

MEETING SUMMARY

Eisenhower West Small Area Plan Steering Committee Meeting #7

Monday, November 10, 2014 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Cameron Station Clubhouse Great Room

1 Steering Committee Members Present

- Mindy Lyle, Steering Committee Chair, Planning Commission
- Judy Coleman, Steering Committee Vice Chair, Alexandria Parks and Recreation Commission
- Maria Wasowski, Transportation Commission
- Tyler Orton, Environmental Planning Commission
- Michael Adams, Community Representative
- Jim Durham, Community Representative
- Arthur Impastato, Community Representative
- Charles Sumpter, Community Representative
- David Heiden, Business Representative
- Agnés Artemel, Business Representative
- Mary Catherine Gibbs, Business Representative
- Ken Wire, Landowner Group Representative

2 City and Project Staff Present

- Karl Moritz, Department of Planning and Zoning
- Susan Eddy, Department of Planning and Zoning
- Radhika Mohan, Department of Planning and Zoning
- Ryan Price, Department of Planning and Zoning
- Katherine Carraway, Department of Planning and Zoning
- Laura Durham, Open Space Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities
- Yon Lambert, Acting Director, Transportation & Environmental Services
- Steve Sindiong, Principal Planner, Transportation & Environmental Services
- Allan Fye, Principal Planner, Transportation & Environmental Services
- Eric Keeler, Division Chief, Office of Housing
- Jeff Parker, Project Manager, RK&K
- Merrill St. Leger-Demian, Principal, SmithGroupJJR
- Valerie Berstene, Urban Designer, SmithGroupJJR

3 Welcome and Follow Up

- Ms. Lyle, Chair of the Steering Committee, welcomed members and made introductory remarks.
- Ms. Eddy reviewed the purpose and goals for this meeting, which included updating the group on related projects, and providing feedback on multimodal bridge options as well as the Community Meeting #3 framework.

Staff Presentation

Ms. Durham continued with an update on the Coordinated Park Plan for Cameron Run Regional Park. Mr. Fye followed with an overview of the West End Transitway project including how it relates to the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan (EW SAP). Mr. Lambert, Mr. Sindiong and Mr. Parker provided an update on the Transportation Study, including existing conditions and key findings, the WMATA Bike/Ped Access Study, the Van Dorn Metro Accessibility Study, as well as providing multimodal bridge options. Ms. Mohan and Ms. St. Leger-Demian concluded by presenting a summary of information gathered from the 3rd Community Meeting, including a composite framework plan for the EW SAP. The following is a summary of the discussion.

4 West End Transitway

- Ms. Artemel asked for an approximate cost of the project, clarification on how the EW SAP feeds into the West End Transitway process, and whether it will be flexible enough to meet any demands of the EW SAP.
 - Mr. Fye indicated that the plan was designed to be flexible.
- Ms. Wasowski asked if articulated buses would be accommodated in the plan
 - Mr. Fye indicated that they are taking into account that the articulated buses are longer and have a different turning radius from other buses. He also discussed storage issues for the buses.
- Mr. Wire asked if trips associated with development in Eisenhower West would be assigned to the West End Transitway. Mr. Lambert indicated that they would be as part of the 2nd stage of the transportation study.

5 Transportation Study

- Ms. Coleman reiterated her concern with the online poll used for public feedback.
- Discussion followed Ms. Gibbs' question regarding the process used to average some of the results presented.
- Ms. Lyle commented on the issues surrounding transit shuttle operation on Eisenhower Avenue.
- Mr. Wire asked how much additional capacity the metro station can handle on top of its current ridership.
 - Mr. Sindiong noted that this question was addressed in the Transportation Follow Up Memo from the 4th Steering Committee meeting.
- Discussion continued regarding the multimodal bridge options, the impact on Cameron Station and Van Dorn, considerations for bike/pedestrian crossings, and how they take into account future land use analyses.
 - Mr. Sindiong confirmed that the project team is in contact with business owners in the area affected by these options.
 - Mr. Sindiong indicated that the project team will be modeling general purpose traffic lanes. A cost analysis will then follow, but the expectation is \$15-\$20 million with construction projected for 2040.
 - Funding for the bridge design is planned for 2023, but the timing can be flexible to accommodate a change in priority.
- Ms. Gibbs remarked that future development should not be responsible for funding the bridge if it is being constructed based on current need.

6 Community Meeting #3 Synthesis

- Ms. St. Leger-Demian shared a draft framework plan based on the feedback from participants at the 3rd community meeting. The composite framework included nodes/centers, street grids (primary, secondary), and green connections. She noted that the framework is a draft and will change.
- The group concurred that the draft framework is a good beginning and proposed meeting again to discuss the framework in more detail prior to Community Meeting #4.

7 Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Steering Committee meeting within the next two weeks to focus on the draft composite framework.
- Community Meeting #4 goal is to present and receive feedback on the draft framework and three draft conceptual land use options.
 - Meeting Details: Monday, December 8th, 2014, 7:00–8:30 p.m., Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street