



CLOSING MEETING | PUBLIC FEEDBACK

The following is a transcription of comments received from participants during the meeting held on Thursday, June 23, 2005 at 6:30pm at the Jefferson Houston School.

1. I like the scale of OCA (Old Crows Assn)
2. Gateway @ Rt. 1 does not have to be a bldg--could be great sculpture
3. Minimize steel/glass design elements
4. Use traditional details in brick, not just plain brick construction
5. Public space feature at metro a good idea-but ensure that it does not impede pedestrian flow.
6. Work on issues of pedestrian entrance to metro
7. Architecture should blend old and new elements and not look too modern
8. Good-Colecroft, Braddock homes. Bad-new t-mobile store on King St.
9. Like bench-watch out for trees impeding pedestrian flow
10. Don't create a false past-we have warehouses, but don't over do "industrial" inspired design in ways we don't have.
11. Allies and streets should be open-not blocked between private development
12. Might be okay to redevelop existing Braddock place plaza, but don't create more interior plazas.
13. Like massing t scale – just watch about creating a false past
14. Not enough variety in building heights individually, might be okay but would overwhelm this neighborhood- not enough trees
15. Green band should be near street, not building
16. Use native plants
17. Wythe and Madison are the main roads between metro and areas
18. Areas good for shopping /eating-Rio Centre in Gaithersburg shopping arcades in London
19. There appears to be a lot of trucks on N Columbus, is there away to reduce this? I've heard it may be made one-way which would make the problem worse
20. Circle and Wythe/West/Braddock is more dangerous to pedestrian than having lights.
21. More attention needs to be paid to pedestrians crossing Rt. 1 near bridge because housing has already been approved for Slater's lane area
22. After talking with public housing residents about their needs, demographics, etc. need to come up with visionary plan how to serve them and meld their neighborhood with surrounding will be hard! Will take money but I truly believe Alexandria planners with experts from successful projects in other communities could do this
23. Right – you are correct with Fayette, as a pedestrian I use for N-S and also correct on Wythe as E-W
24. I think it is very important to make sure that the people who already live in this area (specifically those in public/affordable housing and those who are low income) are able to stay and enjoy the benefits of the urban rejuvenation that is happening. While I support the redevelopment and recognize that in its current form much of the public housing is not nearly highest or best use of the available space, I feel strongly that people not be displaced as many were by the Samuel Madden project. If any housing is lost, it should be replaced in SITU, not relocated elsewhere in the city. No one should be forced to be removed from their home and friends, and from amenities and services which they have previously enjoyed (most specifically the waterfront and metro) so that others with more money may move in. I believe that the city has a duty to create opportunities for economic success for the residents who are in need of them. I would like to see a business incubation program started to help create both opportunity and support for potential



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entrepreneurial residents so that we may fill the currently empty and proposed new retail/commercial space with local businesses.

25. I will be doing what I can to make a business incubator a reality