

Quality of Life Work Group

September 11, 2012

Organizational meeting

Conducted first meeting of this work group, to include introductions, work group objectives, member roles and responsibilities, and establishing meeting schedule

Work group members in attendance: Carol Turner; Nancy Vorona; Kay Cooper.

Introductions

Carol Turner. Is Co-President of Ravenwood Park Citizens Association

Nancy Vorona. Resides in Lake Barcroft and is member of BCRC

Kay Cooper. Resides in Lake Barcroft and is member of BCRC

Expectations/Outcomes

Cautious optimism

Trees/streetscape

Start seeing something happening. Want to see something immediate/real (why they started Adopt-A-Highway/illegal sign pick-up)

Would like to see expansion of Adopt-A-Highway program

Want Supervisor Gross and Task Force to take this group's recommendations seriously. Need County leadership to stand behind this work group.

Enforcement of code

Learn more about how to provide support to Code staff. Clear understanding of what's legal/illegal, so they have a clear picture of what is able to be pursued.

Coordination/communication with residential districts (HOAs, etc.)

Ensure there is dialogue on this work with Falls Church City and Arlington County

Pedestrian bridge upkeep

County engagement of stakeholders (including B.F. Saul Company and others)

Expectations of staff

Guide the group

Support the group, including support through knowledge and information sharing

Work Group Objective

Want to ensure environmental concerns will be addressed, and language should be incorporated into Objective to reflect this (recommend incorporation of environmental language into Quality of Life and Task Force Objectives)

Want to ensure there's a place for addressing aesthetics in the work of this group

Other

Reviewed work of Task Force and Connectivity Work Group. Want to ensure there's opportunity for the Quality of Life Work Group to interact/have dialogue with the Task Force as a part of this process.

Discussed **decision making** and agreed to abide by majority vote.

Discussed **process for ensuring that these meetings are open to the public.** Staff shared that they may want to encourage friends, neighbors and others to attend meetings and may want to dedicate part of the agenda time to hear from non-work group members.

Ground Rules

One person speaks at a time

Listen carefully

Treat everyone with courtesy and respect

Keep discussion focused and on-topic

Start and end meetings on time

Turn off cell phones when meeting

Meeting Schedule

Agreed to hold monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings will be held at Mason District Government Center

Looking ahead

Expertise/passion you commit to this group

Honor commitments

Bring passion (particularly for the environment)

Bring energy/mind/integrity

Follow-up:

Work Group members to review Visioning workshop summaries provided at meeting and come prepared to discuss top 2-3 issues they identified in these summaries that will form the basis of this group's work and recommendations

Mike to provide recommendation template and Comprehensive Plan text as background information. Mike also agreed to provide information on open meeting requirements.

Mike to invite VDOT rep to future meeting

Elisa to obtain clarification on boundaries of this work group's recommendations – would like to see Seven Corners as piece of a larger thing... corridor extending from Seven Corners, through Culmore, to Bailey's Crossroads.

Jay to enlarge map of area and provide to group

Work group requested information on previous revitalization study done ~ mid 90s. **Elisa** to follow-up.

Next meeting

October 9, 7:00 p.m. at Mason District Government Center

Victories

Mike shared that an agreement has been drafted for VDOT, which will have impact for Adopt-A-Highway program. Mike will provide a clearer picture on timeframes regarding implementation of this agreement at next meeting.