

## **26<sup>th</sup> Street & Old Dominion Drive Master Planning Task Force Meeting #4 Summary**

January 10, 2019, 7-9:00pm

Marymount University, Rowley 107

### **Task Force members in attendance:**

Noah Simon, Michael Cantwell, Mike Hogan, Michael Canwell, Anne Wilson, David Palmer, Susan Cunningham, Kathleen Mc Sweeny, Elizabeth Gearin, Margarita Brose, David Howell, Sarah Messvery, Kit Norland and Alisa Cowan

### **Staff attendees:**

June Locker, Lisa Wilson, Matt Mattauszek, Michelle Congdon, Bethany Heim, Greg Emanuel, Angelina Jones, John Liebertz, Mike Collins, and Zach Larnard

### **1. Chair updates and opening remarks**

- a) Time for public comment at the end of the meeting
- b) Chair's Updates:
  - i. Open sharing of information – all information will be shared with public and the task force. Fully transparent process.
  - ii. Update on the Yorktown Civic meeting from last night (1/9)
  - iii. Encourage the task force to be creative and nothing is a “done deal”
  - iv. Impromptu meeting on Saturday to hear what the neighborhood had to say – encouragement to be open minded and creative
  - v. Media and Articles clarifications – clarification on ARLNow.com headline, JFAC did not recommend a school for the site, the community **will** get at a minimum of a 1 acre park/open space
  - vi. Noah has been collecting feedback and updated the CMO on the fact that participation that has increased, improvement needed with chain shop and 100 parking spaces since it was not part of the Charge or project understanding. Mark committed to reach out to the neighboring business for agreements on parking arrangements – County staff.
  - vii. What does the chain shop do and why is it needed? What happens when there is not a snow event? Will this turn into a light maintenance facility? County will supply more information on the actual use. County is aware of neighbor concerns.
  - viii. JFAC miscommunication - the group provided uses that were needed in the County and presented all information to start “big”. The task force is to evaluate the list and decide what goes on the site
    - 1)Trade Center, Buck, Salt Dome – only industrial areas owned by the County, historical zoning of the sites and the task force can recommend zoning changes
  - ix. Audubon Naturalist Society (tonight 1/10 @ 7 pm in Chevy Chase, MD) - Conservation presentation on Effects of Salt on the Environment
  - x. Information will be circulated to the group via email on the summary.

- xi. Recap of the Community Roundtable (Sat., Jan 12<sup>th</sup>) purpose and location Central Library at 10am-12pm
  - 1)Summary Overview
  - 2)What we are interested in hearing
  - 3)Will listen to everything brought up
  - 4)Notes distributed to the Task Force if you are unable to attend
- xii. Upcoming meeting on 1/24 moved from 1/17
- xiii. Upcoming meeting on 2/7

## **2. Guiding Principals**

- Explanation of Guiding Principles and purpose
  - What has bound us together
  - Guiding Principles Should
  - The Principles (8 total)
- Draft Guiding Principles – Principle and Why it's important
  - Open it up to public comment – no comments
  - No Task force comments except for one grammar change to the third item under Why it's important
    - 1. Task Force voted to accept the guiding principles

## **3. Site History**

- Site Overview and Purpose
  - Appreciation of the past
  - Common understanding of earlier uses
  - County Land Acquisitions
  - Donaldson Run Trail History
  - Previous Plans and Resources
- Task Force Questions
  - What was built on the properties that were required except for the salt parcel – houses were removed and paving was added to the leaf/mulch area
  - Are there any records of a slave burial grounds on the properties? Answer: There is no archival evidence suggesting any burial grounds at this location. Several County projects have included Phase One Archaeological Investigations to determine the potential for intact artifacts. Such investigations may be recommended for the site.
  - Full documents with searchable pdf's can be found online

## **4. Subcommittee Work**

- Process Overview and design layout exercise
  - Next two meetings dedicated for process and potential for a third meeting
- Two subcommittees
  - Operations – County needs
  - Parks/open space logistics overview

