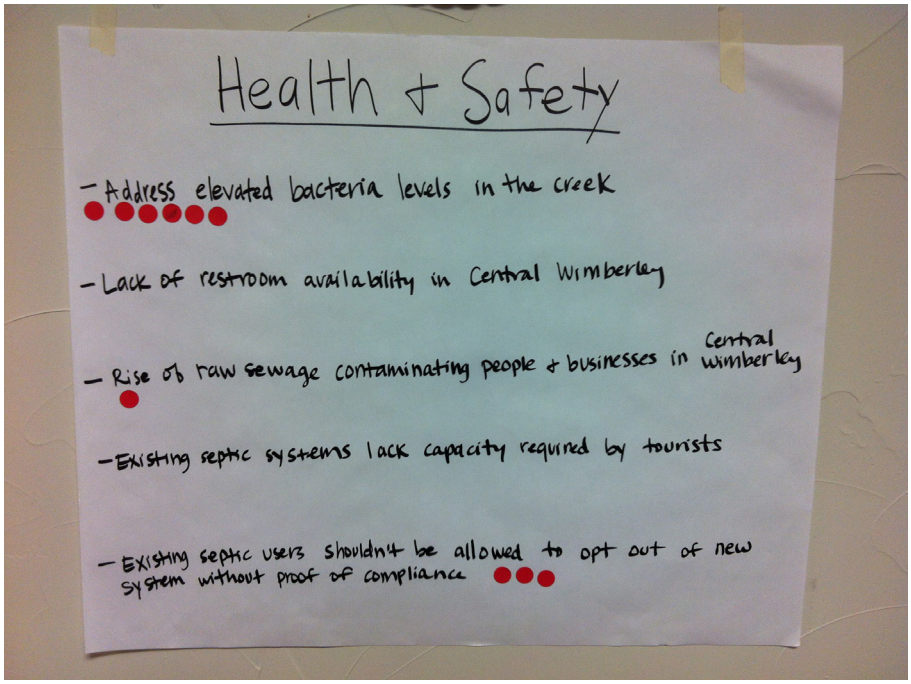
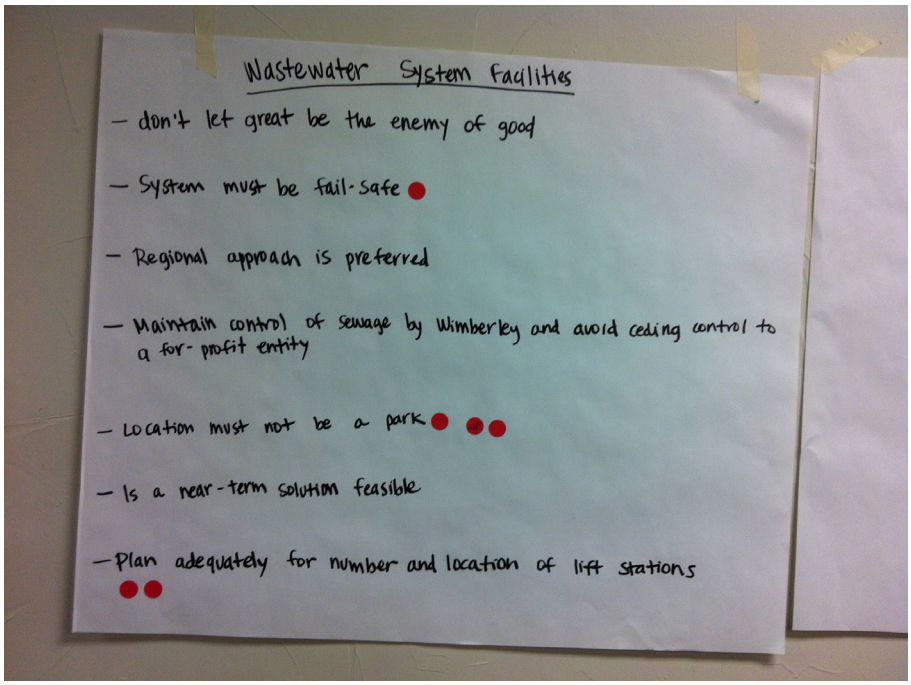


