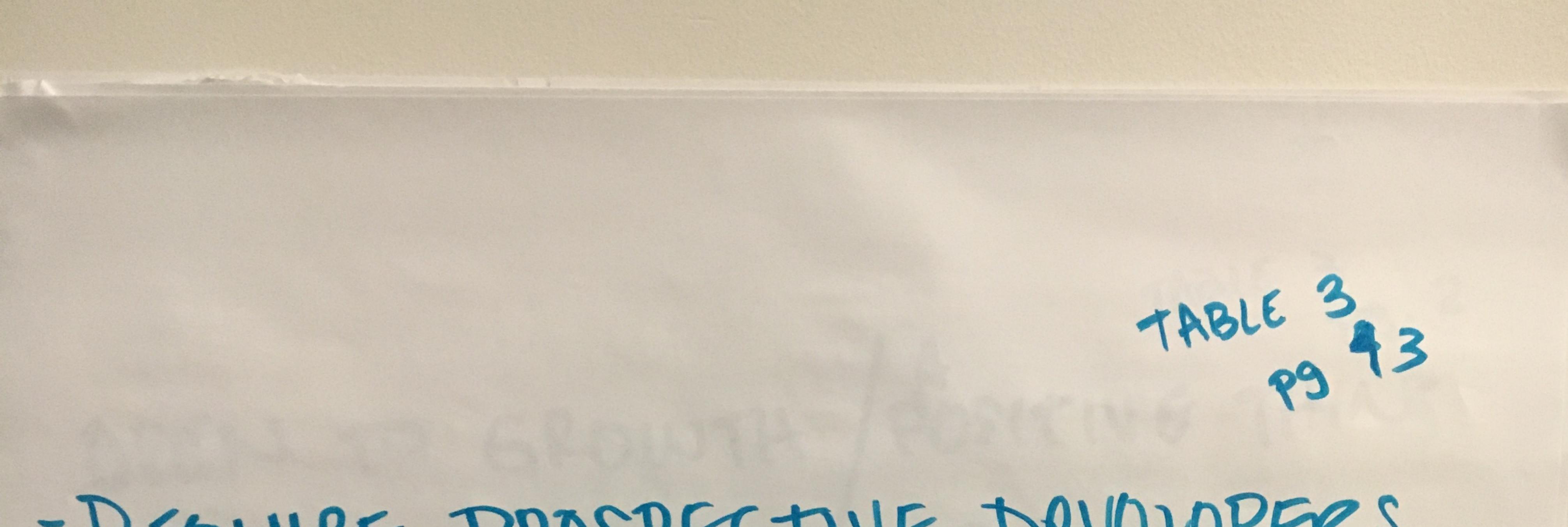


POSSIBLE IN BYPON ??

WELCOME GROWTH THAT IS TAILOPED TO SMALL TOUR COMMUNITY (NO BIG BOX STORES (WAL-MART ETC.)

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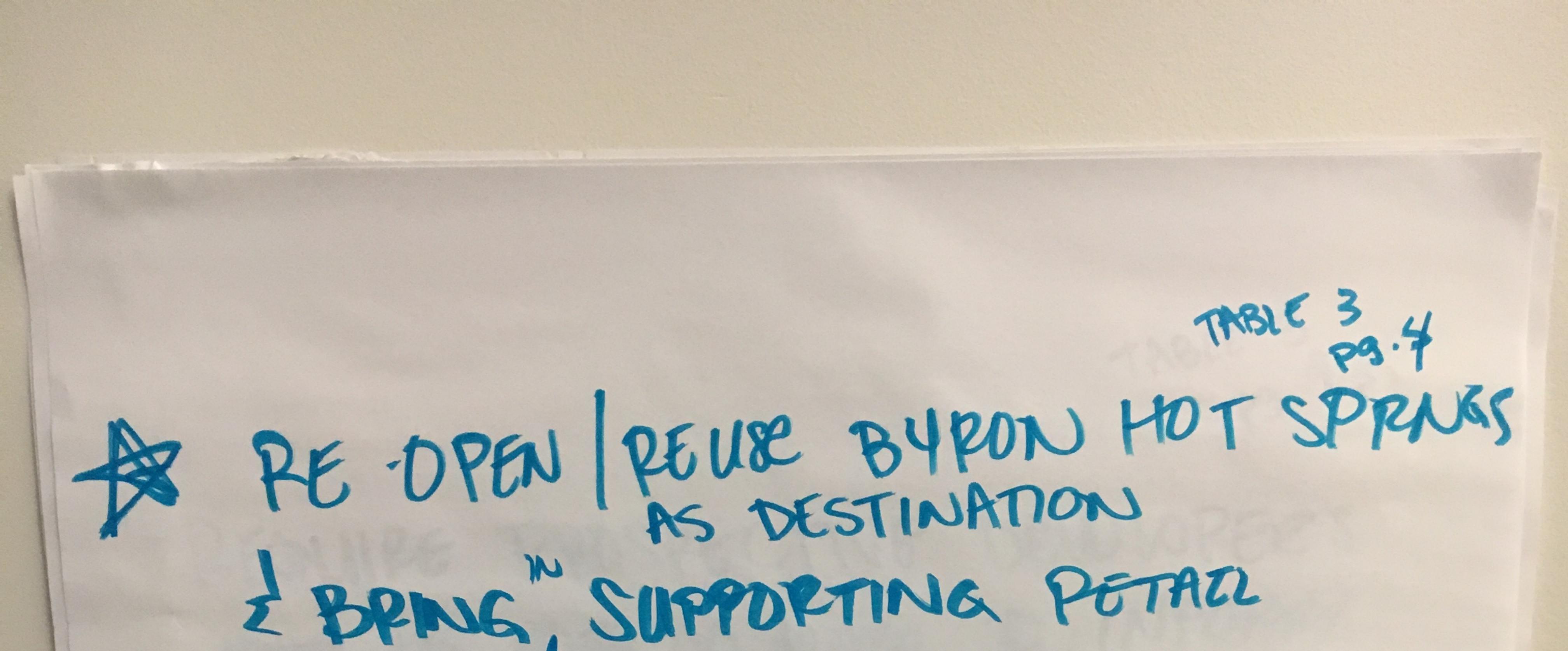
DEVELOPMENT & REEDING DA NEW DEVELOPMENT TO DAY FOR INCREASED SUCS NOTIFIC WHAT'S THE SOLUTION/COMPROMISE?



- PEGULIPE PROSPECTIVE DEVOLOPEES HATE TO INFORM DO MORE TO INFORM PESIDENTS OF POTENTIA / APPROVE PLANS - BETTER COMMUNITY OUTPEACH/ NOTIFICATION PEACH EARLY ON & MORE PEOPLE

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CURRENT ROAD CO QUALITY CURRENT ROAD CO QUALITY CANY HANDLE



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