

Reston Town Center North Community Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Team: Joan and Luis

Library Feedback

- Challenge the need for a temporary facility – why not build permanent facility only
- Question the size of the proposed library – is 39,000 SF large enough?
- Need a variety of meeting room sizes – ability to accommodate to to 100 users
- Investigate the use of proffers with developers to provide the library
- Parking (below) exclusive for library patrons
- Create a focus group of Reston citizens to determine library needs
- Provide more bathrooms
- Provide more shelving for printed (hard cover) books, less electronic books
- Partner with “Maker Space” providers for multi-purpose spaces
- Provide separate children’s area and dedicated staff for area
- Provide separate teen’s area and dedicated staff for area, and accommodate tutoring needs
- Provide dedicated work space and adequate storage space for Friends of the Library
- Recognize that Friends of the Library is truly a revenue source and should be treated that way
- Simplify/facilitate vehicle access for book sales and donations – drop-off and pick-up
- Consider a single-story facility versus a multi-story facility
- Consider another location for the library elsewhere in the acreage to the north, or off-site
- Coordinate library features and design with human services needs
- Use companies doing business in Fairfax County to sponsor or fund library
- Provide separation between library and shelter
- \$10M bond for library – by when do we have to use it, and is it encumbered
- Can Library Guidelines be increased to provide a larger library? Fairfax City is larger.
- Fairfax County is leveraging the value of the library land, should be leveraging the library value
- Do we need a separate bond to fund the balance of the library, or how will it be funded
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Shelter Feedback

- Provide more resources and skill centers for shelter
- Provide mental health services
- Provide job training
- Adequate storage space needed for personal belongings to be accommodated in shelter
- Make sure shelter is safe and secure for occupants
- Provide children’s services within the shelter

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- Provide a community garden for occupants
- Create a focus group of Reston citizens to determine shelter needs
- Temporary shelter would only meet current capacity, and should be larger
- Challenge the need for a temporary facility – why not build permanent facility only
- Use companies doing business in Fairfax County to sponsor or fund shelter
- Dovetail construction and requirements with proffers for both temporary and permanent
- Provide increased opportunities for volunteers
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Overall Project Feedback

- Performing Arts Center should be included in development
- Performing Arts Center should provide educational opportunities
- Reston Town Center North should be connected directly to Reston Town Center (through park)
- Provide large event space that could be divisible into multiple configurations and sizes
- Provide a roof top dinner theater as a signature, destination point
- Monitor INOVA development for compatibility and consistency with County development
- No more traffic – mitigate traffic concerns with proper road design
- Create a task force of Reston citizens to determine space use and needs throughout community
- Task force of Reston citizens to review space use, study how it can be shared to avoid overlap
- Provide more community engagement\
- Town Green size may be inadequate for anticipated number of future residents
- Keep website updated with events and news, still outstanding vs. already done
- What is the architectural overall plan and is there a common set of principles
- Look at the “Project for Public Spaces” website for examples of creating public spaces
- How do blocks “knit” together?
- Are the parcels under the jurisdiction of Reston Association and the Design Review Board?
- Why do we have to rezone only Blocks 7 & 8 now – why not do all at once
- Why is the green space so small? Previous special study showed a larger space
- How many submittals were received for Part I of the RFP? Can that number be shared?
- Recognize there is no urgency in the overall timeline shown, still time to get things done
- Can we leave existing structures in place while building new, then tear down?
- Strong feeling to involve Reston citizenship
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