

## MARCH 18, 2013: GRASSLAND VILLAGE SPECIAL AREA PLAN PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING #2

Williamson County Planning Staff and the Grassland Citizen's Advisory Committee were on site to gain community feedback on the issues in Grassland Village and the desired vision for the next twenty years. The Public Involvement Meeting, which ran from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Grassland Middle School Cafeteria, began with a brief presentation that reviewed the planning process with the community. Following the presentation, community members took part in three group exercises, designed to bring focus to the issues that the community felt were most important to the Grassland Village.

A copy of the handout is available on the Meeting Notes page.

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING #2 PRESENTATION**

This material was presented by Mike Matteson and Katy Rucker, members of Williamson County Planning Staff during the meeting. The presentation provided a brief overview of the Plan's process, including timeline and events, and moved on to explain the individual and group visioning exercises for the group.

A copy of the presentation is available on the Meeting Notes page.

### **STICKY DOT EXERCISE: RANKING THE ISSUES**

Community members were asked to place sticky dots on the issues they felt were most important for the Grassland Village. Each participant was provided with seven sticky dots -- two for each of the three categories, and one *wildcard* sticky dot to place on any issue they wished. Below are links to digital copies of the results of that exercise.

Sticky Dot Issues were compiled from the group exercises held during the first Public Involvement Meeting on January 31, 2013. These issues are listed verbatim from the information collected. In some cases issues fell into more than one category, and as such, are represented in both categories. In addition, some issues are listed in the same category more than once - this is because more than one group listed the issue. In cases where issues overlapped, Staff reconciled the variations as best as possible when tallying the total number of dots for each issue.

Images of the results of this exercise are available to view on the Meeting Notes page.

#### **CATEGORY ONE:**

*Government Services, Infrastructure, and Traffic Issues*

Out of the sixty-one issues presented to the community, six stood out when voting was complete. They were (in no particular order):

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- *Bethlehem Loop & Hillsboro Road*
- *Hillsboro Road - traffic issues solved before more commercial, then a plan needs to be in effect (i.e., road widened)*
- *Keep Foxwood Lane a dead end*
- *People can safely walk and bicycle from place to place*
- *Planning and improvement of Hillsboro Road has to be carefully thought out to provide effective and safe traffic flow through Grassland as well as in and around*
- *Traffic in and out of Harpeth Gymnastics*

As many of the above deal with specific vehicular traffic issues, staff combined these specific issues into a broader category of **VEHICULAR TRAFFIC**. The remaining issues are classified as **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**.

**CATEGORY TWO:**

*Land Use Issues*

Out of the forty-two issues presented to the community, three stood out when voting was complete. They were (in no particular order):

- *I think the pressure for Grassland to grow due to its appeal, schools, and location will be evident. With that in mind, a planned infrastructure of small businesses servicing area neighborhoods is and will be unique in the day of bigger and faster.*
- *Limitations on the size of buildings (already <10,000 sq ft)*
- *Preserved green space and limiting new development*

The first issue listed above was simplified by staff for the purpose of vision and goal creation exercises that were to follow the sticky dot exercise. The issue is classified as **PLANNED INFRASTRUCTURE OF SMALL BUSINESSES SERVICING AREA NEIGHBORHOODS**. The remaining categories are combined slightly to create the second issue, **LIMITATIONS TO BUILDING SIZES**. The final issue is listed as **PRESERVING GREEN SPACES**.

**CATEGORY THREE:**

*Natural Resources and Design and Character Issues*

Out of the fifty issues presented to the community, four stood out when voting was complete. They were (in no particular order):

- *Connectivity of neighborhoods and commercial areas --> sidewalks/bike lanes separated by green space from traffic.*

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- *Limitations on the size of buildings (already <10,000 sq ft)*
- *Preserved green space and limiting new development*
- *Save hillsides and trees*

The first issue listed above was simplified by staff for the purpose of vision and goal creation exercises that were to follow the sticky dot exercise. The issue is classified as **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND CONNECTIVITY**. The remaining categories are combined slightly to create the second issue, **LIMITATIONS TO BUILDING SIZES**. The final issue is listed as **PRESERVING GREEN SPACES AND HILLSIDES**.

**GROUP EXERCISE: CREATING A DRAFT VISION STATEMENT**

Following the Sticky Dot Exercise, community members were asked to split into groups of approximately 5-8 people. Each group, using the above mentioned top issues as a guide, developed draft Vision Statements for the Grassland Village.

Copies of the Vision Statements created by each group are available on the Meeting Notes page.

**GROUP EXERCISE: CREATING A SET OF DRAFT GOALS**

Once the draft Vision Statement was created and shared with all attendees, groups worked together to create a set of draft goals for how to achieve their vision.

Copies of the Goals created by each group are available on the Meeting Notes page.