

FONTAINE AVENUE STREETSCAPE

Steering Committee Meeting #2: Meeting Summary

Date: February 28, 2019, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room

Agenda:

Welcome

Recap of Previous Steering Committee Meeting

Review of Public Workshop

Streetscape Activity

Next Steps

Adjourn

Steering Committee Attendees:

Carl Schwarz	Board of Architectural Review
Cort Hammond	Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Helen Wilson	UVA Office of the Architect
Hosea Mitchell	Planning Commission/Entrance Corridor Review Board
Jess Wenger	Fry's Springs Neighborhood Association
Jody Lahendro	Tree Commission
Kevin McDermott	Albemarle County Community Development - Transportation
Lorie Craddock	Atlas Coffee
Mike Smith	Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Patrick Wright	UVA Health System – Facilities
Rebecca White	UVA Department of Parking and Transportation

Also In Attendance:

Michael Manto Atlas Coffee



Discussion:

- The design team reviewed information and comments from Steering Committee Meeting #1.
- The design team the reviewed comments and input from the public workshop.

Group Activity:

- To determine feedback from the Steering Committee on what the ideal streetscape for the corridor would be, the group completed an activity to lay out a typical street section based on the options available. These options included bike lanes, parking, sidewalks, vehicular lanes, lighting, and green space.
- The activity was preceded by a discussion on the available right-of-way along the corridor. Available right-of-way varies from approximately 50' to 65', generally increasing from east to west. While the Committee was not bound to stay within the right-of-way with their concepts, this information was provided as context to assist them in understanding the potential for private property impacts along the corridor.
- The following section was developed by the group and they felt it was a reasonable approach to meeting the needs of the committee. It includes 11foot travel lanes (one per direction), a 5-foot bicycle lane in each direction, a landscaped buffer area (4 to 6 feet) – potentially with street trees or other plantings, and 6' sidewalks.







- For narrower sections of the corridor (such as near the JPA intersection), the group suggested eliminating the landscaped buffer area to reduce the potential footprint and to provide additional room to accommodate turn lanes at this critical intersection.

Group Discussion Key Points:

- Related to on-street parking, some landlords may be charging additional for residents to keep vehicles on-site. This may lead to some of the on-street parking.
- Continuum Health Care doesn't fully utilize the parking facilities they have. Is there an opportunity for parking in the garage?
- There are two Group Homes on the corridor that may house up to 20 people.
- Committee members confirmed the design team's observations that businesses along the corridor do not get much benefit from the on-street parking.
- Atlas Coffee has two parking spaces plus a handicap space in front of the business and about 20 spaces behind the business. Parking for the businesses is a premium.
- The Steering Committee agreed that on-street parking is not a priority. This agreed with comments received from the public workshop.
- The turn lanes at JPA are very important. On eastbound Fontaine, there is a left-turn lane and a right-turn at this intersection. Start the lanes further from the intersection, if possible.
- The Steering Committee focused on a typical section that has dedicated bicycle lanes, preferably separated from vehicles by a buffer; a buffer strip outside of the roadway for trees, lighting and potentially utilities and a sidewalk (minimum of 6').
- It was noted that a 4-foot landscaped buffer is not sufficient for most street trees and perhaps a wider buffer on one side with trees and a narrower buffer for the overhead utilities would be appropriate.

Next Steps:

 Based on the input received to date, the Design Team will develop conceptual sketches and sections depicting potential improvements for the corridor.
These preliminary draft concepts will be shared at the next meeting for additional input.

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