

COMMUNITY MEETING #6 SUMMARY

Saturday, September 19, 2015 | 10:00am – 12:00pm | Samuel Tucker Elementary School

1 Staff Presentation

Karl Moritz, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning, initiated the community meeting by welcoming participants, introducing key staff and consultants, and discussing meeting goals. Valerie Berstene and Merrill St. Leger-Demian of SmithGroup JJR followed with a recap of the planning process to date and review of the draft Plan, which is now posted to the City's [AlexEngage](#) website for community comment.

2 Community Feedback

Following the presentation, community members were invited to ask questions and provide comments on Plan elements at four breakout stations:

1. Land Use and Character
2. Transportation and Connectivity
3. Parks and Open Space
4. Environmental Sustainability

Below are images of flip charts with recorded comments and completed worksheets that participants filled out. (See [Eisenhower West website](#) for links to flip charts.)

3 Next Steps

The community is invited to comment on the draft Plan by visiting <http://www.engage.alexandriava.gov>, the City's online engagement forum, through Monday, **October 12th**. Comments received will inform the final draft plan to be presented to the Planning Commission in November.

Upcoming key dates:

- October 14th: Final Steering Committee meeting (date TBD)
- November 5th: Planning Commission Public Hearing
- November 14th: City Council Public Hearing

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

LAND USE AND CHARACTERTRANSPORTATION AND CONNECTIVITY

STATION 1
LAND USE + CHARACTER
COMMENTS:

- Glad to hear that wants a needs of existing residents taken into account (e.g. building heights, restaurants, retail)
- Hope lessons learned from other areas of dense development e.g. Tyson's Corner (bad) Trosaic Center (good)
- (From a Samuel Tucker parent): Schools are "stressed" in terms of enrollment. Given ongoing & future development plans, a new school needs to be a priority in terms of implementation.
- Developers need flexibility in establishing green space / park configuration, location and allocation

STATION 2
TRANSPORTATION + CONNECTIVITY
COMMENTS:

in support of

- On St. Stephens clearly enforced v. shared bike lanes locations
- ✓ Proposed multimodal connector - connect to east side Rd ?? to better in existing route
- Any way to keep through traffic off Cameron Station Blvd? *optional for New Connector!*
- ✓ Multimodal bridge should be implemented quickly
- How about a real connection to Duke St.?
↳ time to talk "connector" - need to address this
- extend times of pedestrian crossing signals Market/Van Dorn intersection - for that to not be too busy
- make a few key Transportation improvements before new development

- I urge very high priority be given to the bike/pedestrian bridge at the west end of Ben Brennon Park; it will have a huge impact to Con. Station residents as well as residents East of Ben Brennon Park in ability to bike or walk to VD Metro station.
- Consider maintenance of trees in planning
- Consider live/work units
- Ensure intersections/crossing on Van Dorn are safe for pedestrians/bicyclists
- ✓ Multimodal bridge → attracts not an eyesore
↳ bridges as "public art"
↳ architecturally appealing

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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

PARKS AND OPEN SPACEENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

STATION 3
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE
COMMENTS:

Plan makes use of existing space and adds new green areas - Smart.

Would like to see energy reclamation tied into green/park space.

Conductivity of open spaces is very important to the Plan achieves this

Spectacular plan overall. What improvement to Brennon Park? Pond gets awfully dirty.

I urge that high, high priority be given to the pedestrian/bike bridge at the west end of Ben Brennon park; it will have a huge impact to Con. Station residents and residents East of BB Park to be able to bike/walk to VD Metro.

Encourage more Parks & Rec activities in the green space - open air classes, performances, etc.

STATION 4
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
COMMENTS:

COVANTA - Good ideas on use of wasted energy to power surrounding buildings

Encourage solar development

Flooding in the area of Backlick, Run, Holmes & Cameron River - help!

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EW EISENHOWER WEST SMALL AREA PLAN

COMMUNITY MEETING #6: DRAFT PLAN WORKSHEET

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please use the space below to provide additional comments or questions on the Draft Eisenhower West Small Area Plan Elements. After the meeting, hand in your worksheet to City staff before you leave or email it to Radhika Mohan at Radhika.mohan@alexandriava.gov.

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STATION 1: Land Use & Building Character

Proposed increases in density and decreases in greenspace are a bad idea. The most prominent feature of Eisenhower is the massive traffic from I-495. An invisible feature of Eisenhower is the massive particulate pollution from traffic and inappropriate existing industrial use. There needs to be attention to abatement of existing pollution, decrease of huge noise from metro, train and I-495. There should be consideration of impacts of hazardous materials transiting and parked right along neighborhood areas. Those major issues cannot be an afterthought. How about improving the character & people-friendly nature of ugly/inappropriate buildings?

STATION 2: Transportation & Connectivity

I support pedestrian & bicycle connectivity but not more traffic. More traffic is not people friendly. Why not a bicycle-centered, future-oriented transportation?

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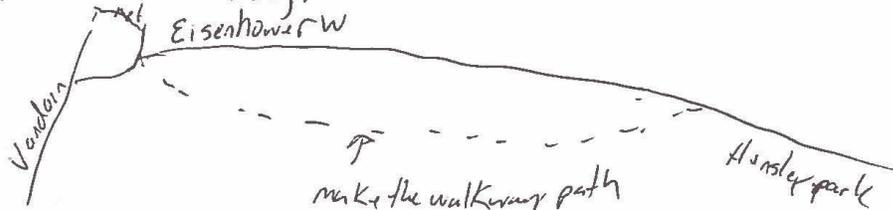
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STATION 2: Transportation & Connectivity

Continuous walking path ~~to~~ there are no breaks except
Eisenhower W
Vandon
Hensley park
make the walking path
continuous



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