

## BOROVISION 2020 EXERCISE RESULTS

Preliminary results from the exercises at last week's community meeting are in. There were two different exercises. As people entered the meeting, they were asked to award "points" to up to three pre-selected *qualities* of the Borough (ambience, sense of community, cachet) or *functions* (fire dept, streets and parks, planning & zoning). About half (53%) the total points (and nearly 70% of the first-place points) were awarded to ambience and sense of community, while the rest were distributed among the three functions that are largely responsible for the ambience and sense of community that we all enjoy.

The second exercise was done after the presentation. Everyone was asked to select their preferred course of action (first, second, third) from among the nine options that were presented. Broadly speaking the options ranged from "change nothing" to "dissolve the Borough". It's no surprise that almost no one voted to dissolve the Borough, and very few voted to change nothing. A large majority (70%) voted to revise the Borough charter in some fashion to make Borough government more efficient and more sustainable. As I explained at the meeting, undertaking charter revision is serious business and not to be undertaken lightly. The process is dictated by state statutes and can take well over a year. Nonetheless, it seems clear that the time has come to give charter revision serious consideration. In the next few months, the Board of Warden & Burgesses will discuss this option and reach a decision. Further input from Borough residents, either in writing or in person at our meetings, is encouraged.

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