

PUBLIC COMMENTS – RESTON MASTER PLAN SPECIAL STUDY: PHASE 2

November 8, 2014 – Meeting

Bill Ralser (name unclear)

Concerned that TSAs are just beginning to be transformed by Metro. We should replan Reston after we see what impact Metro-related TSA development brings.

Heather Greenfield Sheehy

Fairfax Hunt Club, preserve cemetery and appropriate buffer.

Deborah Steppel

Her mother lives in the assisted living facility at Tall Oaks Village Center. The VC should be improved to allow convenience and access for these seniors, including with a mix of uses.

Ruth Tyler-Cross

Lives near the “over 55 building” across from South Lakes Village Center and she wants mixed use at the VC.

Connie Hartke

Wants to encourage senior housing in Reston.

Renee Shelton (name unclear)

She lives near Tall Oaks Village Center and she wants it to be walkable and mixed use. She’s concerned about Metro’s associated development and this growth’s impact on traffic.

Lani Nazare (written comments read during comment period)

I live on Links Drive.

I’d like to offer four food-related suggestions for Reston’s village centers. Each one is intended to draw people together – as is the intention of the village centers themselves.

1. Pop Up Food Truck Day. Have half a dozen food trucks with different cuisines park in one of our village centers, perhaps on a Saturday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. And set up a big tent with lawn chairs and/or tables and chairs inside -- so people can sit and linger while enjoying the food and company! Tall Oaks Village Center would be perfect for this because the parking lot is empty and the seniors at Tall Oaks Assisted Living could join the fun.

2. Cooking school. The cooking school could be set up to serve not only the well heeled, but also the immigrants living in our community. Our immigrants can teach the rest of us how to cook their native cuisines! New York City already has such a program:
<https://www.leagueofkitchens.com/> .

To do this, we need a community cooking and teaching space. Perhaps we could start this program by using the space at the Reston Community Center, but in order to grow, we would need a larger more specially designed space.

3. Shared commercial kitchen, such as the one in DC: <http://unionkitchendc.com/>. The trend away from packaged junk food to healthier food is creating the opportunity for entrepreneurial ventures. The small businesses that are hatched in a commercial kitchen incubator can offer low-income people and others jobs close to home!

4. Independent restaurants. Eating out in Reston would be more fun if we had more independent restaurants that offer interesting food choices and special events, such as trivia nights, which bring people together. To encourage these restaurants to locate in Reston, let's use the CSA concept. Just like you pay your CSA (community supported agriculture) for 20 weeks of vegetables before the season starts, so too you could pay the restaurant for 20 meals before you ever dine there. This would reassure the restaurant that there is a market for what they offer. And it would create community because people from the neighborhood would be dining there over and over again and running into each other.

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Name: Jody Wolfe

Commuting in Reston has doubled in time over last several years (I live and work in Reston). Brining in significant housing into area seems unnecessary and short sided. There is housing in Fairfax County and surrounding counties in addition to Fairfax. My understanding is there is no shortage of regular housing in county. Creating new housing just creates exponential new needs →more infrastructure. Deal with what's here – improve Tall Oaks and pedestrian/biking. Don't spend efforts/money on issues that aren't needed.

Baron Cameron is fine. Really – so many issues in the area and this is what needs to be improved? WHY?

Name: Elaine O. Cox

1. Senior Housing – Phase 2 Plan should identify sites for new types of senior housing that's walkable to retail, parks, etc.
2. Tall Oaks – Have you had a professional market analysis done identifying specifically why current zoning is not viable at Tall Oaks? I would guess it's due partially to lack of surrounding density/income, not enough density at the center and-very important-need for better visibility and direct access from Wiehle. No grocery store (or other neighborhood commercial) will locate there without these critical elements.

Name: Andy Sigle

Please continue to emphasize open space and natural areas in the Phase 2 text → especially as the Phase 1 study specifically notes that there is not appropriate open space within the corridor for the amount of population planned to live and work there. Is the Baron Cameron commercial area a good place to organize more open space/natural area for this purpose?

Name: Bob Swartz

The one thing that impressed me most about Reston when I moved here was the green that was seen when driving along its roads. Slowly but surely this green, with buildings and residences hidden in campus areas is disappearing. Please keep Reston GREEN!

Name: Anonymous

Transportation into and out of North Shore Drive to get into Tall Oaks is going to be a big problem. Wiehle is already very congested.

Name: Anonymous

Add a bike path along Wiehle Avenue from north Reston to Wiehle Metro stop.

More overpasses/underpasses at major intersections

- Baron Cameron/Reston Parkway
- Wiehle and Washington Old Dominion

Rec center with indoor pool at Tall Oaks rather than at Baron Cameron Park.

Gathering spots at each village center.

Name: Anonymous

The meeting appears to give little or practically no regard to the fact that the greatest occupancy is that of seniors requiring assisted living at the Tall Oaks Assisted Living Facility. My husband stayed there and we considered it safe. Now I would have grave doubts of fear for myself or others residing there--possible taking a walk, etc.

Name: Candace Black

Density around the metro – not around centers – too many cars already without the improvements of metro center. Wait until metro center is built out as already planned and see how awful the traffic is.

We don't want to look like Orange County, California.

Name: Ruth Tyler Cross

Kindly preserve “green space” (This is not a concrete plaza with a few small flower beds!) - but real green space.

Kindly make walking and biking trails safer – force drivers to pay attention and stop or recognize that they never will build overpasses.

Thank you.

Name: Sue Bebbel subeffel@aol.com

Also – I find walking paths ok, but as a new bicycler, sidewalks are rough and bike lanes non-existent.

Name: Jane Auber janemava@aol.com

Please, please be aware that anyone attempting to cross Wiehle Avenue, between Baron Cameron and Center Harbor, is taking their life in their hands, either walking or driving. There is a bus stop at the entrance to Baron Cameron Park that we could use as a way to get to the Wiehle Avenue Metro Station, but we drive to the station because it is so unsafe to try to cross Wiehle on foot.

Thank you.

Name: Connie Hartke

Thank you for these additional meetings that are so effectively allowing community input.

Name: PBAC@reston.org

Please include Reston Association's Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee in discussions. We know our community best and represent a variety of ages and areas within Reston.

Name: Jane Legue

TALL OAKS – Lower Level: Retail to include grocer (can be 2 levels)

Next Level: Business Space

Next 3 Levels: Residences – 5 levels total

Name: Lucinda Shannon

More opportunities for local businesses. More garden and farm space. No more chains!

Local/Independent businesses, just like we support low income housing we should support independent businesses with similar strategies.

Less developers.

More trees and green space.

More seating and information at bus stops.

Name: Anonymous

I would like to ride my bike from the Wiehle Station area on a well maintained, well-lit multi-use path to T.O. to have dinner. Park my bike in a secure bike corral, and then go see an Indie film or art production.