

Del Ray Open House

February 01, 2020 – Mt. Vernon Community Center

Potential Development Sites

- Birchmere – Why doesn't it upgrade its facilities? And furnish it.
- Like the idea of Development that complements character of neighborhood.
- Sites identified that have developed – Does de Community like the Development?
- Improve appearances of small stores- Example: Dollar Store
- With redevelopment close to the Park, special care should be taken to preserve and extend Natural Areas, preserve access and views into the Park.
- No Development near the Wetland Natural Preserve- Consider traffic impacts (Hume Springs)
- More family owned business
- As sites are redeveloped, the existing character of the neighborhood needs to be maintained – not “homogenized”.
- Need to incorporate housing (affordable and market rate) into the new development.
- Bring back Drugstore to the neighborhood.
- I am worried that existing small (ethnic) business will be priced out by higher lease rates after redevelopment.
- More nice Restaurants, no so casual.

Community Planning Process to Update Plans for Arlandria and Del Ray

- Street scape need significant esthetics improvements. See Plan recommendations.
- Did not get notice of Monday's Meeting. English interpretation (earphones) very garbled.

Mobility

- Need more bicycle parking stands along Mt. Vernon near 4 MR & Commonwealth at Reed.
- Covered bike parking near 4 Mile Run
- Need better – East – West connectivity on bike trails.

Housing Opportunity in Arlandria and Del Ray

- More affordable housing – longer term period required.
- Prioritize 30 – 40% - Am I in Arlandria?
- Need to take action to keep Hume Springs/Lynn Heaven single family homes affordable. Possible through land trust or other.
- Need to require affordable units as part of plan approval not just build single. Propose affordable housing buildings.
- Infill development ignores needs of physically handicapped. City regulations make it difficult to construct.
- Need more flexible zoning in single family neighborhoods to allow more small scale multifamily. Del Ray is the perfect example, but current zoning won't allow existing (dilapidated?) housing stock to be replaced with duplex/complex.

- Safe community. HS community very friendly not affordable anymore. Couldn't move back.
- Gentrification is occurring. Only diverse because of long term residents of color.
- We need to stop tearing down condos/apartments and making a Mc Mansion.
- "Starter homes" are being bought and flipped; not available to next generation of families.
- Worried about impact of VT students on housing in Arlandria.
- VT and Amazon should contribute to mitigate impact in the City.

Community Planning Process to Update Plans for Arlandria and Del Ray

- New Development implemented according to Plan
- Historic Preservation Old Plan

Neighborhood Character

- Enact City Ordinance to control and preserve historic resources from tear-down on Development
- Preserve the feel of existing facades while adding density in a set back.
- Maintaining flora/fauna of Nature Preserve is very important.

Commercial Corridor

- Protect Current Arlandria small businesses
- In need of a pharmacy in Arlandria. CVS is missed.
- How can we incentivize/subsidize small business so they can stay?
- Keeping a variety of small businesses. Perhaps educate Commercial property owners on the importance of a synergetic mix of Business. All restaurants become boring!
- Natoses Nibley Retail
- Grey Parking for Chile Care

Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety

- Driving here is dangerous, so many walkers, bikers, strollers. I want to see more 4 Ways Stop Signs like in Old Town. Specially 4 Way Stop at Windsor and Commonwealth.
- Windsor and Commonwealth Four Way Stop Sign.
- Make all the intersections safer for the Pedestrians
- Appreciates bike and walking trails protected from traffic.
- Bruce and Mt. Vernon intersection is very busy and too crowded with parking on Bruce St.
- Terrible sign lines at Windsor and Mt. Vernon (for drivers, cyclists, pedestrian).
- Need more speed pumps.
- Make all intersections safer for the Pedestrians.
- Evaluate street intersection to work for all mobility choices at Glebe Rd.
- Pedestrian Crossing lights at select intersections with Mt. Vernon Ave.
- Make it easier to get 4 Ways Stop Signs.

- Difficult sightlines when crossing Mt. Vernon Ave.; need daylighting of intersections.
- Not enough crossing on Glebe
- Need protected Bike Lanes

Mobility Bus Transit

- A tram running down Mt. Vernon Ave. to Metro would be a big help to commuters and the elderly.

Housing Affordability

- How many government /public service workers leave the City to afford housing elsewhere?