

Healthy Places by Design Community Forum Summary

Summary for:	Date: October 12, 2011	Time: 6-8 pm	Location: Davisville Elementary School
---------------------	------------------------	--------------	--

COMMUNITY FORUM TITLE	Planning and Designing Mixed Use Centers
FACILITATOR	Donald Powers, Donald Powers Architchts
ATTENDEES	9 members of the community

AGENDA TOPICS

AGENDA TOPIC	
PRESENTATION	Donald Powers presented information on the topic of mixed use centers -- what they are, their positive impact on health and how some local projects used the concept. A link to his presentation will be available on the project website: http://northkingstown.org/healthy-places-design .
DISCUSSION	
	<p>Don discussed how Jamestown, RI, Smithfield, RI and _____ used mixed use planning concepts for their towns. For instance, connecting walk/bike/motorized travel access throughout an area, buildings with retail on the 1st floor, offices on the 2nd floor and residences on the 3rd floor, historic preservation ideas, and more.</p> <p>Don explained how some zoning ordinances require different land use types to be separate from each other. This can mean that a retail area may be separated from a residential area, preventing residents without a means for getting to retail without having to get in their cars. If the different uses are mixed, it can be easier to connect retail and residential – if desired.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">•</p>
DISCUSSION	After Don’s presentation, the floor was opened for conversation. Most of the comments were focused on how builders often have their hands tied because town’s require them to build in a particular manner through their zoning and ordinances.

more. A link to Peter's presentation will be available on the project website:
<http://www.northkingstown.org/healthy-places-design>.

For more information about workshop dates, forums, or other ways you can become involved in the project, please contact Denise Kaplin, Healthy Places by Design YMCA Consultant, at dkaplin@gpymca.org. (401-295-6501) or Doug McLean, Town of North Kingstown, at dmclean@northkingstown.org. (401-294-3331).

The mission of the Healthy Places by Design Project is to strengthen land use, transportation and urban design policies and ordinances that guide the decision making process for the built environment to be more supportive of health, particularly as it relates to physical activity and healthy eating.