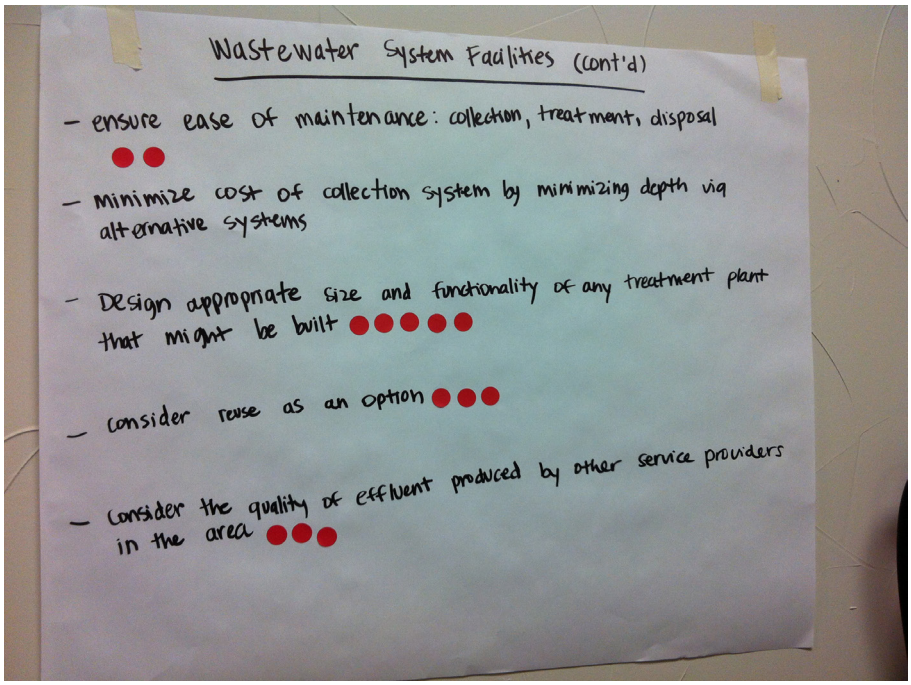
Health & Safety

- Address elevated bacteria levels in the creek ●●●●●
- Lack of restroom availability in Central Wimberley
- Rise of raw sewage contaminating people & businesses in Central Wimberley ●
- Existing septic systems lack capacity required by tourists
- Existing septic users shouldn't be allowed to opt out of new system without proof of compliance ●●●



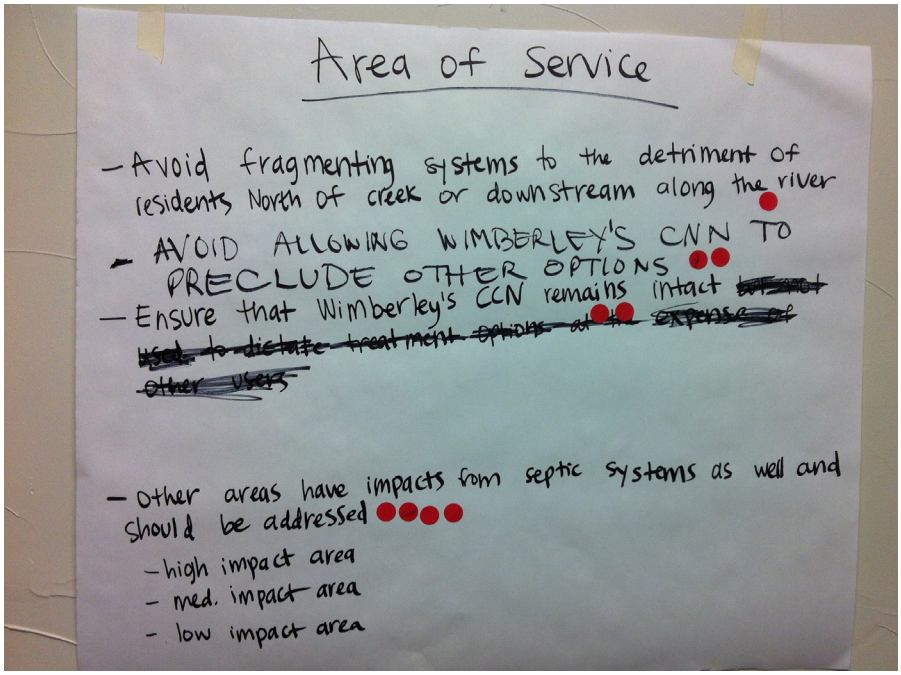
Wastewater System Facilities

- don't let great be the enemy of good
- System must be fail-safe ●
- Regional approach is preferred
- Maintain control of sewage by Wimberley and avoid ceding control to a for-profit entity
- Location must not be a park ● ●●
- Is a near-term solution feasible
- Plan adequately for number and location of lift stations ●●



Wastewater System Facilities (cont'd)

