1/25 RMPSSTF Steering Sub-Committee

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Public Comments

- Reston Chorale representatives
  - Question: What is the status of plans for a performing arts center?
  - There is a need for a concert hall that serves this area of the County.
  - Need for auditorium that seats 500 people has been documented for the past 20 years.
  - RCC hall is not big enough and has poor acoustics.
- Dick Rogers
  - Offer of help addressing vision draft

Administrative Items

- Patti posed a question to Bob Peck, re: opportunities at USGS site. Bob replied that the previous focus has been on developing in cities, but there are opportunities along metrorail extensions now.
- VDOT 527 issue: Tysons developers are frustrated because they have been turned down and have had to re-do transportation plans. For instance, access standards might be in flux. Might lead to legislative or political solutions.
- Town of Herndon meetings: Consultants presented plans. Due to concerns about transportation implications, the Town decided to make the high (4.5 FAR) and medium (2.5 FAR) density areas much smaller than previously suggested. Will come back February 9th with more detail.
- Heidi: Discussion about consensus decision-making (handout from Core ROI, Inc.). Makes sense to have a backup decision-making plan for any cases when we don't get to consensus. The third bullet is the tough one "I can actively support the group's decision as the best possible at this time, even if it is not my first choice."

Update on Steering Committee Checklists

- Checklists will provide recommendations that will be approved by the full TF.
- Steering Sub-committee will provide input that Staff will use to draft reconciled statements.

Going Through the Checklists

- Vision
  - General
    - Use our station names for the areas
    - Eliminate "TOD" as a term
    - Area-wide ideas
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      - Complete streets
      - Complementary with surrounding Reston character
      - Coexisting with existing residential communities
      - Green design and spirit of conservation
  - TC
    - Separate into the two study areas or explicitly indicate that this combines two into one.
    - "regional urban center and destination"

    - Mention federal presence
    - Complete urban center (remove "community")
    - Remove "niche" reference
    - Highest commercial intensities
- Wiehle
    - Recognize more uses that are there (e.g., associations, industrial salt domes)
    - Education as special focus
    - Not "Urban Transit Village." What about "area" or "neighborhood" instead of "village?"
    - Remove "Restonians"
    - Last bullet about parks/recreation is nice
    - Recognize stable, established neighboring communities (several of them), as is done for H-M.
    - Remove "new type"
    - Local amenities
- H-M
    - Explicitly mention wetlands
    - It's already a complete community including local retail. Call out quality of Woodland Crossing
    - Call out adjacent single-family neighborhood
    - Local amenities

Next Steering Sub-Committee meeting: TBD (the week of 2/7)

Next full TF meeting: 22 Feb