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 Character

STATION 1
LAND USE + CHARACTER
COMMENTS:
- Great to hear that existing needs of existing residential zones are accounted for (e.g., building densities, commercial retail)
- Have lessons learned from other areas of dense development (e.g., Potrero Hill, Mission"
- From a Samuel Tucker parent): Schools are "stressed" in terms of enrollment. Even ongoing future development plans a new school needs to be a priority in terms of implementation.
- Developers need flexibility in establishing green space, parks, configuration, location, and allocation.

STATION 2
TRANSPORTATION + CONNECTIVITY
COMMENTS:
- The new bike/ped bridge at the west end of the Mission Park will be a huge asset for residents as well as
- Residents east of the Mission Park in ability to bike or walk to VTA station.
- Consider maintaining a route in the new park.
- Consider bike/ped routes.
- Ensure improvements coming on Van Buren are safe & pedestrian friendly.
- Multimodal bridges = important
- Location or "public art" landmark, sensitivity, appeal.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK
Parks and Open Space

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 turn into green park space.
- Community wants to see new green opening as very important & special jewel overall. What improvements to Mission Park? More greenery.
- I urge that high priority be given to the pedestrian/bike bridge at the west end of the Mission Park. It will serve as a huge asset for residents east and west of the Mission to bike or walk to VTA station.

STATION 4
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
COMMENTS:
- CURANTA - Great ideas on use of recycled materials surrounding buildings.
- Encourage the beautification of the area around Larkfield Park & Mission Park.

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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 is the massive particulate pollution from 65 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 to Improve urban design and parked right of waterways materials transiting and parked right.

These major issues along neighbor hood areas. Those major issues can not be an afterthought. How about improving the Character and people friendly nature of ugly existing 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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