
Developing Planning Principles for Reston

Community Meeting
January 26, 2010



Community Meeting



■ Tonight's Meeting

□ Purpose:

- **Capture ideas** about key concepts that should be addressed in planning principles
 - **Express preferences** for relative importance of key concepts captured
 - First stage in multi-stage process of developing principles
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Community Meeting



■ **Generating ideas for discussion**

- Staff prepared draft “strawman” document to put forward ideas for discussion
 - 3 Community groups drafted proposed principles – offer a range of ideas
 - Review other planning documents
 - e.g. Tysons Guiding Principles
 - e.g. Lake Anne Goals and Planning Objectives
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- **Why do we need planning principles?**
 - Original 1962 Goals do not offer guidance re: current opportunities and challenges
 - e.g. How transit-oriented development fits into Reston
 - e.g. Importance of environmental issues like sustainability & “green” development
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■ **Why do we need planning principles?**

- Summer 2007: Planning staff met with focus groups
 - Heard that Comprehensive Plan guidance should include planning principles
 - Principles should be based on and consistent with Simon's goals
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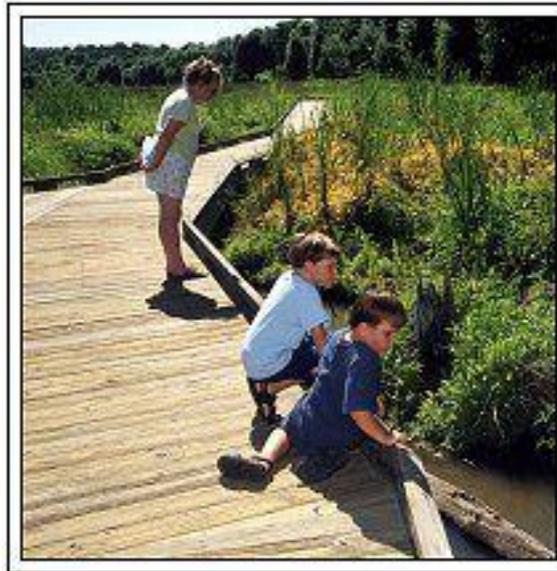


- ***Why do we need planning principles?***
 - Summer 2007: Planning staff met with focus groups
 - Heard desire for more “comprehensive” planning, a more holistic approach
 - Seek to develop principles that shape comprehensive approach
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Simon's Goals



- **1 - Opportunities for leisure** - wide range of cultural and recreational facilities as well as an environment for privacy



Simon's Goals



- **2 - Possible to remain in a single neighborhood throughout his life - providing the fullest range of housing styles and prices; lively and varied community**



Simon's Goals



- **3 - Importance and dignity of each individual be focal point for all planning**
- **4 - Be able to live and work in same community**



Simon's Goals



- **5 - Commercial, cultural and recreational facilities be made available from outset of development**



Simon's Goals



- **6 - Structural and natural beauty is a necessity and should be fostered**
- **7 – Reston in order to be completed as conceived must also be a financial success**



Draft “Strawman” Principles



■ Purpose:

- Put ideas on table for discussion
- Try to develop a bridge from Simon’s goals to principles that address more Plan-specific concepts

Draft “Strawman” Principles



- **1 – Preserve neighborhood stability**
- **2 – Development pattern with various uses in proximity to maintain “live, work, play” opportunities**



Draft “Strawman” Principles



- **3 – Promote mobility options**
- **4 – Encourage transportation network to support planned land uses**
- **5 – Improve connectivity, particularly north-south**



Draft “Strawman” Principles



- **6 – Achieve greater housing diversity**
- **7 – Respect and foster beauty in Reston’s natural and built environment**



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- **Overview of proposed principles from community members**
 - ARCH
 - Rando-Kaplan
 - Reston 2020

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- **Expressing preferences exercise**
 - Try to capture general sense of group assembled this evening
 - Ideas presented this evening summarized on large graphics
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- **Expressing preferences exercise**
 - Flip chart for additional ideas
 - Separate flip chart to record ideas to be addressed later in process

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■ Next Steps

- ❑ Staff to review and summarize preferences
 - ❑ Draft principles based on preferences for further discussion
 - Task Force discussion: Feb. 9th meeting at RCC at Lake Anne
 - Community input:
 - ❑ On-line comments
 - ❑ Public comment at future Task Force meeting(s)
 - ❑ Meetings sponsored by community groups
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