

**Community Open House, December 12, 2018**

**Written comments or questions received from community members**

1	Looks like process started in 2009. Wonder if Landmark Mall will be fully completed by 2029??? Guess whoever is responsible for extreme, and I mean extreme delay was affiliated with renovations of Springfield Town Center, Springfield, Va, which is something City of Alexandria, and Major Contractor should have followed years ago.
2	For Transit Center on Van Dorn and not middle of site.
3	Bikable Streets and Sidewalks
4	Incorporate realistic landscape components that will be maintained
5	Ensure play spaces are incorporated per City play space Policy – accessible and appropriate facilities for all ages
6	Community spaces, hang out areas, volleyball, tennis, bocce, pickleball – gardens, eye catching parks, photo worthy
7	Indi book store
8	Green space that can accommodate a small Latin Band for folks to dance 1 or 2 in the summer. Kids activities, etc.
9	3.5 acres not enough, especially if it counts small wooded area to northeast. Need more open space.
10	Dog parks – outdoor movie theater.
11	Connections (for Pedestrians) on N Van Dorn. Outdoor fitness area for classes. Fitness stations.
12	Shop Retail. Grocery Store. Family Courtyard area. – Movie big screen for the Community Church.
13	Community Meeting space is needed in West End
14	Park and Open Space needed to be safely accessible by people.....
15	Native plants/ landscaping – Al fresco dining along larger green spaces.
16	Linear Park along Van Dorn.
17	At edges of site: (specifically Van Dorn Street) – attractive and green spaces to provide attractive linkages to entire neighborhood to come onto property.
18	Amazon Go Store – Convenience store – Whole Foods (organic grocery store) – gym – live concert/event space – free parking
19	Look at a bike trail connection from northside of Mall along 395 to Holmes Run. A pedestrian/bike path across Duke.
20	Communal gathering space. Outdoor may be but open.
21	Food trucks
22	We need more community Meeting space.

23	Don't have a vehicle street down the middle like they did at Mosaic. Big Mistake!
24	Free Book Exchange – Jumbo Chess Board – Fire Pits – Water Fixture – Volleyball Net.
25	Protect the deer and wildlife. Widen sidewalks. Keep the trees.
26	Safe access across Duke St., like pedestrian overpass.
27	Connect to Holmes Run & Eisenhower Trail. All about the Green!
28	Wider sidewalks on Van Dorn. Green .....
29	Permeable parking spaces..... please make the whole .....as environmentally viable as possible.
30	We need assurances from the City that sufficient parking will be provided – no waivers on parking requirements as this neighborhood is troubled by parking issues.
31	Important to have a significant affordable housing component
32	A beautiful fountain like Dupont Circle would be a nice local point
33	Free parking
34	Free electric car charging stations
35	I am concerned about free parking like Tysons Corner and Galleria. Not like Pentagon City.
36	Will Eisenhower be extended beyond Van Dorn St.
37	Change Exit name from Landmark. Too many people have an outdated or negative association with the name
38	Need Pedestrian access (sidewalks) to/from Little River Turnpike and along Van Dorn over Duke St. Need parking decks to accommodate visitors.
39	Companies/Retailers that exhibit and support elements related to the cultures and socio economic makeup of West End neighborhood.
40	It would be nice to have something like an art museum. West Alexandria doesn't have anything like that.
41	Traffic control/planning (not everyone is going to be walking)
42	Build baby build!
43	Ensure enough trash cans in villages areas. We hate picking up trash next to 7-11 and McDonald, and that which blows in our neighborhood.
44	Choose retail that isn't too high end (not those in City Center DC; more like Mosaic in Annandale). Definite a movie theatre!.
45	A hub for non-profit human services program.

46	This is my measure of success – when Visit Alexandria decides that a signature building at Landmark is compelling enough to put it in their tourism marketing materials, we have finally achieved creating a place where residents and visitors want to be. What looks great on Visit Alexandria promotions? That is the measure of success.
47	Have a town Hall with City workers on your chart about percentage and rising cost of housing (Landmark)
48	Enclose public Meeting space needed – Agree with moving transit hub to be more accessible to surrounding residents and connecting the 2 planned BRTs - Would like to see affordable housing that allows for ownership not rental.
49	The traffic in the area is already heavy. How do you plan to mitigate it?
50	Please provide an example of a signature building and a definition. Concern is additional signature building will be included – and these signature buildings will be apartment buildings.
51	Can we get a list of business that the Developer is considering for this site? No more heavy duty commercial use plans (public storage). Has the City encouraged the Developer to consider higher end stores and markets (Wegmans)?
52	If a resident is interested in becoming more involved in the planning – can a resident volunteer and be embedded in the planning process – to ensure West End residents’ concerns are heard?
53	Can the City, in writing, assure the residents that no increase in apartment living will be included in this new Plan? The West End has far too much rental living which causes large traffic and parking problems.
54	Can we post every comment and response so other community members can see that their concerns were raised?
55	We are having rumors that the City will build a school on the property. Can you confirm or explain this? The concern is that the school at Landmark will be the West End High School (the poor school) and TC Williams will be far the more affluent parts of Alexandria. Can we get some type of assurance from the City that planning will preclude this happening?
56	A major concern from the West End is that the City consistently waives the plan requirements for parking and allow developers to provide less parking than needed. This has caused major problems in the West End. Can we get the City to assure us that this will not happen on this project?
57	Better bike/pedestrian connection between Landmark and Holmes Run trail. Crossing Van Dorn Street is difficult and dangerous. Build along either 395 right turn way direct to Holmes Run or use land just north of Bradstone to connect to Holmes Run
58	The bus station is better than the present site, but having buses like 29 and 25 detour off Duke St. is a mistake. You are repeating a mistake from present site of having bus detour rather than continue along straight lines. A better solution is make area pedestrian friendly so people can walk to transfer if necessary.
59	Use VDOT’s planned Duke St/395 on improvements to build a separate pedestrian bridges over 395 and over Duke Street so pedestrian can safely move. VDOT’s project works because ramps are so dangerous for pedestrians.
60	Will it happen?
61	Will it connect well with City area?
62	Didn’t seem to be board that included Qs about what residents think are missing in the area, such as extra meeting space for residents.
63	Will it get done

64	Will it ever happen?
65	Local discussion Groups are fine. But hearing real commitments to proceed from Developer would have been a great addition.
66	It is a bit confusing that the stores that occupied Landmark Mall had to close so early in view of the anticipated demolition.
67	It was helpful to be able to speak directly with the members of the Corporation's Senior Staff regarding what will take place.
68	It would be helpful for residents and business in the area to learn more about the Project timetable.
69	Not enough space around the boards to clearly see them
70	Location with free parking garage.
71	Restricted parking will be an issue. Stop living the fantasy that people won't drive. Those of us with little kids, dogs, etc. find driving safest and fastest.
72	More space needed. Maybe do separate rooms for separate elements to facilitate more conversations.