

Potomac Yard Planning Commission Work Session November 5, 2009

Possible Discussion Points & Questions

I. Zoning - Process

- The possibility of the Master Plan approval proceeding separately from the zoning approval?

II. Transportation And Neighborhood Impacts

- Do you support expanding the street network for all users? Are there additional street connections you would like to see considered?
- Is the strategy for neighborhood connectivity sufficient (i.e. phased comprehensive strategy--Phase I: focus on the first block of streets signalized at Route 1, mini-traffic circles at strategic points, Phase II: additional measures as needed with development)? Could they be improved?
- Are there other considerations for routing of BRT that we have not thought of (ie other than maximize access to neighborhoods across Rt 1, and providing obvious and protected connection from BRT station to Metro station)?
- Is the connection of Reed Avenue from Water Street to Potomac Avenue important? Is it important to maintain pedestrian access? bus? bike?

III. Site Planning And Sustainability

- Do you support the general plan and land use distribution? What key issues would you want to see stressed in the master plan?
- Given the rationale for how heights were assigned, do you support this general distribution of heights? What specific guidelines would you like to see stressed in the Master Plan?
- Is this the right level of emphasis on sustainability? Is it progressive enough? What sustainability issues would you like to see stressed in the Master Plan?

IV. Open Space, Civic Uses And Housing

- Are the locations and connections for open spaces effective? How do you think they could be improved?
- How would you like to see these spaces used? What programming would you like to be considered in developing the master plan?
- Would you like to see the idea of an urban form school pursued within landbay F or do you think kids should attend nearby schools (recognizing that sufficient school capacity is a must)?
- Are there other civic uses that should be considered for the site?
- Do you agree with requiring that affordable housing be provided on-site?