

1. Yes or no, do you agree that there should be no significant new traffic introduced into the Colonial Hills neighborhood? How will you ensure this in the future?

I agree, there should be no additional traffic in Colonial Hills! Most often, this question is posed in regards to the potential for extending Indianola Avenue through to Dublin-Granville Road. I will never support such an extension. Any future development at the Harding Hospital property will necessarily be subject to this restriction. The residents of Colonial Hills have told me that they do not desire to have Indianola Avenue extended. I hear you.

2. What improvements to Colonial Hills do you propose?

The Selby Park Shelter House must be renovated or rebuilt. This building is not ADA compliant and is not sufficient for the amount and character of activities in the facility. We must maintain the parks located in Colonial Hills. Even more than these two initiatives, we must continue to listen to residents for ideas about how to maintain and improve THEIR neighborhood.

3. How do you propose to upgrade the water system in Worthington?

This question has been explained as to pertain to the frequent rupturing of the old water lines. I will admit that I am not an expert on the technical aspects of replacing a water system. However, I am process driven and a problem solver. We will gather the necessary information that the City of Worthington and City of Columbus have on the issue. We will convene a meeting of residence. We explore options to bring long-term stability. As a practical aspect, we need to look at all of the City's capital needs over the long term. We cannot be placed in the position of trying to fund long-term capital projects on a short-term basis. We will solve this problem together.

4. How would you diversify and stabilize the revenue stream in the City of Worthington?

More than 70% of the City of Worthington's revenues come from income tax. The way we diversify is through smart development. Our community cannot resist development, but we can control the scope of development. The City needs to develop a development strategy that realizes that 14,400 people move to Franklin County every year. With a population just over 15,000, Worthington must be nimble and creative to attract the type of business needed to continue funding our core services. Budget problems are coming to our City. An empty Anthem building is creating a strain on revenues. In the future, the City of Worthington will get ahead of such an exodus. The City of Worthington will be a choice destination for business location. We will do this by ensuring that the City is responsive and positioned to pounce on opportunities. City governments are restricted in how revenue is raised. We must create multiple centers of revenue creation so that the movement of one company does not imperil future budget stability.

Significant budget discipline must be employed to maintain our current services and be able to launch and aggressive development strategy. This development strategy will respect the traditions and history of Worthington—and encourage business to locate here to benefit from our rich heritage.

I do not have all the answers. I want to hear from you. Feel free to call (614-579-2563) or email me at mdfarley78@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.