## **5. What Fits? And What's appropriate**

- Components to consider

- Puts the components for parks in order of what is needed
- Can the OD master plan pieces be added?
- Homework for Task Force is to look at list and suggest other pieces to add or consider
- Teasing out of DES winter response - includes more than just salt staging
  - Answer: different pieces in the group will be detailed into separate pieces
- Update from “JFAC Recommendations” to “Other County Needs”
- Field trip to Trade Center to see the chain shop and understand use – mandatory for Ops group, optional for Parks/Open Space, will be open to the public
- Why are salt domes, “domes”?
  - Answer: Shape of the dome structure is most efficient/compact because it conforms to shape of the storage pile
- How does brining affect the amount of salt storage
  - Answer: increase in brine is already accounted for in the charge amount, more efficient to do a dome, loading is issues when you build them
- Can staff members (County/Consultant team) be added to the groups of subcommittee members
- Can trucks be quantified and a piece made for them, start with the charge amount of 30
- From an ops perspective – written process and procedure for gearing up for storm – can the document be shared with the task force?
  - Mike says there is a long document
- Tree Survey update – trees are tagged and GPS data is being compiled as best as possible for the next meeting (weather delays)
- Water table information and other utilities on the properties
  - No water table available
  - Soil testing and utilities can be provided
- How can you factor in cost?
  - What is the estimate to build the separate components and consider things underground but could be higher cost? What is possible and what does it cost?
  - Lost opportunity cost?
- Activity – Graphic 2D exercise
- 3D exercise through sketch-up and modeling to show contours, heights, sections, graphics

## 6. Public Comment:

- Comment: Alan Williams – What goes after the salt was distributed, now the County is looking at other sites for parking? Charge addresses parking and queuing of trucks. What is appropriate for discussion. Would you consider the model to be a study?
- Comment: Cathy R – Encourage the task force to look at the site and relationships to neighboring facilities, can we use the playground at the church? Fields at Marymount? Mission Hurst for fields? Avoid redundant uses on the site with the neighborhood
- Park is a county resource that is diminishing natural areas. Preserve the open space as part of the natural need identified in the POPS plan. Look at the connection with Donaldson Run along

with green infrastructure. Negative impacts to the water by the uses that are currently on the site and will be placed. Looking at improving the storm water management efforts on the site.

- Roger – Comment: When you think about minimizing impacts to the neighbors and all impacts from site, smell, noise...beeping from trucks as mitigation from all 5 senses. Increasingly less significant weather issues that would warrant less need.
  - Answer: DES is partnering with DEQ on natural and build environment impacts, climate is changing but weather is becoming more volatile events over time from scientists.
- Greg, what is the status of the winter storm operation and how it operates? Noah responded with County to provide a deeper dive/additional information into the operations of the facilities
- Is the task force considering safety concerns specifically the impound lot and site safety to increase sidewalks?
- Andy Smith - Current budget needs to be considered with the parts and pieces and the phasing of the project in the next 5 or 10 years.
- Nancy - County staff that is working with private owners and there is already agreements in place for events and evenings. May already be used for the community needs.
- Steve Anders - comment on budget, can the first phase be funded and then what happens to the others if they are not funded? County priorities need to be considered
- John - Reference to Noah's meeting with CMO – Did Mark make any commitments during the meeting? Answer: Only to reach out to the private property owners for parking, open to talking about the chain shop and operations of the facility.
- Who is the parking attended for?
  - Answer: Parking for snow operations to improve operations for staff and trucks. More information is to follow at upcoming meetings
- Factor in parking for the Park uses
- Rob - What are the impacts to traffic and at what points throughout the day? Traffic impact analysis needed.
- Commitment to provide why we need a north side shift change facility
- Pamela - Creative about the shift change and how they operate to minimize the impacts to traffic and parking
- Roger - Is LYFT/Uber and options for the truck drivers with vouchers?
- Kit - Climate change and considering trees as a potential deterrent for global warming
- Susan / Alisa - Can VDOT participate in the discussion and talk about their snow operations and capacities? Is their shared use potential for the County? Can the delivery model be changed and bunk up with VDOT and shared resources?