

**Minutes of the Seven Corners Transportation and Land Use Task Force  
November 12, 2013 Meeting**

The Task Force Meeting/Charrette was called to order at 5:00 PM.  
Location: Mason District Government Center

Attendance:

Task Force: John Thillmann, Evelyn Haught, Mary Ellen Ward, Steve Tillman, Devin Corini, Jim Edmondson, Jim McIlvaine, Iqbal Khaiy, Karl Moritz, Martin Faga, Blake Smith, and Pat Hoar

Staff: Barbara Byron, Elizabeth Hagg (OCR), JoAnne Fiebe, (OCR), Bernie Suchicital, Suzie Zottl (OCR) and Kim Rybold (DPZ), Michael Garcia (FCDOT), Kris Morley-Nikfar (FCDOT), Dan Rathbone (FCDOT) and Aaron Frank representing Mason District Supervisor Penelope Gross.

Co-Chair John Thillmann reported on administrative items. The Minutes of the October 8, 2013 Task Force meeting were approved.

Mr. Thillmann also stated that a December meeting was now needed and that it would be held to review the early first cut refinement of the Transportation Charrette concepts, 2) he announced that the December meeting would include a public comment period at the beginning and 3) that the January meeting would be focused on the non-opportunity areas including streetscape opportunities.

He also announced that Supervisor Gross had added Steve Tillman of the Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association to the Task Force to replace Paul Byrtus, who moved to Colorado.

For the Charrette, John Thillmann then stated that Jim Snyder the Director of Planning for the City of Falls Church was invited to participate as well as Loren Bruce the Falls Church liaison to the Task Force. Also invited to participate and in attendance were two Planners from Arlington County government - Leon Vignes and Richard Best. Reverend Kathleen Moore of the First Christian Church was also invited to participate and was in attendance.

Mason District Supervisor Penelope Gross came to the session on her way back from a Virginia Association of Counties meeting to let us know the importance of this Task Force effort and this Transportation Charrette to the community. She likened the Seven Corners Task Force effort to a level of importance with the County's effort at re-planning Tysons Corners. She further mentioned that the effort of revitalizing and redeveloping Fairfax County's older areas was of paramount importance to the county's future social and economic health.

John Thillmann then mentioned that the same ground rules that were in place for the Land Use Charrette in June would be observed: 1) only invited Charrette participants are allowed to participate in the discussions and to develop proposals at each table, 2) the public is invited to stay and listen for the entire time of the discussion and to see the final Charrette presentations at

the end of the evening, 3) dinner (sandwiches and drinks) are provided and they will take a break between the sessions.

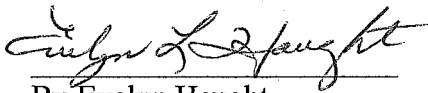
The Charrette management was then turned over to the Office of Transportation Planners Kris Morley-Nikfar and Michael Garcia.

Final note:

At the end of the evening's Charrette a number of excellent ideas on connectivity for the grid layout that the Task Force has proposed for the various land bays were discussed as well as both Routes 7 and 50 and their pedestrian and bicycle access. Importantly, we also focused on developing options for long and shorter term fixes to the Seven Corners intersection itself. A number of very good suggestions were made from the creative interaction of the FCDOT staff, consultants, and the OCR and DPZ staffs with Task Force members. The Charrette proposals were all put on paper and are now with the FCDOT transportation consultant for further evaluation.

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

The Transportation Charrette meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.



By Evelyn Haught  
Secretary

Dec. 10, 2013  
Date

## **Seven Corners Task Force-Transportation Charrette Agenda**

### **Introduction: 5:00 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Overview of Transportation Charrette Process

### **Part I: Rt.50 Pedestrian/Bicycle Facility and Expanded Connectivity Brainstorming 5:20 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

1. Rt.50 Pedestrian/Bicycle Facility and Expanded Connectivity Presentation  
5:20 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
2. Rt.50 Pedestrian/Bicycle Facility and Expanded Connectivity Brainstorming  
5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
3. Present Group Ideas  
6:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

### **6:30 p.m.-6:50 p.m. -Dinner Break**

### **Part II: Seven Corners Interchange 6:50 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

1. Seven Corners Interchange Presentation  
6:50 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
2. Seven Corners Interchange Brainstorming  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
3. Present Group Ideas  
8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

### **Wrap Up and Next Steps 8:30 p.m.**