



The Woodlands Governance

Steering Committee



Governance Forum Summary
Report Presentation
September 25, 2006

Forum Purpose

- Present information developed to date, have a discussion about the governance alternatives in relation to the information, and have forum attendees express their perspectives about governance.

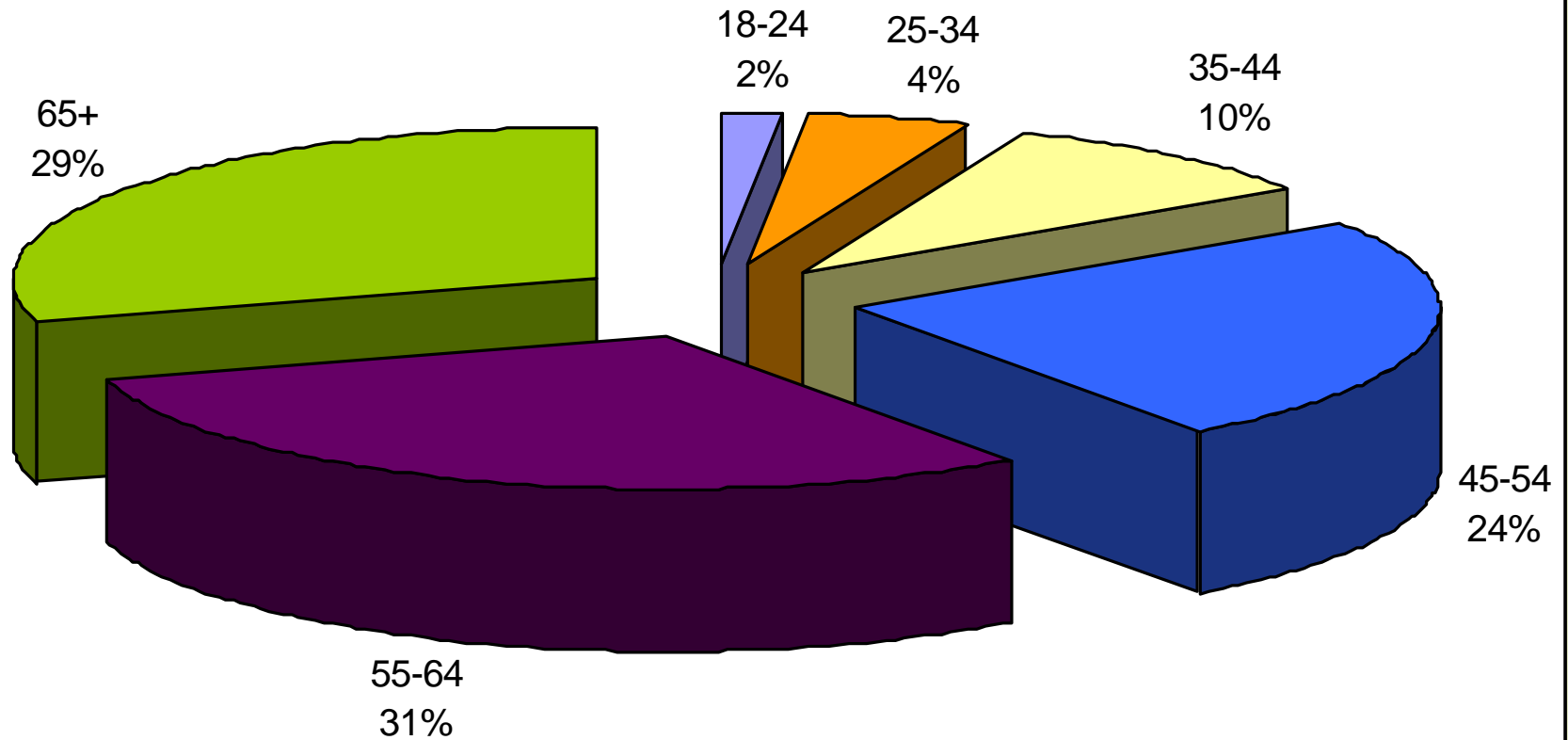


