



ARLANDRIA ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #4

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

7:00PM

St. Rita Parish Center, 3825 Russell Road

MEETING SUMMARY

7:00PM Welcome & Introductions

Faroll Hamer, Director, Planning & Zoning, welcomed the meeting attendees and outlined the meeting agenda.

7:05PM Intersection Improvements

Sandra Marks, Transportation & Environmental Services made a presentation on the rationale for not pursuing Mt. Vernon/W. Glebe Rd intersection improvements and for pursuing Mt. Vernon/W. Reed Ave intersection improvements.

- Sandra reminded the AG that staff presented several options for improvements to Mt. Vernon/W. Glebe Rd in prior meetings (September 2009 and February 2010) and that the AG reached a consensus on pursuing Option #4 "Tightened Intersection Geometry". However, as staff continued to refine the designs of Option #4, it began to prove prohibitive because of the following issues: right-of-way constraints, existing development access, multiple driveways, ability to implement, and cost. Therefore, staff has determined to do not pursue that intersection improvement until private redevelopment occurs.
- Sandra informed the AG that improvements to the Mt. Vernon/W. Glebe Rd intersection is on schedule and construction will begin in Spring 2011.

Advisory Group feedback:

- Option #4 "Tightened Intersection Geometry" does not create a gateway.
- What does a gateway look like?
- When should the money be spent?
- The Option #1 "Roundabout" offers the best opportunity for a gateway
- The group has an overall preference for Option #1 "Roundabout"
- Suggestion to look at the new traffic circle at Rhode Island Ave in the District; new traffic circle that handles a lot of truck traffic
- The group should support Option #1 "Roundabout" as a long term preferred vision
- Does the group want prioritize function (Option #4 "Tightened Intersection Geometry") or aesthetics/gateway (Option #1 "Roundabout")
- Could a sketchup model be done to show what the site would look like?
- The group made an official motion to select the Option #1 "Roundabout" as the preferred solution as it provides an option to create a gateway. The motion was made by Amy Slack and seconded by Kevin
- Judy noted that Option #1 "Roundabout" should be considered as part of future redevelopment

- The group understands that Option #4 “Tightened Intersection Geometry” required the least amount of land acquisition and agreed to keep it as an alternative to their preferred roundabout design

8:30PM Four Mile Run Park Expansion

Laura Durham, Recreation Parks & Cultural Activities presented an update on the Final Concept Plan for the Four Mile Run Park Expansion. The Final Concept Plan will be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration of approval in February 2011. Laura also stated that there are currently no funds in the Open Space Fund available to accomplish the improvements identified in the Final Concept Plan. Construction on the former Duron Paint building will commence in March 2011.

Advisory Group feedback:

- AG supports the Final Concept Plan
- AG would like an itemized list of the cost of the improvements in the Final Concept Plan

Arlandria C.I.P funds

Steve Kaii-Ziegler, Planning & Zoning, outlined available CIP funds in the Arlandria CIP (\$200,000 remaining after intersection improvements are made to the Mt. Vernon Ave/W. Reed Ave intersection) and possible CIP projects: Four Mile Run Park Expansion and a bus shelter at the improved Mt. Vernon Ave/W. Reed Ave intersection.

Advisory Group feedback:

- AG wants to allocate some funds to study Option #1 “Roundabout”
- There was no clear consensus from the AG on how the remaining funds should be spent.

Action Items

- AG wants City to restudy the intersection to see Option #1 “Roundabout” could be implemented and get more precise dollar amounts
- Provide AG graphics of the Bethesda crosswalks that were considered for Option #4 “Tightened Intersection Geometry”
- Send AG the link to the Four Mile Run comment page
- Get a ridership count for the Mt. Vernon/W. Reed Ave bus stop
- Provide phasing information and an itemized list of the cost of the improvements in the Final Concept Plan
- Review the 24 Express SUP to determine if there are development conditions tied to roadway improvements at Mt. Vernon/Executive Ave