

Tangible Actions

The point has been made that there has been a lot of talk but little action over the years in responding to some of these concerns/ideas. Current events are conspiring against broad stakeholder /community involvement sessions in furthering this plan. These include: Covid; delays in the publication of the World Heritage Management Plan; and uncertainty regarding municipality reforms. However, tackling a short list of actionable items, for which there appears to be general consensus and which are not financially demanding, in effect, 'low hanging fruit', would go a long way to convincing the community that there is genuine intent to take a plan forwards.

1. Undertake a Town Square Revitalisation: invite community ideas/hold a competition for re-design layout and uses, or invite proposals from entrepreneurs for the management of the square with requirements to meet specific criteria.
2. World Heritage Centre and forecourt: invite community ideas/hold a competition for appropriate community use - theatre/live entertainment/an arts and crafts centre, or invite proposals from entrepreneurs for the management of these assets with requirements to meet specific criteria.
3. Petition Government to release World Heritage Management Plan.
4. Update community on status of marina development, identifying any/all outstanding impediments to progress.
5. Conduct an audit of derelict/dilapidated buildings, identify owners, and engage with them to encourage renovations/use. If that is not successful petition the St George Preservation Authority to issue notices in accordance with the Town of St George (Protection of Buildings of Special Interest) Act 1950.
6. Coordinate groups of volunteers to help "spruce up" the Town.
7. Promote the incentives offered through the Bermuda Economic Development Council to encourage start-up businesses and the relocation of established businesses to the Town.
8. Promote the Sunday market and re-locate to an area to encourage expansion with other vendors.
9. Provide an update on the Town Infrastructure Plan.
10. A less tangible, but essential action would be to review ALL previous plans developed for the Town in the last 10 years and to assess the ongoing relevance of previous recommendations, and determine the degree to which they were successfully implemented and any impediments encountered.