



**Places29 Neighborhood Meeting: Neighborhoods 1 & 2**  
**Thursday, March 8, 2007**  
**The Senior Center**  
**7:00pm – 9:00pm**

Over 60 people attended the Places29 Neighborhood Meeting for Neighborhoods 1 and 2.

Also present: Sallie Thomas and David Slutzky, Albemarle County Board of Supervisors; Harrison Rue, Executive Director, Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission; Kelleman Emanuele, TJPDC; John Giometti, VDOT; Wayne Cilimberg, Director of Community Development; David Benish, Chief of Planning; Elaine Echols, Principal Planner; Juandiego Wade, Transportation Planner; and Judy Wiegand, Senior Planner. Kathy Galvin represented the consultant team attended.

**Introduction.** Mr. Wayne Cilimberg opened the meeting with a description of comprehensive and master planning in the County.

**Presentation.** Judy Wiegand and Harrison Rue gave a presentation on the Places29 Draft Preferred Framework and Transportation Network.

**Questions.** Following the presentation, County, TJPDC, and VDOT staff addressed the following questions:

1. Much effort has been put into making the plan, how is this plan going to become reality? What is the motivation for developers to follow this plan?
2. How contingent is this plan on the Meadowcreek Parkway?
3. Does the plan include anything regarding the Western Bypass?
4. Is it possible to have 25 mph speed limit around Senior Center implemented in the near term? (Speaker was nearly mowed down by a car when she was trying to cross the street.)
5. Since Rt. 29 is an interstate highway, not just a local road for Charlottesville and Albemarle, has any effort been made to incorporate the perspectives of neighboring areas that will be affected by what happens to and along Rt. 29 in Charlottesville/Albemarle?
6. The visualizations showed lots of trees, but no streetlights. Will streetlights be incorporated?

7. Has there been any consideration of a subway as the form of transit in the corridor?
8. Access roads have been used in many areas, but where there is a residential component along the access road, developers often put in traffic calming measures and then to avoid the traffic calming measures, people don't actually use the access roads.
9. How will this work be timed—will the roads be done first (either fixing the existing or creating the new ones) or the land use development? Roads fixed first or development happens first.
10. How long will this process take? When will it start? Is there money?
11. The Hydraulic & 29 intersection needs to be fixed/built before any of the other new roads are built.
12. Does the Hillsdale Drive project have money? When will it start?
13. There is a safety issue on Hillsdale where cars are exiting Our Lady of Peace.
14. There is a safety issue with Greenbrier (and Hillsdale?), a stop sign is needed.

Additional comments after the group discussion from Ms. Graves to K. Emanuele:

- a. Premier Circle
- b. Hopes this passes because does not want to see Bypass.
- c. Likes parallel roads, ought to slow growth (developers are not going to want to build all these roads unless they are a "road person"/road oriented developer).
- d. IMPACT (local organization) is working to emphasize the importance of transit. Currently, people that work at night have no way to get to and from work using transit (e.g., those that work at the Doubletree, NGIC)
- e. There also needs to be an emphasis on affordable housing.

### **Small Groups** (comments from post-it sheets)

1. Why not use the existing multilane Hydraulic and Rio Roads as the alternative route for Route 29 and leave the Commonwealth corridor alone?
  2. If alternate roads to Route 29 are built too close, won't the opposing automobile lights be dangerously confusing? For example, Premier Drive through Shopper's World traffic going north while Route 29 southbound would be 200-400 feet away.
  3. Improve traffic control at bus stops.
- Need to pay attention to landscape needs for the corridor – plan for trees – direct developers where and how to provide them – create vistas, not just clumps of green.*