



## **Places29 – Workshop #2**

### **Open House on Assets, Needs, and Opportunities**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Sutherland Middle School Cafeteria

## **Open House - Summary of Input**

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### **Introduction**

The following is a summary of input provided by participants during the Places29 Open House on Assets, Needs, and Opportunities on November 1, 2005. Comments and other input were taken from post-it notes attached to maps displayed at the Open House. In addition, Consultant Team members and County Staff who were located at each of the Open House thematic “stations” summarized their recollections of verbal comments or discussions with Open House attendees.

The summary is organized by the topic of the thematic station at the Public Open House. Comments and input given at a station that were not related to the theme of that station are summarized under the appropriate thematic station heading.

## **Existing Framework Map/Land Use/Proposed Development**

### Comments from Maps:

- Why does a neighborhood model stress interconnection for vehicle access but does not ask for sidewalks on primary roads like US 29 at Forrest Lakes?
- Post office needed out here [Hollymead area]
- It would be nice if this came with a park [Future development at North Pointe]

## **Economic Framework**

### Verbal Comments:

- There is so much retail already, can we really support more?
- If growth entails a lot more traffic we don't want it.
- Who are the consultants planning for -- existing residents or future residents?
- Incomes are high in the County.
- Did not know that there was so much in the Northern Development Areas in terms of both residents and employment.
- Did we know about the NGIC expansion?

## **Transportation**

### **Transit**

#### Comments from Maps:

- Expand bus routes north to the Greene County line
- Subsidize Jaunt's commuter services with more money
- Contract with CTS to extend transit services to North US 29
- Put rail service in median or along side of US 29
- Connect Hollymead area to CTS services
- More rail service
- UVA interceptor parking /parking ride/transit service at UVA research park
- More transit
- Bus service from city up US 29 North and back

#### Verbal Comments:

- Need the up-scaled buses in order to attract professional occupation commuters.
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), dedicated transit lanes, and other improvements needed to make transit commuting from Forest Lakes/Hollymead area an efficient, convenient and attractive alternative.
- Resurrect the old train line along Proffit Rd as a commuter rail to Cville.

### ***Ped/Bike Improvements***

#### Comments from Maps:

- Need pedestrian walkways within the Hollymead Towncenter
- Need walkways over/under US 29 at intersection of US 29 and Airport road
- Need to be able to safely cross US 29 from Forrest Lakes to CVS and Hollymead Towncenter
- Would like to be able to walk from Forrest Lakes to Hollymead Towncenter
- More sidewalks
- Provide bike lanes and safe walking paths along US 29
- Under/over crossover instead? [comment did not indicate specific]

#### Verbal Comments:

- More sidewalks and pedestrian/bicycle paths are needed to get from Forest Lakes area to the commercial and retail areas to the south (ex. Walmart, Rio Hill S.C.).
- Ability for pedestrians and bicycles to cross US29 from Forest Lakes/Hollymead developments to the Hollymead T.C.
- Bike lanes needed on Earlysville Road (Rt. 743).

### ***Roadway Related Comments***

#### Comments from Maps:

- No more traffic circles that are too small
- Limit traffic circles
- More traffic circles – fewer traffic lights
- Parallel roads to 29? [comment did not indicate specific location]
- Roundabout somewhere to allow walk-bike crossover? [comment did not indicate specific location]
- Fewer signs at traffic circles – the one in Hollymead Towncenter is absurd
- Provide shoulders on US 29 (so that accidents do not clog up traffic)
- Improve lane directions for US 29 northbound
- Improve lane direction from Forest Lakes North to US 29 southbound
- Provide a bypass or truck lane for tractor trailer trucks and other non-local large vehicles – frustration expressed with late-night, cat-and-mouse driving among trucks
- Synchronize the traffic signals to/from airport road to the Charlottesville city limits
- Pave all of Route 640
- Pave all of Route 643 (Rio Mills Road)

#### Verbal Comments:

- Ruckersville Parkway - general comments expressed included: it is too long and too slow compared to US29 and nobody would use it; and, would have negative impact

on the ability of residents along the Earlysville Road to exit from driveways and side streets.

- More east-west connections are needed between Earlysville Road and US29, as well as any future parallel roads.
- Pave Rio Mills Road (Rt. 643) and Dickerson Road (Rt. 606).
- Rt. 29 should be widened all the way to the bridge.
- Rt. 643 should be improved to Rt. 743 and Rt. 649
- Does not support the Ruckersville Bypass

### **Natural Resources & Open Space and Greenway System**

Comments from Maps:

- More greenways needed
- Provide green space, parks, and not all development
- Provide bike path between NGIC and Forrest Lakes and other areas
- Provide bike/ped path and greenway parallel to US 29 from Hollymead to across South Fork of Rivanna River
- Get commitment from developers to implement plans for parks, play areas, green spaces. Use bond dollars if they do not.
- Save median trees [on US 29] south of Forrest Lakes – they are so beautiful!
- More mountain bike trails in the Chris Green Lake area
- Maintain wooded area on both sides of US 29 north of South Fork of Rivanna River
- Provide a community park like C. Crozet Park with public pool
- [Map correction needed about location of Pen Park]

Verbal Comments:

- Regional Park needed in the northern area.

### **Community Resources**

Comments from Maps:

- Need post office in Northern Development Areas

### **Vision and Guiding Principles**

Comments from Maps (the Northern Development Areas map and an aerial map)

- People were very interested in locating their homes and/or businesses on the map
- You really need to be looking into “loop roads” for this area.

Verbal Comments:

- Most people who stopped at this table took a copy of the Vision & Guiding Principles home with them.

- This vision sounds like the one in the Comprehensive Plan
- I like this vision [from someone who spent several minutes reading the copy posted on the wall.]