

VISION 2030 COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Welcome and Overview

Discussion Comments February 7, 2008

The following is a brief summary of handwritten notes taken by the JHU consultant team during the workshop opening the evening of the February 7. These comments were expressed both as questions and as statements of concern. The JHU consultant team has attempted to record the comments as originally stated during the meeting and have organized these notes by topic below.

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- What can you build “world class” in 107 acres?
- How does 12 million sq ft translate into height, massing, views, open space, etc?
- Team should define the study area boundaries (include Belward and SGLSC)
- Why does this area currently have no “sense of place?”
- The best projects have connectivity/integration.
- Study area could be expanded with the CCT as the spine.
- JHU should be more aggressive in community outreach/getting the word out.
- According to a recent article in the Gazette, housing and retail are banned by the deed.
- What percentage of the audience here today is part of the “creative class?”
- There are places on the west coast where areas were built for the creative class, but they did not come.
- Community has questions/skepticism about the comparisons/precedents
 - o TOD is difficult
 - o CCT will be slow
 - o 12 million sq ft could give you 48,000 employees. This is as much as Bethesda. This (Montgomery County) is not an employment center.
- Will there be housing on the Belward site?
- Can the community have a copy of the Bank deed?
- How tall will the buildings be? Is there a maximum building height?
- How many sq ft currently in the SGLSC?
- Public schools in the future are likely to be more TOD-friendly. How will this be done? What are other examples/precedents?
- There are currently 6 high schools in the area. There could be opportunities for on-campus programs for local high school students.