

Cherrydale Citizens Association (CCA) Meeting 1/25/2017

Attendees:

- CCA Board: Jim Todd, President; Gillian Burgess, Vice President; Katherine Christensen, Treasurer; Danielle Schefer, Secretary
- Lee Highway Presenters: Lee Highway Alliance (Tom Korn, Ginger Brown), Arlington County (Elizabeth Weigel, Jenn Smith)
- Community Members (14)

Announcements:

- Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner for CCA and CVFD- Saturday March 11th. 5:30 and 7:00 seatings with Cherrydale Jazz Quintet. A Chef will be cooking for us. Bread donated by Leonora. Pasta donated by Gaijin Ramen shop. No tickets needed. Please join us!
- We may move locations from CVFD for future meetings—more to come.

Lee Highway

- The Alliance started as a community organization of Civic Associations along Lee Highway.
- Desires for a future Lee Hwy (a more walkable Lee Hwy, more transportation, neighborhood centers (like Cherrydale)) led to Guiding Principles. Led to a 4 day community workshop that developed a Visioning Plan. County has agreed to a formal Planning Study, taking place over next 2-3 years. Currently defining what to study, how to study, and what is the planned result from the study. This was initiated by community desire, not County impetus.
- Cherrydale will have its own plan, as will each “village”. One of the desires is to keep each neighborhood unique.
- There will be Lee Highway wide “network plans” for items like transportation and park spaces.
- The corridor-wide plan is to guide the entire area, not to have to go through special planning/zones meetings on a property by property basis.
- The County has a Comprehensive Plan to guide the entire county – this is being re-done this year.
- Cherrydale has a Revitalization Plan from 1994 (available on our website). Cherrydale and East Falls Church have plans in place but other areas don't. Will County use us a starting point or look to areas with greater needs first? Not yet decided.
- 1994 plan has strict requirements for height, etc. It also defined the width of Lee Hwy roadway, added bike lanes, and obtained curb-side parking.
- Lee Hwy is losing lanes in Rosslyn (Custis Trail getting wider), that VDOT has already agreed to.
- Cherrydale has a connectivity problem: between Lyon Village shopping center and the small shopping center with Happy Grooming, and because of the split between Old Lee and Lee Hwy. These areas are currently outside the revitalization zone.
- Will the police be involved in the transportation from a safety perspective? They may have ideas for improvement and also benefit from hearing what community wants. Suggested they be a stakeholder.
- What is important to us to protect? Need to decide.
- What can we do to “pretty-up” the neighborhood? Either at County or business or other expense.

CCA agreed: We are happy with the plan process, don't need to re-do the 1994 plan. Our priority is linking Cherrydale to other areas in the Lee Hwy corridor.