

Comments from AM Workshop:

Richard Pippin –

- Include the school
- Include the residential in the Character District, focus on retirement housing/community to promote the walkability and reduce vehicles

Spencer Hull-

- Bury the utilities
- Improve sidewalks and crosswalks to make it more pedestrian friendly
- No issues with building heights as long as there is a need for it

Streetscape plan? 20-30 years out so build-to line may be impacted

Concerns about traffic

Dr Adams - Auction house that is dilapidated, did it sell? Just north of 344 Battlefield site.

- Pleased they're putting teeth on design guidelines
- Likes improving pedestrian activity in GB business area – any safer walkways appreciated
- 100 block Cedar Road, wish sidewalks extended from Battlefield Blvd to the Library (approx. 2 blocks of sidewalks missing)
- Likes to see moving from voluntary to a set standard, remove some tackiness along the corridor

George Jamerson (Resident for 40 yrs, moved here from VB for better housing)-

- Looking for quality construction/aesthetically pleasing buildings and surroundings
- Good idea to codify guidelines – was excited for it in 2008 but it didn't have teeth
- Even on small projects, would like to see Planning Dept seek surrounding neighbor's opinions – especially neighborhoods that are adjacent to the project. People tend not to stand up in public hearings, one-on-one before the public hearing sign is up and it is a reaction at that point. More aggressive approach in the beginning to find out how residents feel.
- Building heights are fine
- Noted as an opportunity area – site behind Papa Johns, at Battlefield and Mt Pleasant, not large enough to do anything, keep it empty and have the City buy it, maintain it for the history (kids walking through there on their way to school)
- Lot at the entrance to the historic museum is the entrance to entire museum site and where the causeway went through. Development there will also block the view of the museum from Battlefield. Prefers to have it given to the museum to keep it vacant for the entrance, add more simulated historic causeway that was there. Maintain the history. Old tidal mill existed where Big Woodys is today.
- Not in Great Bridge but all related for historic tourism: Civil War Fort off Jolliff Rd, where water pipes go across Goose Creek. Earthen fort built by Confederates – City needs to utilize these sites for historic tourism. Defensive position by both sides in the war. Could be used as a park.

Mary Murphy –

- Concerns regarding wildlife, pushing them out as we develop more
- Concerns regarding environmental impacts when trees are removed
- Drainage problems already when there is a storm surge – flooding, especially by the Battlefield Bridge. Removing permeable surfaces could make this worse
- Parking is terrible now in Great Bridge, adding more stores and residential would not improve the flow of traffic
- Are there services to support the increased population? Water, sewer, trash, etc
- Public transportation is terrible and needs to improve if walkability is encouraged in this area
- Would like to see the museum open and have walking paths with restrooms to encourage outdoor activities

Carol Cooke-

- The concept is OK
- Parking concerns – will there be enough?
- People needs to comply with regulations
- Concern with gambling uses
- Loved it 40 years ago, now not so much
- Should have been done in 2008.