



## Places29 – Workshop #1

### Community Visioning

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
6:30 PM to 9:30 or 10 PM

Ballroom of the Doubletree Hotel  
999 Hilton Heights Road  
Charlottesville, Virginia

## Summary of Input & Comments from the Small-Group Workshop Session

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### *Introduction*

The following is a summary of all comments and input provided by participants in the small group session at the Places 29 Workshop on May 25, 2005. Comments and other input were taken from each table's annotated map and lists on easel sheets that identified that group's major discussion items and priorities, as determined in the concluding "dot" exercise.

The summary is organized by table-number. Each section begins with the list of participants at that table. The *Map Comments* have been organized into topic areas and include the questions posed by the facilitators. Where multiple comments found on a map were virtually identical, this is indicated by a number behind the map comment. For instance, if there were three comments of very similar content, this is indicated by a (3).

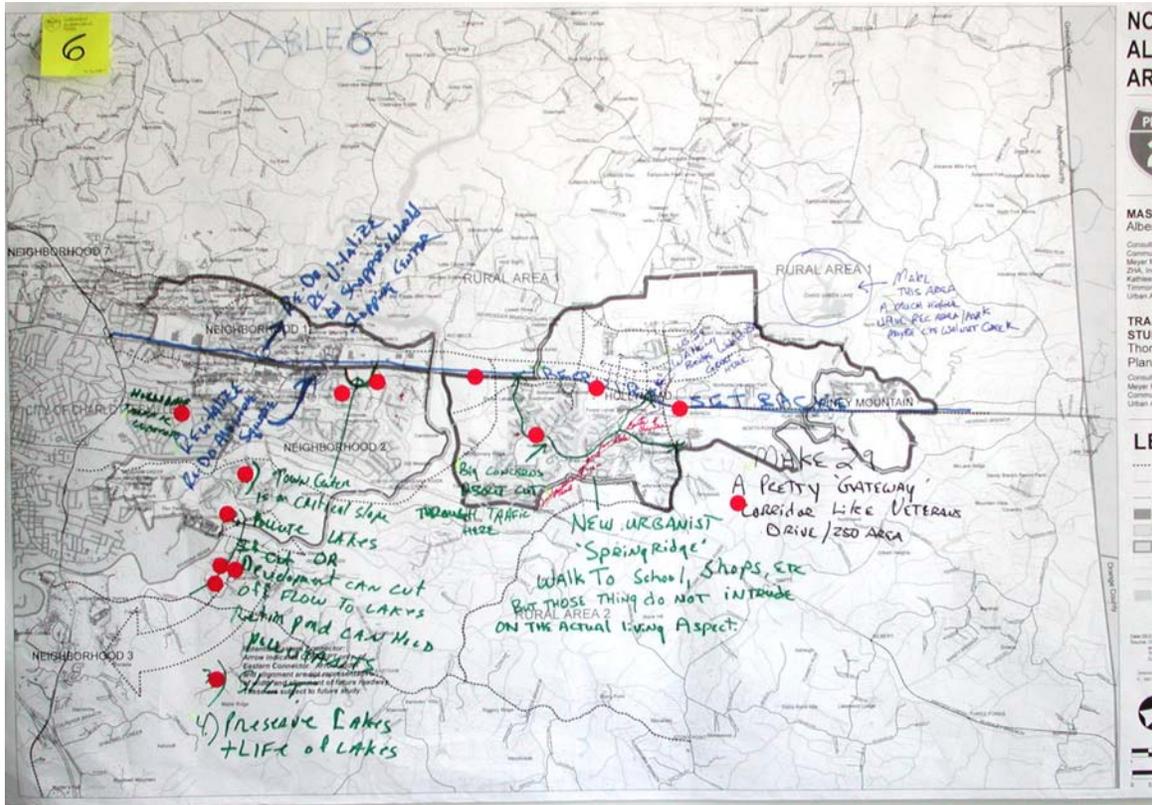
Similarly, in the *Major Discussion and Priority Item* section, which concludes the summary for each table, the numbers in brackets indicate how many "priority-dots" were placed by the discussion item. All items that received at least one dot are highlighted as priority items through **bold** lettering.

Comments that were clearly part of a larger dialogue around a particular subject (and sometimes represented on a map by connecting lines and arrows) are numbered 1.a, 1.b, 1.c and so forth, to allow the reader of this summary to follow along accordingly.

Many comments on the maps relate to specific places or roadway segments. This is shown by location references in rectangular brackets after the comment, such as [Albemarle Square]. If no location was given, then the comment was general and not site-specific.

Not all of the prepared tables were used during the workshop, so some table numbers have been omitted (i.e., there is no Table 1).

Table 6



Participant	Location
No names given	

Map Comments

High Quality Places

- What makes Northern Albemarle a great place to live or work?
- Are there particular places that represent those characteristics?
- What key changes would you make in Northern Albemarle or your neighborhood to make it a better place to live?

*No Comments*

## ***Residential Character and Housing Choices***

- What do you like about your neighborhood?
- Would you like to see additional housing choices in Northern Albemarle or near your neighborhood?
  1. Preserve lakes
  2. Town center is on a critical slope. [Neighborhood 2]
  3. The run-off will pollute lakes, and development will cut off the flow to the lakes. [Neighborhood 2]
  4. A retention pond could hold pollution and silt. [Neighborhood 2]
  5. Develop trail system from Baker Butler school to Chris Green Lake
  6. New Urbanist “Spring Ridge” walk to school, shops, etc. that does not intrude on (actual living aspect) [Powell Creek]
  7. Make Chris Green Lake a recreational area/ park like Walnut Creek would raise the value of the area.

## ***Shopping and Services***

- Which shopping and service opportunities in Northern Albemarle do you use most frequently?
- What additional shopping and services would you like to add?
- For what do you need to leave the Northern Albemarle area, and why?
  1. Redo, Re-utilize Shopper’s World, Shopping Center, and Albemarle Square.

## ***Transportation and Traffic***

- Where would you like to see improved transit service and pedestrian/bicycle connections?
- In your neighborhood, where do you have traffic safety concerns?
- Where do you find traffic to be frustrating, and why?
  1. Housing leads to traffic increase.
  2. Big concerns about cut-through traffic [Ashwood Boulevard]
  3. US 29 walking bridge needed [Hollymead Town Center]
  4. Make US 29 a pretty gateway corridor like Veteran’s Drive in the I-250 area
  5. Requires a setback [US 29]

## Major Discussion and Priority Items

1. Neighborhoods 1 and 2 (Turtle Creek) need to be safe and comfortable. Pedestrian access across and to Hydraulic Road and Route 29 is also needed.
2. **Setbacks along Route 29 – make Route 29 a pretty landscaped gateway corridor like veterans memorial near the I-250 Bypass. (3)**
3. **Concerns about cut through traffic in residential neighborhoods. E.g. Hillsdale and Ashwood. (1)**
4. Preserve open spaces, and walkable neighborhoods like Spring Ridge
5. Plazas/New Urbanist – walk to schools, shops, and services (pedestrian bridge across Route 29 at Hollymead Town Center.)
6. Trail systems – add higher value to Chris Green Lake (like Walnut Creek.) Emulate Monticello Trail in Baker Butler School to Chris Green Lake. Other opportunities.
7. **Development to affect lakes between Woodbrook and Carrsbrook. (1)**
8. **Critical slopes – run-off will pollute lakes – don't let development pollute, deposit silt or cut off flow to lakes. (1)**
9. Revitalize Shopper's World and Albemarle Square.