



Meeting Summary

June 9, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

- I. Call to Order
- II. Meeting Summary: The summary of the June 2, 2008, Task Force meeting was approved as submitted.
- III. Announcements: Chairman Clark Tyler announced he had submitted a [letter](#) on behalf of the Task Force to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in regards to the Capital Beltway High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Project. The letter expresses support for the project and notes that the Task Force has not received a response to the questions raised during an April 28 meeting between Chairman Tyler, Transportation Subcommittee Chair Keith Turner, and HOT Lanes Project representatives.

Chairman Tyler also presented a [proposed summer schedule](#) for the Task Force. The Task Force agreed to the schedule with one change, moving the August 18 meeting up a week to August 11 in order to accommodate most members' schedules. The Task Force also requested that PB PlaceMaking provide draft urban design guidelines for street typologies, block sizes, and streetscaping by July 7, one week prior to the July 14 meeting.

- IV. Discussion of PB PlaceMaking's Summary Document Outline: At the previous meeting Chairman Tyler requested that Task Force members review the [Summary Document Outline](#) that PB PlaceMaking prepared for the April 14 and 15 Task Force work sessions. Transportation Subcommittee Chair Keith Turner noted that the *Transportation* chapter did not reflect the committee's [recommendations from the December 17, 2007, Task Force meeting](#). Implementation Subcommittee Chair Brenda Krieger similarly noted that the outline should be based on her committee's [report from the May 12, 2008, meeting](#), and Chairman Tyler asked Ms. Krieger to send an updated outline for that section to PB PlaceMaking.

The Task Force then discussed the ordering of the various sections, recommending that the *Role of the Task Force* and *Task Force Process* sections be combined and placed immediately following the *Executive Summary*. Task Force member Ken Lawrence suggested that new subsections be added after *Creation of the Preferred Alternative* to reflect the testing and analysis of the Preferred Alternative that will occur over the summer.

The Task Force also suggested that a glossary be added as an appendix. Examples of terms that should be defined are “public realm” and “private realm.” Task Force member Bruce Wright pointed out the section on *Anticipated Growth* and asked if additional market analysis would be done. Sterling Wheeler of the Fairfax County Department of Planning & Zoning replied that the funds for that activity under the PB PlaceMaking contract had already been spent on the [BAE Market Analysis Report](#). Other Task Force suggestions for additions to the outline included:

- Adding “form-giving circulators” to the *Land Use* chapter,
- Adding “green infrastructure/architecture” where appropriate,
- Adding a section called *Objectives for Land Uses Decisions* with four subsections:
 - Economic Stability
 - Environmental Stewardship
 - Affordable Housing
 - Community Benefits and Livability.

Some Task Force members expressed concern about the *Objectives for Land Uses Decisions* section conflicting with the *Anticipated Growth* section.

- V. Discussion of Stakeholder Interests: Chairman Tyler introduced Mr. Hedrick Smith, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who is producing a documentary for PBS on environmental issues. Mr. Smith explained that the documentary focuses on the regions surrounding Puget Sound and Chesapeake Bay and that he is interested in the Task Force’s work on the Tysons Corner Plan. The documentary crew filmed the Task Force as each member discussed the varied interests that he or she represents.
- VI. Discussion of the Character of the Eight Tysons Districts: The Task Force commented on the descriptions of the eight districts found in Chapter 9 of the PB PlaceMaking report [Tysons Corner: Path to the 21st Century](#) (pages 27 – 43 of the PDF). Some Task Force members commented that the vision for the districts should build on existing characteristics that are not likely to change, such as the regional shopping centers at Tysons Central 123. The Task Force was also concerned that the descriptions were too prescriptive, especially for the arts and entertainment district envisioned for Tysons West. Some members pointed out that arts and entertainment uses may require incentives or subsidies. It was recommended that the descriptions should differentiate between what *must* happen and what *could* happen in a district.

Task Force member Wade Smith recommended adding a section for common features that would cross districts, such as the Route 7 streetscape. He also noted the importance of having a diversity of neighborhoods or districts so that the four station areas are not the same. Chairman Tyler said that he would direct PB PlaceMaking to update the district descriptions to reflect the Preferred Alternative and the meeting's discussion. The Task Force will have an opportunity to comment on the revised document at its next meeting on June 30.

VI. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.