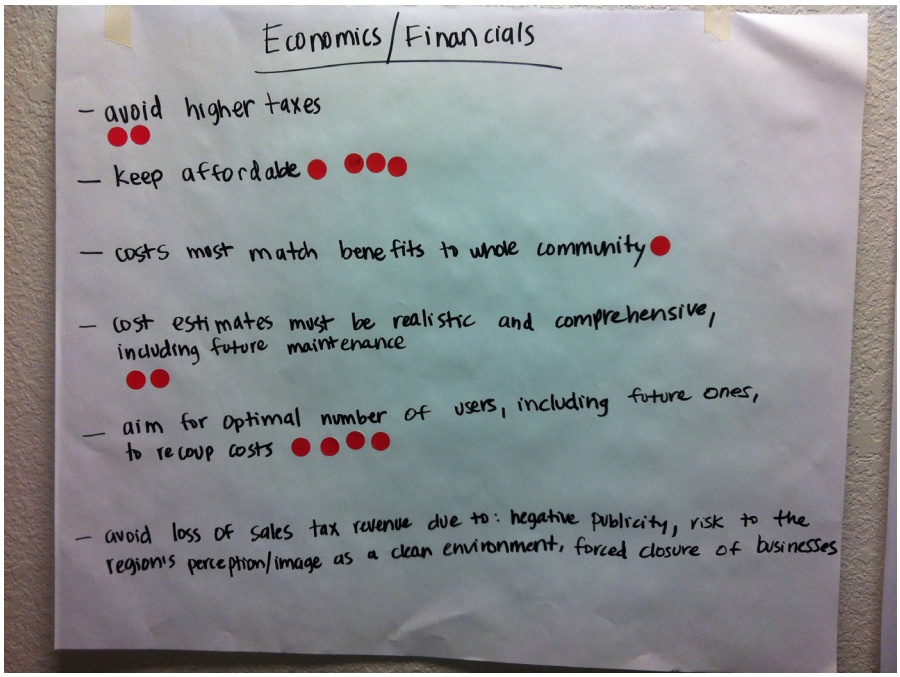
- ensure ease of maintenance: collection, treatment, disposal ●●
- Minimize cost of collection system by minimizing depth via alternative systems
- Design appropriate size and functionality of any treatment plant that might be built ●●●●●
- consider reuse as an option ●●●
- Consider the quality of effluent produced by other service providers in the area ●●●



Area of Service

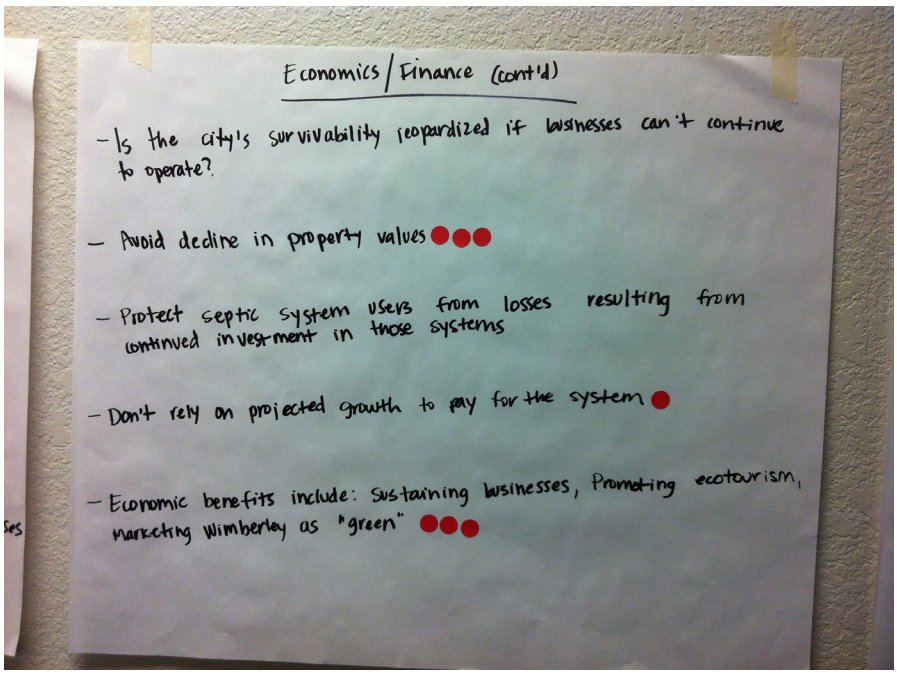
- Avoid fragmenting systems to the detriment of residents North of creek or downstream along the river ●
- AVOID ALLOWING WIMBERLEY'S CCN TO PRECLUDE OTHER OPTIONS ●●
- Ensure that Wimberley's CCN remains intact ●● ~~but not used to dictate treatment options at the expense of other users~~

- Other areas have impacts from septic systems as well and should be addressed ●●●●
  - high impact area
  - med. impact area
  - low impact area



