



Neighborhood Conservation Program

DESIGN REVIEW MEETING NOTES

PROJECT NAME: Williamsburg Boulevard at Kensington Street
PROJECT #: Z223
MEETING DATE: June 22, 2010
MEETING GOAL: Review Proposed Design with Neighborhood

TO: Residents at intersection of Williamsburg Boulevard and Kensington Street
FROM: Tim McIntosh, NC Planner

ATTENDANCE:
County Staff: Tim McIntosh, NC Planner
 Gino Squarciafico, DES Engineer
 Jill Yutan, Landscape Architect

Residents of Patrick Henry Drive:

	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE / EMAIL
1	Karen Wong	5642 Williamsburg Boulevard	703-536-2628
2	Lynn Pollock	3659 N. Harrison Street	Pollock.lynn@verizon.net
3	Kevin Scott	5631 Williamsburg Boulevard	703-622-4706
4	Chris Hare	3406 Kensington Street	703-627-9088 Chris.k.hare@gmail.com
5	Mark Luncher	3481 N. Emerson Street	703-534-1277 mluncher@gmail.com

DESCRIPTION OF DESIGN

This is a proposed Neighborhood Conservation pedestrian safety improvement project at the intersection of Williamsburg Boulevard and Kensington Street. The project will include pedestrian safety improvements and reconfiguration of the intersection.

BACKGROUND

This proposed Neighborhood Conservation (NC) project is the Rock Spring Civic Association's first priority project along with an addition of a median in between Harrison Street and George Mason Drive. The project passed an initial, exploratory clipboard petition in May of 2010 and enough signatures were gathered to proceed with a concept design. A neighborhood concept design meeting was held at Williamsburg Middle School on June 22, 2010 to present the design to the neighborhood. A second petition will be mailed out to residents for a vote on whether to move forward with this project. The



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petition must gather support from at least 60% of the affected homeowners' linear footage in order to be considered for funding. The petition is included in this packet.

MEETING NOTES

The meeting was opened up by Neighborhood Conservation Planner, Tim McIntosh, who introduced County Staff, the NC reps, and the block representative. The design was then shared with the attendees by Arlington County Design Engineer, Gino Squarciafico. The design was mostly well received by those in attendance however, there were a few comments that are listed below.

Ms. Wong was concerned that she would have trouble backing out of her driveway with the new, extended nub in front of her house. She requested that the nub be shortened so she had a buffer for turning in and out of her driveway. Gino Squarciafico noted that it looked like there was enough room next to the handicap ramp to make the accommodation and plans to make the change, if possible.

Mr. Hare requested that a grass strip be included in the new design where the nub extends from his property. The proposed design did not show a grass strip and there is currently one existing so he requested that one still be a part of the project. Gino Squarciafico again thought the accommodation could be made with the right of way the county has so he was going to change that in the revised design, if possible.

Several residents noted that it would be nice to have a crosswalk installed at the intersection of Williamsburg Boulevard and Kensington Street. Mr. McIntosh noted that the Traffic and Engineering Bureau would likely not approve a cross walk at that location, but if the design was approved by the neighborhood staff would talk to traffic and engineering to see if they would be in favor of it.

One aspect of the design that was also mentioned was the extended median that would be created at the intersection as a result of the proposed design. The extended median creates a mini safe haven for pedestrians crossing the intersection so they have a safe place to stand while they wait to cross the rest of the intersection.

The meeting closed with Tim McIntosh noting that a revised design with the small changes highlighted by the residents would be included in this packet. As of June 30, 2010, those changes were able to be accommodated and are reflected in the plan. A grass strip was included in front of Mr. Hare's property and an extra area next to Ms. Wong's driveway apron is also included.

Timeline of Project Progression:

March 2010	Civic Association identifies Williamsburg Boulevard as a priority for safety improvements
May 2010	Project passes initial clipboard petition
June 22, 2010	Concept Design Review Meeting held at Williamsburg Middle School



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July 16, 2010	Petitions due to Tim McIntosh, Arlington County Planner
December 2010	Project eligible for funding if it passes second petition

DECISIONS AND NEXT STEPS

Included in this packet is a petition sheet that must be signed by the neighbors in order to proceed with funding for the project. Please vote yes or no to the project and return the petition to Tim McIntosh by **Friday, July 16, 2010**. If 60% of the linear footage of those houses affected by the project on the street votes in favor of the project, the Neighborhood Conservation Program will proceed with funding in the December, 2010 spring funding round.

Any questions or additional information regarding this project or process can be directed to Tim McIntosh, Planner in the Neighborhood Conservation Program, at 703-228-3829 or tmcintosh@arlingtonva.us.

Your input and vote is greatly appreciated.

Cc: All owners of property within project limits
Kevin Scott; Block Representative
Gino Squarciafico; DES Engineering Staff
Dan Reinhard; Supervisor, NC Engineering Design Team
Chris Nixon; Acting Chief, Neighborhood Services Division