



4MRV Working Group Meeting
October 4, 2016
7 – 9:30 PM

The purpose of this Working Group Meeting was to present Area Plan Analyses (Urban Form, Open Space, and Economic Conditions) and a Park Master Plan Analysis (Usage Patterns and User Groups, Service Analysis, Saturday in the Park Report-Out). Unfortunately, due to lengthy presentations and time constraints, the agenda was changed. The Economic Conditions Analysis was rescheduled for the next Working Group Meeting (October 19th). The Vice Chair (Robin Stompler) voiced concern that the change was made after sharing the agenda with the public.

The Urban Form Analysis was presented by Amy Groves (Dover, Kohl & Partners) and the Open Space Analysis was presented by Charles Neer (Wallace Roberts & Todd). The presentations were generally well received and the Working Group had questions about the content and provided feedback. One Working Group member suggested asking Dominion Power to do a presentation to explain the existing infrastructure and explore if aesthetic changes are possible. Some Working Group members seemed confused about the Open Space presentation, they did not realize the presentation only addressed the Area Plan. It was suggested that future presentations should begin by showing a map delineating the Area Plan and Park Master Plan boundaries, and making clear which boundary the presentation is addressing.

The Park Master Plan Analysis was presented by Jim Klein (Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects) and Abigail Ferretti (Partners for Economic Solution). Jim discussed the usage patterns, user groups, and Saturday in the Park report-out, and Abigail discussed the service analysis. The Working Group members had questions about the various park analyses. The 4MRV Chair, Charles Monfort, recommended the consultant team develop a document to explain the analyses and methodologies. There were also concerns about the Saturday in the Park event. The Working Group expressed a need for additional outreach events and requested advanced notice so they can participate. The Nauck Civic Association President, Portia Clark, expressed an interest for County staff to survey the community to better understand their needs and determine why some are choosing to not use the park. The Shirlington Civic Association President, Edie Wilson, commented that when discussing the Park Master Plan, the group should clearly communicate that the Master Plan is for 3 separate parks, not just Jennie Dean.

During the public comment period, one person commented on the Parks Master Plan analyses. She stated that the presentation was confusing and was concerned that the data was trying to steer the group in a certain direction. She also stated that she has a 4 year old daughter and would like the playground updated. She frequently visits parks farther away from her home because the playgrounds are in better condition, and suspects the community has pent up demand for playground facilities.

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