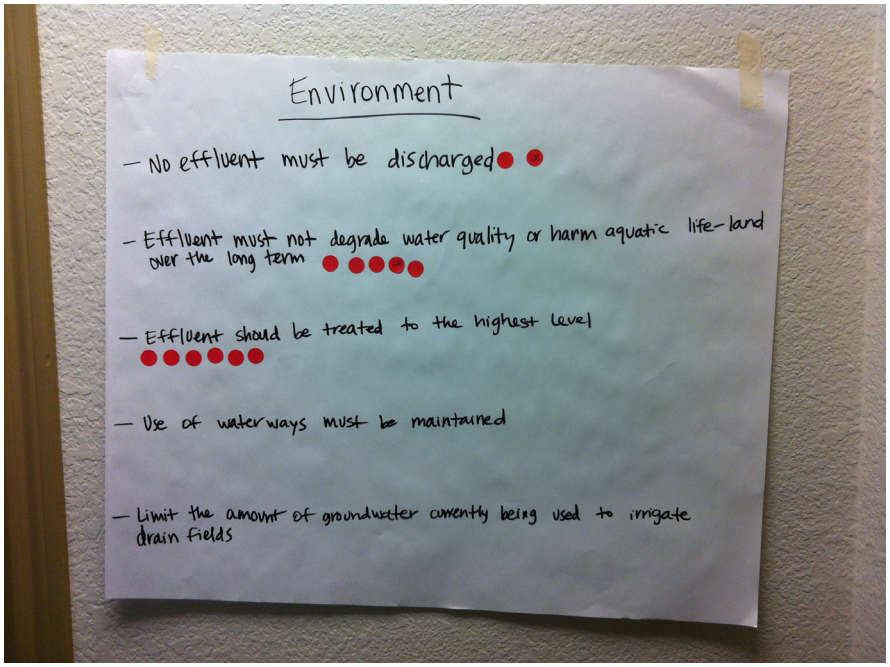
Economics / Financials

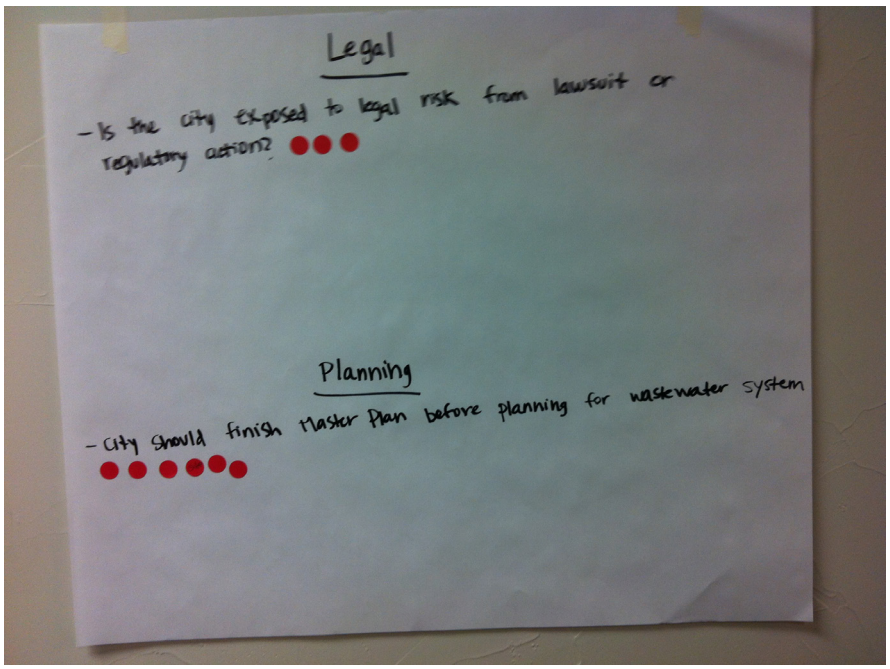
- avoid higher taxes ●●
- keep affordable ● ●●●
- costs must match benefits to whole community ●
- cost estimates must be realistic and comprehensive, including future maintenance ●●
- aim for optimal number of users, including future ones, to recoup costs ●●●●
- avoid loss of sales tax revenue due to: negative publicity, risk to the region's perception/image as a clean environment, forced closure of businesses

