## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

- 1. I want to start by thanking Walt Sales and several other residents for inviting the Planning Department to participate in this workshop.
- 2. Before we really get started, I want to talk briefly about what this evening is all about.
- 3. As all of you well know, Amsterdam/Churchill has seen change over the past several years. SLIDES
- 4. The challenge is getting what you want on a local level...
- 5. In every instance, communities more successfully deal with change when people refuse to accept the assumption that outside forces alone will determine the future a community.
- 6. All too often, people only get involved in local affairs when there is conflict over a specific development or land use change proposal. In other words, a crisis.
- 7. In essence, what we're trying to do here is move beyond the crisis mentality and find agreement, up front, about what values this community holds and what that means for future development and change.
- 10. That brings us to what we're doing here tonight: beginning the conversation on values, on those big picture things that, no matter what happens, you want to keep as this place changes. THREE QUESTIONS

MOVE EVERYONE

**COMMITTEE SIGNUP** 

**INSTRUCTIONS** 

Everyone should be out of here by 9:00. Let's get to work.