

Infill Task Force Meeting #3
April 21st, 2022
6:30 pm to 8pm

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

Nick Rinehart, the meeting facilitator, welcomed everyone, took roll call of all task force members. The following Task Force members were present:

- Alex Tarascio, Wellington Resident
- Alyssa Pease, Tauxemont resident
- Cathy Ledec, Pavilions at Huntington Metro
- Erica Christ, Tauxemont resident
- Katherine Ward, MVCCA Co-Chair, past president of Wellington Civic Association.
- Laura MacDonald, Wellington Resident.
- Leo Milanowski, Chair of MVCCA Special Committee on Stormwater Management, Hollin Hall resident
- Louis Genuario, Jr., The Genuario Companies
- Paul Krizek, Virginia State Delegate
- Scott Surovell, State Senator
- Susan Neal, Wellington resident

Mr. Rinehart laid out Zoom and meeting etiquette for all attendees, reviewed agenda then introduced Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck to provide remarks about Task Force membership and expectations.

To begin the meeting, Mr. Rinehart shared responses from County Staff to a series of questions posed by Task Force members from March 2022. The Task Force reviewed questions with County Staff. Questions & Answers are available now on Infill Development Task Force Website: [Microsoft Word - MVCCA Infill Questions - 04.14.2022 \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

During the Q&A session, clarification was given about the types of improvements covered within a conservation escrow, and explanation was given about where off-site nutrient credits can be purchased within the Potomac Watershed.

Matt Hansen, division director for Fairfax County LDS – Site Development & Inspections, shared the Dept. of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) Nutrient Basin map to show attendees where the nutrient credits could be purchased.

Next, Mr. Rinehart shared the results of the Priorities Survey that was sent out to Task Force members to get a better sense of which aspects of Infill Development process they would like to see improved/strengthened.

Overall, 15 of the 18 task force members provided responses to the survey.

Results can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJNCTZH>

The survey results showed that most Task Force members would like to see the ordinances that govern Tree Preservation, Stormwater Management, and Zoning setbacks strengthened to lessen the impacts of infill development.

Discussion ensued about the results. Much of the discussion centered around the health of trees in Fairfax County.

Brian Keightley, director of Urban Forest Management, mentioned how about half of the trees are considered in “poor health” or “fair health”, and that about 60-70% of trees are coming down, County-wide, because of development.

A question was asked about how to improve overall outreach and education to residents on hiring a certified arborist to judge the health of trees. Many Task

Force members alluded to there being a lack of education in the community on this topic, and asked whether the County could provide recommendations for arborists.

Urban Forestry did explain that an additional staff position dedicated to outreach and education is included in the DPWES proposed budget, but they could not provide recommendations of arborists due to legal challenges it could present.

During discussion, Delegate Krizek suggested that it would be in the County's best interest to create a list to provide to the Virginia General Assembly identifying the following:

1. Whether the County needs more enabling authority from the General Assembly to further amend existing ordinances
2. A list of what the County can do to amend/strengthen existing ordinances that govern infill development
3. A list of what citizens can do to become better educated about the infill development process.

Rachel Flynn, Deputy County Executive for Fairfax County, answered that County staff is committed to recommendation #2 above, and will bring back a list of potential changes that County leadership will consider in regard to the existing ordinances that govern Tree Preservation, Stormwater management, and Zoning.

The last few minutes of the meeting were dedicated to questions from the public.

Mr. Rinehart concluded the meeting by stating that County staff will bring back their list of areas for potential improvement at the next Task Force Meeting, scheduled to be held on May 26th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.