

Good Evening,

Kolodner²+Stainbrook LLC, on behalf of Jenkintown Borough thanks you for attending this Coffee in order to express your views on the Revision to the Community Revitalization Plan. The original plan was done some six years ago, and outlined a number of projects to revitalize the Borough. A number of those have been completed or are underway; such as parking, traffic calming, and streetscaping.

Much has changed since the document was prepared, and it is time to update it to deal with current conditions and funding requirements. Our goal is to recommend a few projects that can be funded and implemented in a fairly short time for immediate impact. We also will deliver policy recommendations that can be used to guide future decisions as funding becomes available.

The first step in this process is to gather your input. We plan to do this in three steps: the meetings this week are designed to gather your views on what should be done to revitalize Jenkintown, not to hear what the consultants think. We will then analyze your comments, and have a second round of coffees to provide you with feedback, and to see if any of the information enables us to build toward a consensus. Finally there will be a more formal public meeting to record your comments on our draft report.

At the same time we are meeting with you we will be interviewing community stakeholders, reviewing best practices, and gathering hard data, all of which will shape our draft recommendations. However no plan is effective without community support, so you play the critical role in the process. We hope you enjoy tonight, and will return for the next two rounds.