

Fairland & Briggs Chaney Master Plan Visioning Workshop
7/19/2022 (6pm-8pm)
Notes from Breakout Group B

Big Visions

Vibrant

Diverse

Beautification

More Sociable/more interactive – If everyone just stays in their spaces, you do not get to know your neighbors.

Welcoming – wanting people to come to the community so more companies will want to invest in the community.

Mapping Ideas

On the lower end of, other side of Fairland, in order to get to the parks, you have to walk down a narrow sidewalk and its overgrown, so you have to walk in the street which is un-safe.

Flash Bus works well.

Love the trails.

Want to improve Briggs Chaney and Robey Road, lots of potholes.

Like the trails but need more trail signage to give direction.

Want to see more artwork along the trails from local artists. Metal artwork along trails would be nice but not particular about the art just want it to be from local artists.

Like the proximity to Tech Road because it's convenient for fast food. Also, Viva White Oak is bringing a new grocery store for more food access.

The off ramp from 29 to Briggs Chaney does not work. Street in general around Market place are kind of chaotic. There have been quite a few accidents there.

Global Foods and some variety of food options does work.

Fast food options do not work because they are not the healthiest. Want better healthy food options.

Like the new bike share option near the Rec Center. I am a biker. Like the Fairland Park bike trails. Also, Green Castle Road is good for bikes because of the bike lanes.

A revamping of the Market Place in general is needed. It looks old and run down. The signage along 29 is not welcoming. At the Popeyes/7-11 there is a good variety of food options but the parking is congested and there is not enough parking.

Need a good bank in the Market Place.

Last summer, there was a family movie night in the park that was nice. It was nice to bring a lawn chair with the family and watch a movie together. Wan to see more of that.

Really enjoy the bike trails in Fairland Park. There are quite avid bikers in that park.

Open Discussion

Like the idea of more playgrounds. That would make it more beneficial to kids if there was play equipment and not just open space.

Like the idea of modernizing the public schools.

Like the idea of highlighting the community diversity. Like to see aspects of the culture on the community.

Not many bookstores so it would be nice to have bookstores near the Market Place. Also in favor of more bookstores.

Wanting more economic investment in our community so we do not have to work in DC. Administrative jobs would be nice.

We seem to be at the tail-end of PG County. The aquatic center is not welcoming to MoCo residents because it costs more and there is not space for MoCo residents. Would like to see a YMCA which may also provide jobs for young people.

I use the Rec Center. It is underutilized. I use it for its fitness center. I see food distribution there but not much else. This might be a good place to highlight the community culture.

Rec Center has a summer campo and used to have senior programs but those stopped. It is accessible because of the Flash and there is parking. Rec Center isn't used as much as it could be. The buses make it accessible but it's a long walk to the stops. Maybe more bike share options between stops would make it more accessible.

The Rec Center could have more activities and events like the one that hosts Burtonsville Day.

Have more gatherings in Fairland Park.

Favorite Places to Visit

I regularly travel to Columbia, to the area behind Whole Foods. They have dancing, a Juneteenth Festival, and the trails are marked well and have challenge stations. This is also where the closest skating center is located, in Laurel. We need those things here.

I go the Downtown Silver Spring and Bethesda. I like the outdoor activities and shopping choices. Can sense in those areas that the County is supporting those areas.

There are free movie nights every Friday in Columbia. Want that here.

Would like to see an area like at Pike and Rose. Not fancy dining but sit-down dining inside and outside. It would be nice to have that here.

It would be nice to see community activity in Edgewood Park.

Festivities could happen at the East County Rec Center.

I do not go to the car park except to wash my car.

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Notes from Breakout Group A

- Love Silver Spring Downtown
- Want to be able to hangout with friends, spend money where I live. I want to invest in my community.
- There is nowhere to spend some time with family on a Sunday. I would love not having to get into my car all the time.
- Families and single folks love to mingle in warmer atmosphere
- Some perceptions of east county seem to inhibit people from patronizing the area. Would like to make the area more family oriented and family welcoming.
- Greencastle Elementary school road (Robey Road) is very rough and needs to be repaired and resurfaced. It also needs good crosswalks. People drive fast and would be useful to put some speed cameras there to slow down the cars.
- Huge dream request: Change trees on the Briggs Chaney Road leading to legend Oaks Road for “Sleepy Willow” and Ornamental grass. Mainly Sleepy Willow.