

Highway 29 Boulevard of Opportunity Study Community Meeting #4

Minutes of Meeting

January 27, 2011/ 6:30pm/ Providence Christian Academy

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

Study Overview and Process

Review Placemaking + Community Values + Corridor Components

Present Draft Plan

Interactive Exercise

- Attendee Feedback
- Provide comments for the following project elements:
 - Land Use, Circulation and Urban Design
- Complete Community Comment Form

Next Steps

Meeting Outcomes

The following are agenda items with corresponding feedback from attendees.

Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Gerald McDowell, Executive Director of the Lilburn Community Improvement District, welcomed attendees and introduced Ms. Shannon Kettering, Program Manager for Pond | Ecos, who provided the following presentation for Community Meeting #4:

Project Presentation Summary (via PowerPoint Presentation)

- **Study Overview & Process**
 - *The goal of the Highway 29 Boulevard of Opportunity Corridor Study is to provide land use, mobility, urban design and implementation recommendations for the 4-mile corridor between Ronald Reagan Parkway and Rockbridge Road.*
 - Additional overview information reviewed included:
 - Why is it important?
 - Who is involved?
 - Where will this occur?
 - How will the plan be completed?
 - What have we done so far?
- **Review Placemaking + Community Values + Corridor Components**
 - **Placemaking:** created through the combination of balanced elements, appropriate scale and quality design
 - **Quality Design** that supports community...
 - Values & Goals

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- Identity
- Preservation
- Sustainability
- **Appropriate Scale**
 - Neighborhood
 - Community
 - Center
- **Balanced Elements**
 - Land Use
 - Circulation
 - Urban Design
- **Community Values:** What the Hwy 29 Boulevard of Opportunity Study wants/strives to be for the benefit of the community in the future.
 - **Review of Vision Statement & Goals for the Highway 29 Boulevard of Opportunity Study**

Please refer to the Community Meeting4 presentation for more information.
 - **Review of Corridor Components:** Description/example imagery for Land Use, Circulation and Urban Design elements depicted on the Draft Plan.
- **Review Draft Plan**
 - Alternative Concepts presented at Community Meeting 3 on December 16th have been combined into one concept, the Draft Plan, based off feedback received from the community, project management team and core team.
 - The Draft Plan is categorized by Focus Area. Focus Areas are defined as areas of different scale and unique character that may be the result of the location, quantity or relationship of different elements, such as topography, age, architecture, land use patterns, etc.
 - During the presentation, each focus area was reviewed; including example imagery and a list summarizing key points for land use and circulation. Please refer to the Community Meeting 4 presentation for detailed information.

Interactive Exercise: Draft Plan feedback

This exercise allowed the community to provide focused feedback on the Draft Plan utilizing two break-out tables. Each table focused on land use, circulation and urban design. The community members participated in an active discussion regarding the draft plan in addition to completing the community comment form. Listed below are comments and suggestions received during the interactive exercise:

- Trees (existing Red Maples) along corridor
 - Consistent species
- Lions Park is expanding
 - Currently, there is no pedestrian connection from the existing greenway to Lion's Park
- No parking or trailhead for existing greenway at Rockbridge Road
- Suggest more north-south trail connections within the West Focus Area.
- No place to park when there are events at Lilburn City Park. Could there be a special events shuttle?
- Location of crossing at Killian Hill and existing greenway could be dangerous.

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- Like wide sidewalks along corridor > very inviting, want to walk
 - May want to see wide sidewalks along 29 before expansion of Greenway
 - “Activity creates Activity”
- Existing areas with traffic issues
 - Timing of lights: Hwy 29 from Indian Trail/Killian Hill to Holly Ridge Dr
 - Afternoon congestion: Hwy 29 from Indian Trail/Killian Hill to Pleasant Hill Rd
 - Intersection: Luxomni Rd at Home Depot entrance
- Proposed Land uses between Pleasant Hill and Ronald Reagan Pkwy (East Focus Area)
 - Residential uses are not the best use here
 - Suggest more professional or medical offices rather than residential
- Suggest professional/medical office (retaining existing restaurants) at northwest corner of the Hwy 29/Beaver Run intersection
- Median= Pedestrian safety
- Concern > the reality of the amount/ quantity of cars/ traffic
- Love to have a small outdoor concert area
- Lilburn parking needs are a concern
- Consider a covered escalator to connect the parcels fronting Hwy 29 and the new City Hall/ Public Library
- Consider recommendations to address possible future parking, esp. surrounding City Hall
- Clarify City initiatives and Hwy 29 study initiatives
- “Quality of life amenities”
- Coordinate proposed pedestrian connections with school’s future plans.

Next Steps

- Community Meeting #5: Review Final Draft Corridor Study
Thursday, March 3, 2011, 6:30 pm at Providence Christian Academy

These minutes constitute the author’s understanding of the items discussed and conclusions reached. If there are any errors or omissions, please notify the author in writing.

END OF MINUTES