



Draft Meeting Summary
June 30, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

- I. Call to Order
- II. Meeting Summary: The summary of the June 9, 2008, Task Force meeting was approved as submitted.
- III. Announcements: Chairman Clark Tyler requested that the Task Force focus on a “vision document” for the future of Tysons Corner that will be submitted to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in early September. This vision document would be the major recommendation of the Task Force.

Chairman Tyler also reminded the Task Force that its next meetings on July 14 and August 11 would focus on PB PlaceMaking’s draft urban design guidelines. PB will provide the sections on street hierarchy and typology, streetscapes (both section and plan views), and block guidelines to the Task Force by July 7.

- IV. Discussion of [PB PlaceMaking’s Vision Document Outline](#): PB PlaceMaking revised its outline based on input provided at the previous Task Force meeting, and the Task Force made comments on the revision. Task Force member John Jennison suggested that the document include a summary of the diverse interests represented by the Task Force and a context of what communities surrounding Tysons (e.g. Vienna, Falls Church, McLean) are planning for the future. Chairman Tyler requested that Mr. Jennison draft a list of issues related to surrounding communities.

Task Force member Bill Lecos suggested that Chapter 4, Section B, “Objectives for Preferred Alternative” should be the basis for the entire outline and that the four sections underneath it (Economic Stability, Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Livability) each be their own chapter in the document. Task Force member Stella Koch suggested that each of these chapters could discuss the existing conditions and the vision for that element (e.g. Environmental Stewardship). Task Force member Bruce Wright remarked that the Task Force could emphasize its objectives for transforming Tysons by placing these objectives prominently in the document’s Executive Summary.

The Task Force then discussed the relationship between the vision document and the Comprehensive Plan Amendment to be considered by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. Chairman Tyler stated that he expected that the vision document's language would be detailed and specific enough to provide County planning staff with guidance to write Plan language that conforms to the Task Force's recommendations. Sterling Wheeler of the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning reminded the Task Force that the Tysons Plan should have both area-wide and sub-area recommendations and that the vision document would be very similar to the new Plan's area-wide section. Mr. Wheeler said that the sub-area recommendations would be based on the decision rules for the Task Force's Preferred Alternative. Many Task Force members expressed a desire to review Plan Amendment text before it is sent to the Planning Commission.

Chairman Tyler asked Fred Selden of the Department of Planning and Zoning about the process for writing the Plan Amendment. Mr. Selden responded that the Task Force's vision document would be a major step toward creating Plan language and that staff would begin to draft language as soon as the vision document is complete. Mr. Selden was also asked if the vision document would be subject to the public hearing process through the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors. He replied that the document would be a status report to those bodies and thus would not require public hearings.

Task Force member Kahan Dhillon said that it would be helpful to have a schedule that outlines the steps to be taken in order to finish the Plan Amendment. The outline would not need to refer to dates but should show how the both the vision document and Plan Amendment would be completed.

The Task Force then discussed the possibility of creating a drafting subcommittee to finalize the outline and review PB PlaceMaking's drafts of the vision document. Some Task Force members expressed concern that such a committee would delay the writing process, and Chairman Tyler noted that he did not want the vision document to be "written by committee." The Task Force decided that members Bill Lecos and Janyce Hedetniemi would draft a new outline by next week that would be the basis for PB to draft the document. Task Force members who wished to provide input were directed to send comments to Mr. Lecos by the following morning.

Chairman Tyler announced that he was postponing discussion of the [Description of Tysons' Eight Districts](#) and that he would send a memo to the Task Force before the next meeting that outlines the process for completing the vision document and Plan Amendment.

- V. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.