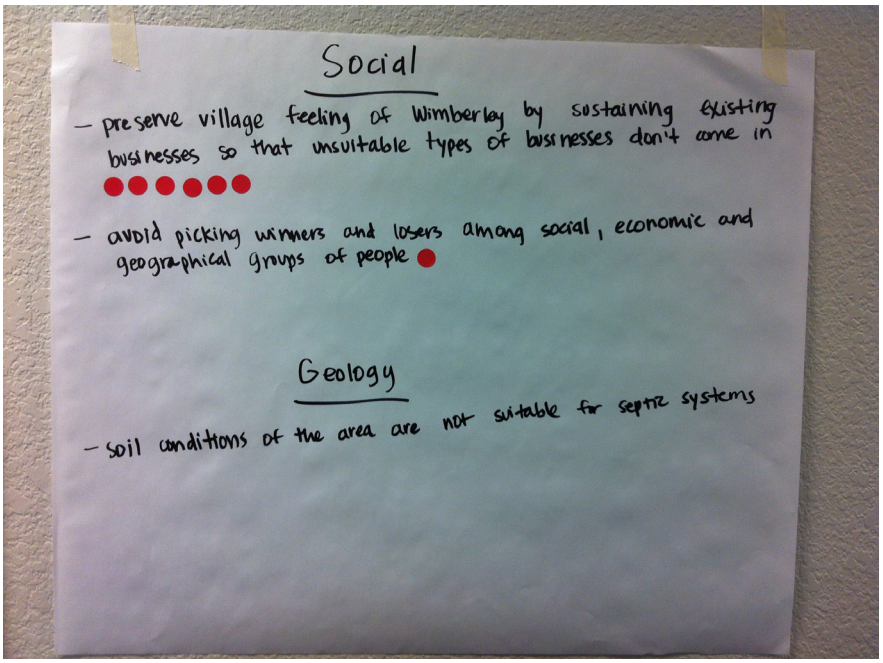


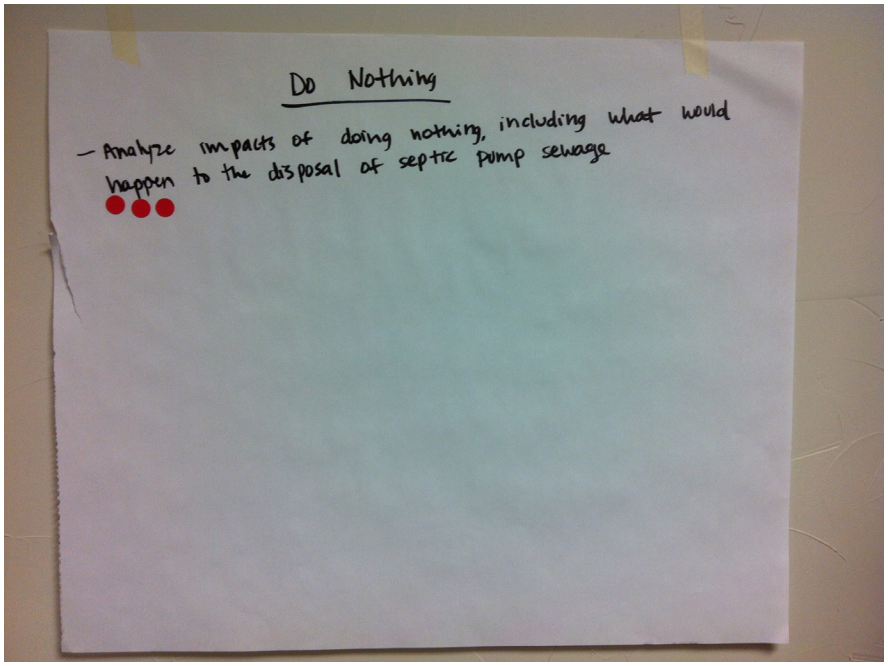
Economics / Finance (cont'd)

- Is the city's survivability jeopardized if businesses can't continue to operate?
- Avoid decline in property values ●●●
- Protect septic system users from losses resulting from continued investment in those systems
- Don't rely on projected growth to pay for the system ●
- Economic benefits include: sustaining businesses, promoting ecotourism, marketing Wimberley as "green" ●●●


Environment
– No effluent must be discharged
– Effluent must not degrade water quality or harm aquatic life – land over the long term
– Effluent should be treated to the highest level
– Use of waterways must be maintained
– Limit the amount of groundwater currently being used to irrigate drain fields


Legal
– Is the city exposed to legal risk from lawsuit or regulatory action?
Planning
– City should finish Master Plan before planning for wastewater system


Social
– preserve village feeling of Wimberley by sustaining existing businesses so that unsuitable types of businesses don't come in
– avoid picking winners and losers among social, economic and geographical groups of people
Geology
– soil conditions of the area are not suitable for septic systems


Do Nothing
- Analyze impacts of doing nothing, including what would happen to the disposal of septic pump sewage