

Centreville Planning Study
Task Force Meeting 1 – **Summary**
Held Thursday April 11, 2024 7pm-9pm
Centre Ridge Elementary School

Meeting Agenda

- Task Force Welcome & Introductions
- Administrative Items
- Kick-off Meeting Reflection
- Staff Presentation – Introduction to the Comprehensive Plan
- Study Scope & Schedule

Summary

Welcome and Introductions

Supervisor Smith welcomed task force members to the study. Staff introductions were followed by task force members introducing themselves.

Administrative Items

- Henry Sobieski volunteered for the vice-chair position
- Terry Angelotti and Becca Ferrick volunteered for Co-secretary positions

Brief discussion of Task Force group agreement, task force member roles/responsibilities, followed by a review of the study schedule.

Kick-off Meeting Reflection

The Task Force discussed feedback received during the kick-off meeting, particularly concerning pedestrian activity in the area. Key improvements identified included enhancing pedestrian and bike connectivity, addressing lighting and visibility concerns, and prioritizing safety measures. Discussions denoted the need to walk versus the desire to walk. Additionally, comments centered around the lack of bicycle facilities at destination points.

Discussion was had about the survey results. Survey word-cloud was shared with discussion noting the most prevalent responses - including trees and walking amenities. There was a shared desire among members to imbue the built environment with a more town center ambiance, emphasizing the need for a central gathering space. Continued protection of historical resources was noted with the goal of better integration of the Historic District into planning considerations.

Task force members asked about the proposed metro station locations. Staff shared the existing locations denoted in the Comprehensive Plan and spoke to the potential to consider future high-capacity transit options as part of this study.

Staff Presentation and Task Force Discussion

Staff introduced the Comprehensive Plan, described the Plan purpose, and guidance. Described how Plan recommendations are measured (*intensity and density*) and how recommendations are structured (*Floor Area Ratio and Form-based Planning*). The task force asked about how recommendations for Centreville are structured today – staff noted that Centreville currently uses a maximum development potential model akin to floor-area-ratio.

The Task Force acknowledged the community's diversity as a strength and received an introduction to the county's Comprehensive Plan. Task force asked if additional demographic data could be shared. Task force members noted the challenge of increasing participation and encouraged outreach efforts to ensure efforts to gather input from different communities, particularly those that are underrepresented.

Detailed discussions followed on the plan's structure, geographies, and approaches to measuring development intensity and density, including Floor Area Ratio and form-based planning. Members of the task force asked if examples could be shared of Plan guidance from other areas in the county – staff agreed to bring some examples forward in future meetings. Task force members asked about evaluating the area's walkability score with as much granularity as possible.

Finally, the staff re-affirmed study goals, highlighting future actions, and expected next steps in the study process.

Accepted at the Centreville Planning Study Task Force Meeting 2 on April 24, 2024.