

## Route 28 Station – South Study

Working Group Meeting #4  
L.L. Coates ES @ 7 PM, Thursday, 07-13-10

### Meeting Summary

- Jeff Fairfield motions approval of 07-08-10 meeting summary. It is approved.

FCPS Presentation and Discussion with the Working Group about the Facilities Planning Services for the Study Area (FCPS staff: Denise James, Larry Bizette and Mary Ann Tsai)

- FCPS does school projections six years out.
- County is looking at co-location of school sites with parks and/or office facilities. Will use more urban formats as noted in the Tysons Plan. The System has experienced a 8,500 student increase per year for the past five years, with growth predicted to continue.
- The projected student enrollment is based on the County's LDS system for planned and zoned information.
- In projecting enrollment, demographics are considered more these days than just pure housing starts.
- It is not an efficient long-term strategy to rely on building additions to current school facilities to handle projected student growth.

FCPA Presentation and Discussion with the Working Group about park planning efforts in the Study Area (FCPA staff: Sandy Stallman and Gayle Hooper)

- There will be adjustments in park planning to reflect the increased accessibility and mobility of area residents and workers to the facilities via metro.
- A new recreation center within the study area could jeopardize the sustainability of the two to three closest existing recreation centers. However, space and amenities could be provided by private facilities.
- A large amount of open space along Frying Pan Road within the Middleton Farms development (directly to the south of the study area) is planned for future park use.
- There are a number of trails in the area that are disjointed, and there is a concerted effort to coordinate and link these trails to get more utility out of them.
- Park space that is found to be most in demand in an urban setting from area users will be places for social gatherings and spaces that would support it in a comfortable setting.
- Building lighted fields and converting existing fields to synthetic turf will increase the capacity of the fields without having to build more.

Working Group Comments:

- Can the trails on our map be identified as a different color, and include sidewalks?

- Was bicycle accessibility discussed at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting?
- You cannot build a high school in the ground floor of an office building.
- Concern that school enrollment projections don't take into account all of the currently approved housing units, but just the existing units and those that are anticipated to come online within the six year school projection horizon.

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