

January 13, 2017 Planning Commission Work Session
Summary

Members Present: Chairman Kurt Keesecker; Commissioners Jody Lahendro, Genevieve Keller, Taneaia Dowell and Corey Clayborne

Members Absent: Lisa Green, John Santoski, UVA representative Brian Hogg

There is general agreement that the City will grow and the PC wants to determine how best to plan for, manage and direct that growth.

Demographic data (providing the facts) is going to be the best way to tell the story (it is also the way to be able to integrate equity items into the document).

The Exercise denoted a number of areas for consideration

1. There needs to be a way to narrow these down/group them. There was also mention that some of the areas may not be “areas” as the discussion moves forward.
2. The identification of characteristics of the areas is only partially complete.

The Economic Development report was informative and the follow up data from Chris Engel very helpful.

The Commission pondered the idea that most employers do not care where the employees live but this is something that the Commission (and City) is concerned about.

Heavy industry of the past is not what wants to locate in the City.

Due to loss of quorum, the formal meeting ended. There was some less formal conversation about linking the information learned/discussed into an engagement plan.

The Commission confirmed their desire to have a facilitator as one of the resources to request from City Council to assist with PC meetings and Community meetings.

Info requested

Map of City owned properties

Needed next steps:

The Community Engagement Strategy needs to get underway. The Commission will need to determine if there is other information needed to inform that task. Using the 5 levels of engagement chart will be a good first step and will hopefully lead to identifying the types of activities needed as each topic is reviewed. In addition to the Comp plan engagement, we need to figure out the best way to integrate regulatory framework items into those discussions (or determine if they are separate discussions).