

PART I - GROUP WRITTEN VISIONING EXERCISE AND REPORT OUT

(45 MINUTES)

1. Quick brainstorming:

Name something you love about Old Town North and want to make sure we keep;
Name a current challenge that you would like the small area plan to address

2. Review draft principles and objectives:

- A. Are these the right categories?
- B. Any principles or objectives that you think are missing?
- C. Any principles or objectives that you think should be deleted?
- D. Any principles or objectives that you think should be revised? If so, need not rewrite it; you can just note what the problem is. For example, if you think a principle related to parking needs to be added. But you're not sure what to say about it, can just say – need an objective related to parking.

PART II - GROUP MAPPING/GRAPHICS EXERCISE AND REPORT OUT

(45 MINUTES)

1. Nodes of Activity

- a. What are the current and future centers of activity in the plan area?
- b. Where are the locations for people to gather (shop, dine, recreate, relax, enjoy art... etc.). Start with current – then talk about future.
- c. Can the current locations be improved, and is there an opportunity to combine locations to make them more successful? What about children? Land uses: retail, the arts, education, child day care, parks and public spaces.

2. Land Use

- a. What's the coolest thing you can imagine for the NRG site?
- b. Other non-residential land uses: office, hotel – are facing market pressure to convert to other uses. Keep, convert, convert some but keep others? Important to have jobs and hotel rooms in plan area; also important they be successful. Many have a lot of land devoted to parking.
- c. Residential development; Identify likely locations for residential infill. Note mix of residential uses today (i.e. townhomes, apartments, condos... etc.). Note compatibility with nearby structures, including height, setbacks and step-backs, parking...etc.

3. Connections

- a. What are the “main streets” of the neighborhood? If you have a choice when driving, biking, and walking, which street would you chose? Where are these connections that need to be improved? North to Daingerfield and airport, northwest to Potomac Yards? West to Braddock, south to Old Town?
- b. What are important “walking streets”, and what streets could have their streetscape improved?