

Event



On **September 10, 2015** Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing & Development (DCPHD) hosted a **Development Forum** to update the public on what the County is doing to improve the business process for land-use planning and permitting.

Speakers and Agenda



- Acting County Manager Mark Schwartz - Welcome Message
- Director of DCPHD Steve Cover - Introduction
- Planning Director Bob Duffy - Site Plan Review Process Changes
- Housing Director David Cristeal - Updates
- Neighborhood Services Director Chikwe Njoku - Updates
- Zoning Administrator Norma Cozart - Zoning Changes
- Chief Building Official Shahriar Amiri - Permitting Changes
- Public - Questions & Answers

More than **150 people attended** the event, including business owners, developers, non-profits, community leaders, property owners, contractors, consultants, residents, Arlington County staff, Boardmembers, commission members, civic association members, and many others.

Public Feedback



Following the event, attendees evaluated the event by filling out a feedback form. Public feedback was also posted on Social Media ([#arldevforum](https://twitter.com/arldevforum)).

Feedback Results

Between 85%-90% of attendees agreed/strongly agreed:

- The event was helpful.
- The presentation was clear and easy to understand.
- The speakers provided the right amount of info and explained the info clearly.
- Overall satisfaction with the event.

Takeaways

- ✓ Attendees thought the event was helpful and valuable.
- ✓ Attendees want follow-up events.
- ✓ Attendees felt satisfied that the County was listening and taking action to improve the business process.

Suggested Future Forum Topics

- **Reporting Progress** (status of projects, Spring 2016 to see the progress towards goals, bi-annual event; involve other County departments – AED, DES...)
- **Public Information** (basic info on GLUP, Zoning, and Site Plan Review Process)
- **Annual Updates and Review** ('State of DCPHD" forum, active development projects, review the Arlington Way; evaluate/measure the planned initiatives and implementation)

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