The Woodlands Governance

Steering Committee

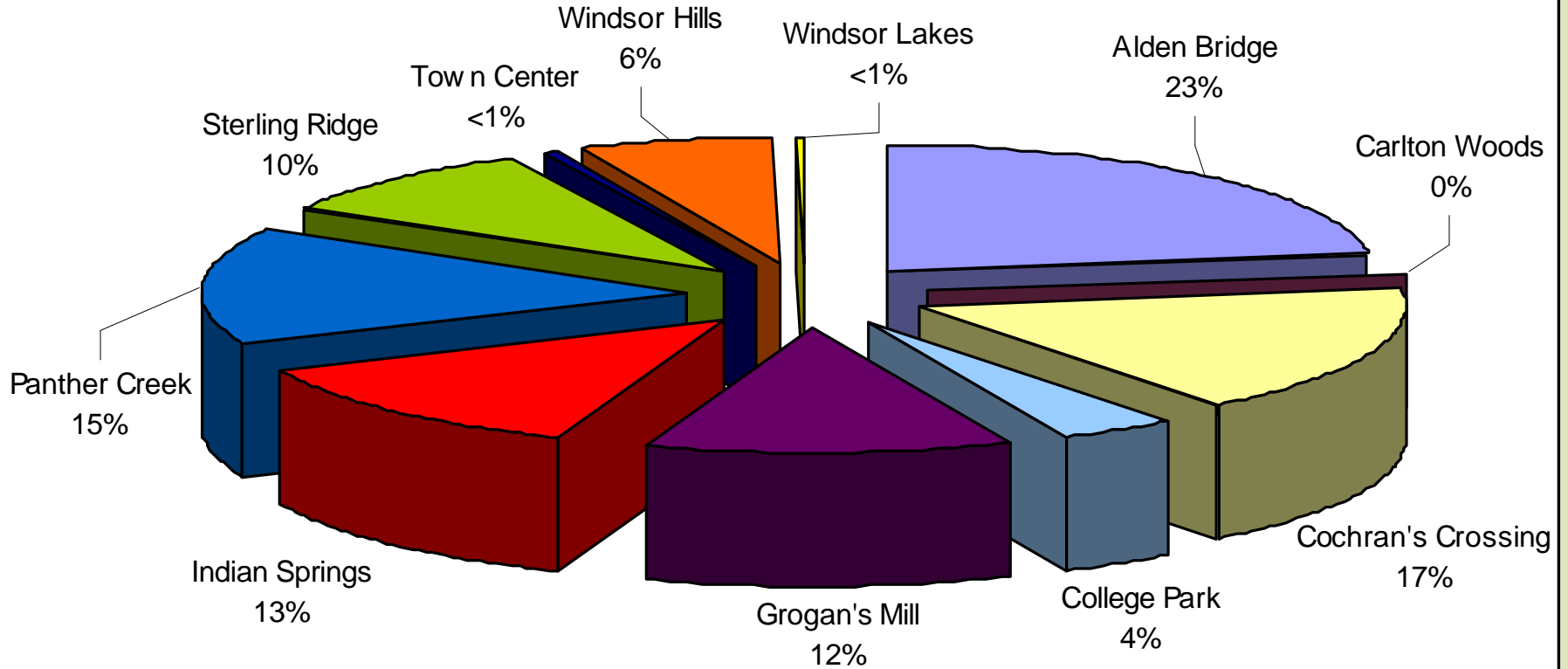


Age of Participants

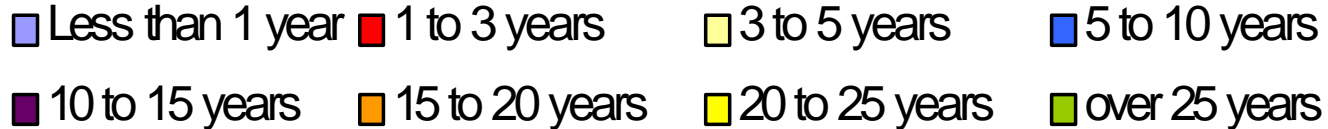
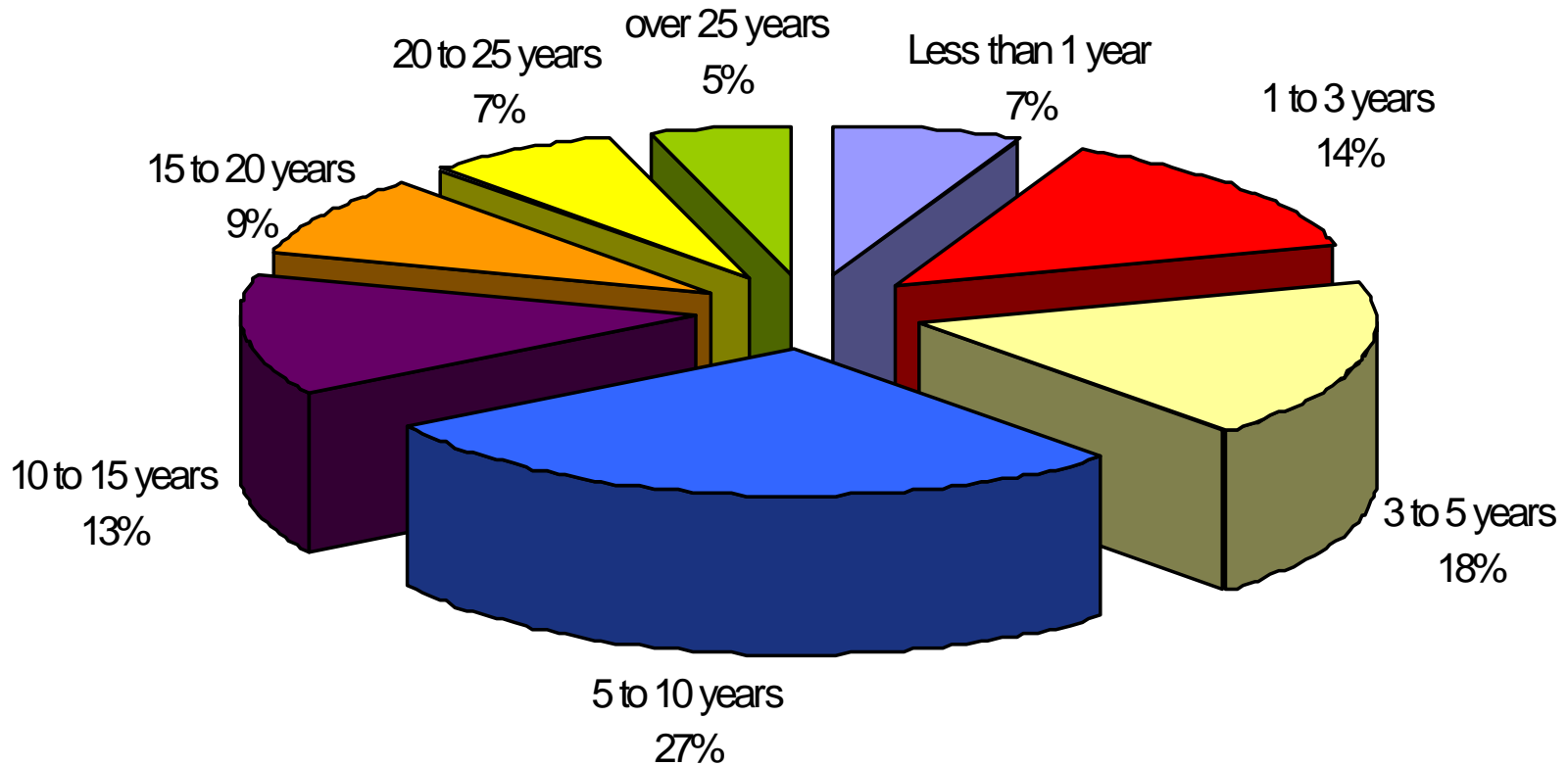


