

Comprehensive Plan Community Meeting – South Norfolk

Focus Area Notes + Exceptional Future Meaning

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Housing and Equity

- Better advertisement of available resources (i.e. HUD website)
- More hands-on approach with owners and owner occupied properties in need of repair
- Requirement that potential homebuyer is made aware the property is part of a historic area. A lot of realtors are not advising homeowners.
 - Like Portsmouth
- Need balance – cannot place all low income in one area
- Give people knowledge of resources
- Have program like the land bank that could serve all Chesapeake residents

Environment and Resilience

- Water quality issues in neighborhoods – no boil water notices for high levels of contamination
- Solar panels, wind turbines -> small in public areas
- Flooding and resiliency issues (Portlock area) (+1)
 - (all areas)
- Protect waterways – repair low lying areas to keep from flooding
- Available parking for residents that live in low lying areas with flooding occurs
 - Municipal garage
- Raising grade on Bainbridge
- Raise Freeman Ave/Bainbridge
- Ban slab houses (+1)
- Ensure that the environment is considered in everything
- Keep farm land and stop so much building

Quality of Life

- Develop sporting areas that can hold large baseball/softball tournaments (+1)
- Re-establish shopping/eating areas other than Greenbrier area
- Have an appropriate sized building to graduate our seniors! (+1)
- Skate park at Consolvo Park + and other places beyond City Park
- Relieve food insecurity for South Norfolk area
 - Access to fresh produce
- Event venue(s) (large; indoor) (+1)
- Protect and preserve historic resources
- Build in resilience and sustainability for neighborhoods and retail areas
- Bike/walking trails (+1)
- Stop cut-through traffic in Historic District (+1)
- Tourism

Economic Prosperity

- Bring more businesses to the South Norfolk area.
- More economic growth (+2)
- Liberty activation
- South Norfolk revitalize Bainbridge corridor (+1)
- Provide opportunities for small business development
- Business incubator

Infrastructure and Connectivity

- South Norfolk municipal building (+1)
- Fire Station – South Norfolk
- Convocation center (somewhere in the middle)
- Left turn arrow at Freeman and Bainbridge
- Transportation networks of HRT to reach North and South of Ches and ability to easily access all of Hampton Roads (+1)
- Lack of repair to certain streets and roads within South Norfolk area
 - Seaboard Avenue
- Water quality levels exceed norms – boil water notices
- Finish projects
- Pedestrian walkway at Poindexter
- Fire and Police should be together in the future fire station. There are multiple reasons.
- Business in South Norfolk
- Sidewalks to connect neighborhoods to parks and rec areas
- Concrete streets in Historic area

Placemaking and Design

- Historical “parks” similar to Historic village for other sections of City
- Need at least one community park in South Norfolk
- Increase historic features (+3)
- Upkeep historic areas and advertise to increase tourism (+1)
- Keep in mind Historic Districts (/preservation efforts) when allowing for and discussing school construction (e.g. Truitt, Norfolk Highlands, etc.) (+1)
- Prepare long-term strategies that are sustainable to protect historic resources in whole city
- Plan for appropriate infill – have plan books for designs

Growth Management and Rural Areas

- Increased dialogue with school board re: population, growth, staffing, etc.
- No growth – focus on existing neighborhoods
- Repurpose areas in disrepair
- Stop building so much and taking open space away

What Does Creating an Exceptional Future Mean to You?

- Lean into historic preservation and tourism. We have a great history!
- Make people want to come to Chesapeake for more than home. Destination.
- Protect existing farmland.
- An exceptional future is one that relishes the past and present with continuous improvements each and every step of the way.
- Equal opportunity for everyone.
- A diverse city that creates work and entertain for all in the city. Maintain some of the rural area but continue to achieve economic growth.
- Equal distribution of income levels throughout the city.
- Severely limit future residential development.
- Providing a quality of life that supports all people equally.
- No school at all and more candy (definitely in a child's handwriting)