

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF PLANNING



Public Meeting Summary

Plan/Project: Bellevue Community-Design Workshop

Meeting Date & Time: March 14, 2009 9:30am-1:00pm

Location: P.R. Harris Educational Center, 4600 Livingston Road, SE

DC Government Attendees: Geraldine Gardner, Associate Director, Neighborhood Planning, Evelyn Kasongo, Ward 8 Neighborhood Planner, Gizachew Andargeh, Ward 7 Neighborhood Planner, Stephen Rice, Community Planner, Melissa Bird, Ward 6 Neighborhood Planner, Chris Shaheen, Program Manager, Andrea Limauro, Ward 3 Neighborhood Planner

AGENDA:

- Welcome/Introductions (Evelyn Kasongo, OP)
- Market presentation (Marc McCauley, RCLCo)
- Q and A
- Station breakouts

SUMMARY:

The Office of Planning conducted a Community Design workshop for the Bellevue Small Area Plan at P.R. Harris Educational Center located at 4600 Livingston Road, SE. The meeting took place from 9:30am-1:00pm. Ms. Kasongo gave opening remarks which included a summary of plan objectives, results of previous meeting feedback, and logistics associated with the workshop.

A market study is being conducted as part of the small area planning process. Marc McCauley (RCLCo) gave a presentation of initial findings relative to redevelopment potential at three selected nodes within the Bellevue neighborhood. After the presentation, participants were asked to attend each station and provide feedback relative to station goals and objectives. The stations consisted of the following:

1. Visioning-Participants were asked to place a dot next to the vision statement that best represented their aspirations for the Bellevue neighborhood over the next 5-10 years.

2. Mapping- Participants were asked to identify issues on a map within Bellevue relative to housing, retail, parks/open space, and public safety. They were then asked to identify aspirations on a second map relative to housing, retail and parks/open space within Bellevue.
3. Visual Preference-Participants were given 5 sets of images comprised of the following categories-housing, retail, parks/open space, public space, and new development along South Capitol Street. Attendees were asked to place a dot under the image that best represented their aspirations for Bellevue relative to those categories.
4. NIF goals and Objectives- Participants were asked to confirm whether the goals and strategies created for the NIF plan were accurate and where necessary, refined or enhanced. The NIF plan will be designed to guide investments in Bellevue from the Neighborhood Investment Fund, which provides grant resources to community-based organizations for neighborhood revitalization.
5. Market Study Information-Meeting participants furthered their discussion of the market presentation which provided information on retail and housing demand of selected redevelopment sites within Bellevue.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

NEXT STEPS:

The Office of Planning will compile the information received and develop recommendations based on the feedback from each station. The NIF plan will undergo a 30-day public comment period to commence April 2, 2009. The feedback received from the design workshop will be presented at the Open House scheduled for April 28, 2009 at P.R. Harris Educational Center from 6:30-8:30pm.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

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