18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

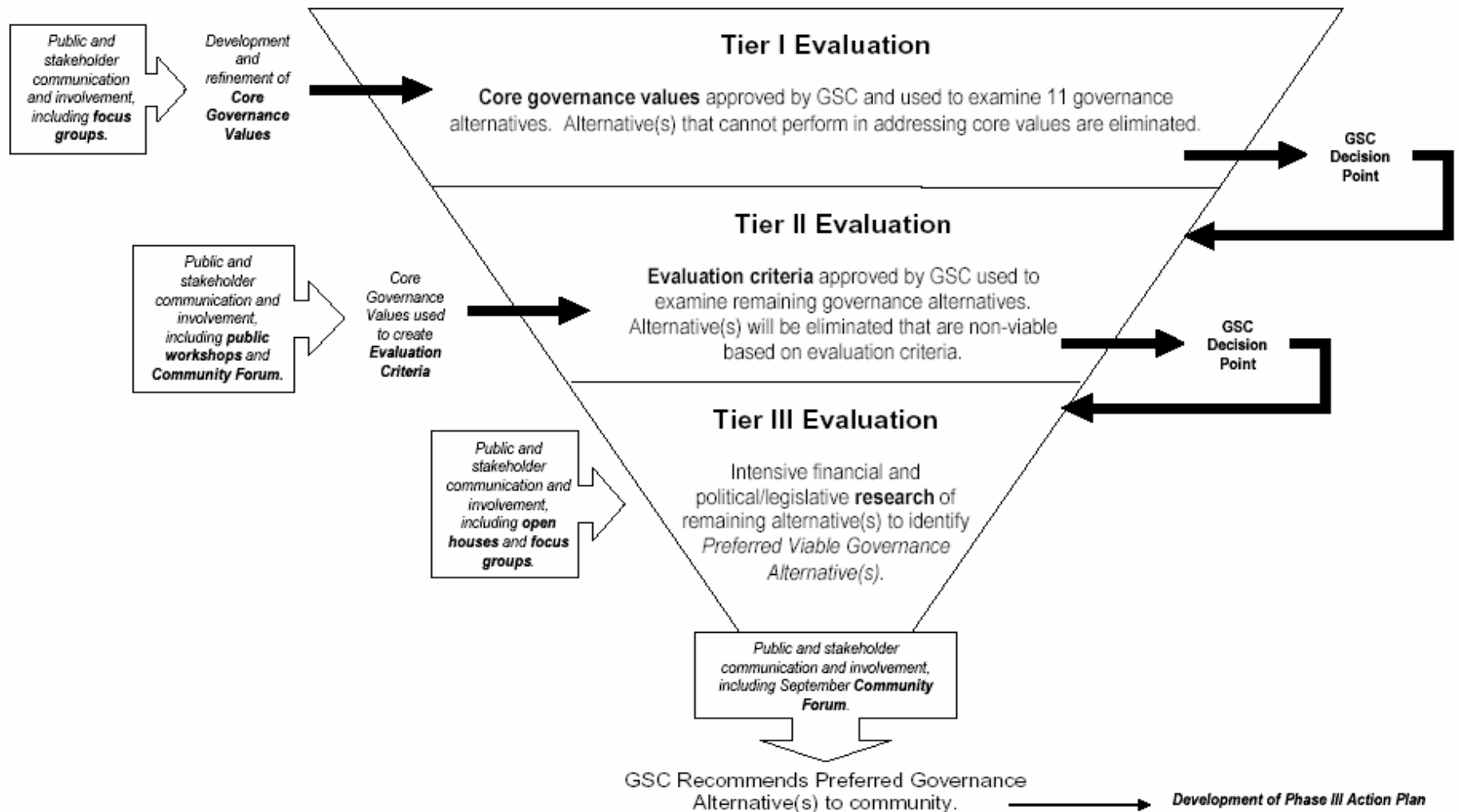
Participants Village of Residence



Years Participants Lived in The Woodlands



Where Are We Now?



OBSERVATIONS

Discussion Framework Themes

- Preserve our quality of life
- Preserve high level of services
- Have more control of our destiny

The framework is an extension of community values identified early in the process

Common Themes

- A general desire to at some point incorporate
- Continued strong desire to avoid annexation
- Use the Public Service District as a tool to stave off annexation and as a bridge to incorporation
- Move ahead with incorporation but keep PSD as an option in case incorporation is not attainable
- Move ahead with PSD but keep incorporation as an option in case PSD is not attainable
- Move forward with both alternatives in case one cannot be accomplished



The Woodlands Governance

Steering Committee



Common Themes

- Cost is not a major factor if the best form of governance can be achieved A request for more information in several key areas
- A desire to see how the governance alternatives can be implemented and the political feasibility
- Some participants are still undecided and need additional information



The Woodlands Governance

Steering Committee



Questions to be Answered

- Where do Houston and the legislature stand?
- What would it take to have Houston release ETJ rights?
- Further define PSD (a new concept to most) and its finances
- Does PSD alleviate annexation risk
- Examples of other PSD structures



The Woodlands Governance

Steering Committee



Questions to be Answered

- Understanding of the incorporation process
- Need more details about Moratorium Agreement
- Further analysis of annexation, how has it impacted others?
- Can the Moratorium Agreement be extended?



The Woodlands Governance

Steering Committee



Questions to be Answered

- Additional details about the Financial Model and the assumptions
- Cost of financial settlement with Houston



The Woodlands Governance

Steering Committee



Forum Evaluation

214 Evaluations Received

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Topic	0%	1.9%	31.4%	66.7%
Packet/Handouts	.5%	12.3%	44.5%	42.7%
Meeting Facilities	0%	2.9%	27.1%	70.0%
Presenter	0%	7.9%	42.6%	49.5%
Facilitator	1.4%	11.4%	34.8%	52.4%



The Woodlands Governance

Steering Committee



Comments

- Too long/not enough time
- Great to be heard/more time to be heard
- Too structured/not structured enough
- More information/too much information
- More chances to talk/less talk, more action
- Want public vote/don't interrupt process



The Woodlands Governance

Steering Committee



Public's Recommendations for Action Plan

- Action strategy – Flow chart, visual
- Risk analysis – Contingencies
- Political feasibility – Chance for success
- Lobbying strategy – Communicate needs
- Fallback position – Need options
- Timeline – Realistic deadlines
- Sense of urgency – Keep process moving
- Public Involvement – Continue throughout



The Woodlands Governance

Steering Committee



Next Steps

- Finalize Summary Report
- Answer Questions
- Hold Stakeholder Forum
- Develop Action Plan