

RESTON MASTER PLAN SPECIAL STUDY
TASK FORCE
September 28, 2010

Task Force Meeting
Lake Anne Community Center

Meeting Summary

7:05 p.m. Public Comment Period

- Dick Rogers noted some parallels between sub-committees regarding open space; one parallel is that none of the sub-committees can decide where these facilities should be placed and how they can be funded.

7:15 p.m. Patty Nicoson, Chair

- Task Force members discussed their observations from the Ballston walk hosted by Mark Looney. One particular observation is that there is a lot of open space around Ballston.
- Joe Stower's observations from the walk can be viewed here:
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/reston/communitydocs/walking_through_ballston_with_looney.pdf
- Reminder that Paul Goldberger will be speaking at the Hunters Woods Community Center on Tuesday, October 5th at 7p.m. All are asked to make reservations.
- Vision committee meeting update: John Carter noted there has been little participation from the development community and suggested that they come to the meetings; he also noted that next week the committee will be discussing open space, roads and then design
- A comment was made that a more in depth discussion on the data projections and assumptions is necessary.
- A Task Force member asked what kind of assumptions are going to be used in regards to infrastructure impacts?
- Heidi Merkel stated that staff has been working on their approach to develop the assumptions for the FAR in specific areas. Several scenarios will be tested against what is currently planned.
- A Task Force member suggested that staff show the land use first and work backwards.
- A suggestion was made for the Town Center chair to work with Vision sub-committee.
- What will the process be for the sub-committees once they have submitted their reports?
- The Vision sub-committee will be looking at the area wide planning recommendations and then integrate the area specific recommendations from the sub-committees.
- Heidi Merkel explained that sub-committee reports will provide considerable guidance to staff as the new plan text is written and may be augmented based on the Task Force response.
- Loren Bruce announced the coming RCC and Reston Historic Trust events:

7:45 p.m. Schedule Review PowerPoint presentation by Heidi Merkel, DPZ Staff

This presentation is available here:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/reston/presentations/tf_sched_update_9-28-10_slides.pdf

- There will be overlap of Phase I and II.
- Will there be turnover when we begin to look at the Village Centers to better represent the needs of the area?
- Sub-committees could provide an opportunity for the business owners and residents to participate.
- What happens if VDOT will not entertain the amount of infrastructure that the TF recommends?

- The TF will then need to prioritize their recommendations to specific areas or needs to stay within the 20 yr horizon. The TF will need to consider where the best opportunities for achieving the goals within the area will be.

8:05 p.m. Wiehle Avenue Sub-committee Interim Report: PowerPoint presentation by co-chairs Bill Penniman and Andy Van Horn

The presentation can be viewed here:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/reston/presentations/wiehle_avenue_presentation_09-28-10.pdf

Questions & Comments

- What are the plans if any for Plaza America?
- The County Map shows the end of the Soapstone extension at the former Reston Association building. How could it be better integrated into the area?
- How well will entire groups of landowners work together? Are they willing to work with the TF?
- Area is fractured in terms of ownership. Some of the presentations were great (Northern Virginia Community College noted).
- Some of the Task Force members are pleased with the more residential focus. Is 1:1 a requirement or a recommendation? It is a requirement in the end, but there is an allowance for trade-offs.
- There is some concern about how this will impact the Town Center. Ball Fields are an issue and it was hoped that Wiehle could accommodate this type of facility. Is there space available near the metro to build this type of facility?
- Art Murphy pointed out the wooded area to the west of the VDOT facility as a possible location.
- There is a focus on the education center coupled with a residential focus.
- There is an overall need for cultural institutions and civic spaces, but not sure how much of this type of use a population of 100,000 can support.
- Cultural amenity is open for interpretation.
- Plaza America and Fannie Mae offer opportunities for residential.
- Could there be a children's museum at Wiehle?

9:30 p.m. Adjourn

Members Present

Bauer, Nick
 Carter, John Anderson
 Corrigan, Mike
 Costello, Frederick
 de la Fe, Frank
 Goudie, Robert
 Keefe, William
 Looney, Mark
 Murphy, Arthur
 Nicoson, Patty

Pew, Judith
Schlichting, John
Thomas, Paul
Volloy, Gerald
Williams, Kohann
Bowman, John
Mills, Colin
Noritake, Rae
Penniman, William
Stowers, Joe
Van Horn, Andrew