

Community Meeting, November 14, 2018

Written comments or questions received from community members

#	Comment/Question
1	There is a huge need for Community Meetings Space in the West End – if it doesn't go in this Project, what plans does the City has to create it?
2	City Staff mentioned they had applied for grants to help fund West End Transitway. When will the City know, if we have won those Grants, and can greenlight the Project a
3	It is important the walkability, bike ability, and transit access from both Van Dorn St. and Duke St.
4	Can we consider a connection from the Library and Homes Run Trail that goes to Landmark? I believe this would add a lot to the number of visitors to the new developmen
5	What is the actual arrangement with Sears?
6	Mosaics has Anjelica; Columbia has Merriwether Post lake – what will be Landmark's draw or hook? How will you complement or compete with Springfield?
7	Does Howard Hughes now own the Sears Property? If not, what are the acquisition plans?
8	HH suggested we don't want Duke St. to be a "highway". That's fine, but it is still the only way to get to 395. We can't slow down westbound traffic.
9	Why has nothing been done by the City to build a sidewalk on the north side at Duke, by the Van Dorn overpass? It is absurd that the City can't till (that is what is says on th card) a 100 foot sidewalk sap, pedestrians can't wait a decade to get a safe walking route.
10	For the multimodal transit hub, why are we talking about building it in the center? The current transit hub is a terrible location because buses have to make long detour on Duke and Van Dorn. It adds 5 – 10 minutes to a trip.
11	Since it will take years before the Mall will be demolished, could the City and Developer relocate the existing transit hub be relocated? It makes no sense to bus people to a dark, secluded back corner at the abandoned Mall. At night, it is lonely and potentially dangerous for people to wait for a bus.
12	Will the new site plan build a multi-use trail from the site to Holmes Run trail? The right of way along 395 could be used to build a bike and walking connection to the Holm Run Trail, avoiding the dangerous crossing at Van Dorn, is essential.
13	Is the City talking with VDOT on the Duke St/395 overpass. The City ought to push VDOT to build a pedestrian bridge similar at the Seminary pedestrian bridge.
14	Why can't the City make immediate improvements on pedestrian safety around the current Mall? It is one of the most dangerous areas to walk around. Pedestrians can't w for 10 years.
15	Consider a free or low cost Trolley like Old Town for people residing nearby neighborhood. Can get in/out of new site. Not a Dash Bus but something branded to site and to Metro. Have a public facing Technology Center so our own population can have continuing education to keep up to date and be connected through technology. Also find w for people to use technology at home to be connected to all features of new site.
16	Please learn from Shirlington and Pentagon Row mistakes. They started on nice but now are too dense, parking is terrible. Don't get greedy.

17	Long ago there was talk of direct access from 395. Is that still being considered? Why or why not? (it would completely cut down traffic).
18	Thank you! Long time coming! Please consider the larger foot print of the area with parks, trails, retail walkability. I live closer to Seminary and love walking this area. Also community gathering spaces that create opportunities to linger and connect. Thank you.
19	Will the new roads extend any further than Van Dorn – Duke? If redevelopment stops, it will not be appealing.
20	How is affordable housing defined in this Plan?
21	Mosaic is a disaster for cars and pedestrians. Please avoid that model, it is a zoo. That is why businesses turn over.
22	Concerned about property values in my neighborhood
23	Why was our HOA President, Brian Bullard, not included in this event?
24	Hopefully one of the future Meetings would take place around Van Dorn St.
25	I was hoping to get more on the studies going on, surveys or how the diversity is being....
26	Concerned about accessibility and multi-modal transportation options coming from both Van Dorn
27	Hope that the new development doesn't "crash" with the history and diversity of this area. Meaning it should blend and enhance our neighborhood and community.
28	Need more time for public questions.
29	We could use a theatre like Signature where we have plays.
30	Glad to hear of Sears deal but after following 10 + years the development it's difficult to digest/believe "2 years" specially amidst the constant use of "flexibility" – it makes audience watch with a cautious eye. Additionally – I am surprised with how many are connected to Eisenhower versus the West End. (on the Advisory Group). Please include West End Condo President Brian Bullard in your dialogue. West End Condos is the closest community further. I am hopeful we will be emailed about engagement opportunities and updates... to be kept apprised of the movement and developments.
31	As a resident of Place One Condominium, I am extremely concerned about the aesthetics of the Landmark Mall boundary with North Van Dorn or Holmes Run Parkway.
32	I feel strongly that Place One Condominium should have a Representative in the Advisory Group. Valerie Spiegler
33	Concerned with all the cars dealerships surrounding buildings. Duke St. road maintenance.

34	Site was too small.
35	Need of traffic planning.
36	Love the way to participate using cell phones – great.
37	Liked use of Mentimeter – visualizing public opinion; would like Signature Bldg. to help make West End positive identify - Signature Bldg or Signature Park Public Art like Syc All Opera House; Happy you are offering live streaming @home. Love idea Duke and Van Dorn buildings – West End Brand. West End Free Trolley (like Free Trolley in Old Tr or low cost not a Dash Bus to link whatever is created to Van Dorn St would reduce traffic, increase access, help people achieve major goals of creating experiences; Provide Meeting spaces or Meeting Rooms for Civic organization most have to rely on public Library which are often booked.