

26th Street & Old Dominion Drive Master Planning Task Force Meeting #3 Summary

December 20, 2018, 7-9:00pm

Marymount University, Rowley 107

Task Force members in attendance:

Noah Simon, Mike Hogan, Michael Canwell, Anne Wilson, Rob Topp, 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, George May, and Mike Collins, Zach Larnard

1. Chair updates and opening remarks

- a) Time for public comment at the end of the meeting
- b) Chair's Updates:
 - i. Noah met with Old Dominion, they would like to make a presentation and may be at the public forum
 - ii. Met with Mary and Susan, keep an eye on environmental conservation, can the Storm Management be posted on the website before the holidays
 - iii. Tree Surveys will be distributed end of January, study is in progress and will be physically completed first week in January then report to follow
 - iv. January 10th – Audubon Naturalist Society (7 pm in Chevy Chase, MD) - Conservation presentation on effects of salt of the environment
 - v. Upcoming meeting on 1/10 moved from 1/3
 - vi. Recap of the Community Roundtable (Sat., Jan 12th) 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
 - vii. Upcoming meeting on 1/24 moved from 1/17

2. Guiding Principals

- a. Explanation of Guiding principles and purpose
 - What has bound us together
 - Guiding Principles Should
 - The Principles
- b. Draft Guiding Principles – Principle and Why it's important
 - Evaluate operations and other potential uses – understand County needs and other entities needs
 1. Comments:

- a. Refer to specific operations and seasonal time frames for the different County Operations
 - b. Focus on current uses
 - c. Move Recreational out into its own category and doesn't fit with the community uses
 - d. Short, medium, and long term uses, should this be in or phasing of projects and importance of doing so
 - e. Are we considering the broader uses of the County or staying in the 7 acre site, master planning within a zone of other uses? Does this relate more to the third principle
- Evaluate conservation, opportunities for recreation, sustainable – balance environmental sensitivity, character, usefulness, constraints in design...
 - 1. Comments:
 - a. Focus on future uses
 - b. Environmental Needs to be broken out separate and is a need for all of the uses and Principles
- Evaluate balance between needs and neighborhood preferences – Impacts and understanding of needs
 - 1. Comments:
 - a. Break Cost out separately as a separate item or say fiscally responsible
 - b. Notion of scarcity of land in Arlington and the value associated with the land availability (not sure if it should be cost or someplace else) cost benefit analysis?
 - c. Co-locate uses as much as possible or most efficient use of space building on the Community Facilities Report
 - d. Cost to not do things and evaluation of what is done and not, lost opportunity costs, what are we doing? Do you lose opportunities for the future?
 - e. Needs are mixed up with wants, first principle is requirements for this reason, does that suffice?
 - f. Neighborhood preference seem weak in relation to County needs, maybe neighborhood desires? Neighborhood consideration should be understood and given consideration, is this the balance piece?
 - g. Should the 3rd build on the first? Balanced with the community desires to make a determination, meant to go together
 - h. Compatibility with surrounding neighborhood and uses
- Constructively work together – effective business
 - 1. Comments:
 - a. Add listening since it is very important in this day and age
 - b. Adding transparency – model process that will be used for best practices

3. JFAC Site Use Considerations Presentation

- a. JFAC Overview
 - History of how the group was formed, membership, interaction with APS
 - Long range planning
 - Community engagement
 - Siting and use considerations
 - Special Projects
 - Current focus is the County's Needs Assessment
- b. Why coordination of County wide facilities
 - Recap of all the County and APS needs and potential of uses
- c. Overview of public facility use determination process
- d. Potential compatible uses
 - What should be considered – JFAC
 - What fits – Task Force
 - Explaining the guiding elements to be compatible on the same site and list of uses
 - Use by category and what can be used on the site and explanation of why they felt it was compatible or not
 - Captured notes of the discussion: dual use, adjacent spaces, seasonality uses that can work with the rest of the uses, educational opportunities for county uses (such as how mulch is made...), community meeting space, election use, shared uses, multi-level, long term cost benefit (layers that are worth the long term), fencing and safety concerns, RPA buffering

4. County Map that was distributed at the meeting

- a. What is north? Answer – North is page up on the tabloid size sheet. Will be included in next version.
- b. High point or road? Answer – Revised version of the plan will indicate elevation high points.
- c. What are the contours separation? Answer – Contours shown are 1 ft intervals. Will be noted on next version provided.
- d. Section through the site to show topo Answer – Will provide a site section graphic for the next meeting.
- e. Is there an area surrounding the County RPA that is protected and please add it to the map? Answer – We are not aware of an RMA area as part of this site but will confirm.
- f. Leaf storage area is designated for disaster recovery area (debris storage) that is used to store rubble, trees....
 - What are the requirements for these sites? Answer – To be confirmed with County staff.

5. Potential Uses Discussion:

- a. Inventory of the all the Parks Assets are in the POPS Plan but does not address how often the uses are used in different locations
- b. Post link to POPS on the Website for reference
- c. Activity should be added is Frisbee Golf...
- d. How do we approach the community casual spaces and needs?

- e. Leaf storage and Mulch distribution are promoted as a package and why not break them out separately or seasonal since they have different needs
- f. Has JFAC considered how much one neighborhood can bear or are we being unfair?
Independent and things that do not have a home and were compatible to other set uses on the site per the Task Force Charge
- g. Can we see a map of Arlington of all County facilities to evaluate as we move through the process?
 - Post links to JFAC to the website referencing those materials or send them out
- h. How is JFAC is considering this as master planning and intentionally be best located? Where is it the most efficient and cost effective in the long run? Distributed for optimal activities and what opportunities can be achieved?
- i. When will the sub-committees be formed and who will support the groups?
 - There will be a chair and two people on both for cross references, possibly by the January 10th meeting there will be groups formed and members advertised on each.
 - Planning for two sub-committees to start
 - Can we start a list of technical questions?
 1. Yes, we can take questions at a point
 2. Taking applications for each committee today
- j. How big is the Buck site? Answer – 6.1 acres
 - One entrance and exit to the site
- k. Carlin Springs
 - Size
- l. Were Zoning issues taken into consideration when siting Buck?
- m. Equity issues with APS and transparent, athletic space across the board is unequitable throughout the County
 - JFAC is looking into demographic equity as major focus
- n. Can the County provide a statement on trust and the process to restore some ill feelings?
- o. Is VDOT on the agenda to talk about the roads?
- p. Is there a baseline traffic study for the area?

6. Public Comment:

- Comment: Alan Williams – Two left columns need right of way to support these needs, consideration for stop signs vs. traffic lights to get out on Old Dominion drive. The current uses are low impact uses and need to consider the times of the access to the site. Currently it is not affecting the neighbors. Marymount is the heavy pedestrian flow and safety should be considered.
- Comment: Andy Smith – What uses are the priority for siting and will ultimately dictate the master planning process? Is it the Salt Dome?
- How do these proposed uses from JFAC affect the operations on the site? Salt operations...

