

Rachel LaPiana 7:01 PM

Welcome to the Plan Langston Boulevard Area 2 Neighborhoods Meeting. Tonight's meeting is being recorded. The chat will open for the Q&A portion of tonight's meeting. If you prefer to ask questions in the Teams chat, you may do so, but please remember that the chat is not visible to those who have called in to the meeting, so please do not use the chat for general comments or side conversations. Please use the same respectful tone in the meeting chat that you would while speaking. The full chat transcript will be posted on the public website.

7:03 PM Recording has started

David (Guest) 7:43 PM

I have a concern for the Inclusion of the Arts past the Public Art component. What are the plans to support artists? Affordable Studio Space for example.

George (Guest) 7:46 PM

The plan calls for the elimination of the islands in the middle of Langston Blvd. That is not going to make crossing LB any easier but more dangerous. I cross at the marked crosswalk near Rivendell school and have been trapped on the safety island for several minutes as traffic zooms by. Narrowing the blvd will mean there will be a constant stream of cars so you will never be able to cross the blvd anywhere between Lexington and Harrison.

Dave Presson (Guest) 7:47 PM

One of the design points mentioned "inspired architecture" but won't everything still be up to the eventual developers? If you look at Falls Church along Broad Street from Washington Street to I-66 it's hard to tell one building from another. Everything looks the same and seems to lack imagination and certainly "inspiration". Will anything govern what is built and how sturdy the construction will be so that it will endure and not be disposable?

E Furlow (Guest) 7:47 PM

Thanks for all your work on this. I understand development will take time, given ownership of the parcels, readiness, etc. But Lee Center, being owned by the county, sort of falls in a different category. Where does the Lee Center decision stand in terms of the county's priorities, CIP support, etc?

Kathryn S (Guest) 8:01 PM

I would like to follow up on the need to build not only energy efficient buildings but climate-resilient and storm-proof buildings. Is there any thought to strengthening building codes-both for commercial and housing?

Paul Snodgrass 8:06 PM

I understand that the plan anticipates 50 years to realize the full vision, but how long will it take to complete the envisioned traffic calming, biking, and pedestrian improvements? These seem like more urgent needs that shouldn't wait on the timelines of piecemeal redevelopment.

George (Guest) 8:07 PM

The plan talks about expanding the Langston-Brown Center for community purposes but the building, as designed, cannot be easily expanded. Plus the school at LB has recently been expanded so its use as a senior center has been decreased. Have any ideas been proposed on how the LB could be expanded to serve as both a school and a community center?

Ashley Smith (External) 8:15 PM

What is the timeline for the remaining process?

Kathryn S (Guest) 8:16 PM

While I support intensification around corridors, the idea of 7 story buildings is concerning.

Kathryn S (Guest) 8:17 PM

Thank you

Rachel LaPiana 8:18 PM

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Kathryn S (Guest) 8:20 PM

Thx!!

Paul H (Guest) 8:21 PM

Thank you!

George (Guest) 8:24 PM

If you go the website mentioned you still need to search around to find the feedback form.

Rachel LaPiana 8:25 PM

Here is a direct link to the feedback form: Plan Langston Boulevard Preliminary Concept Plan Feedback Form (openforms.com)