

Westport Corridor Small Area Plan Neighborhood Public Meeting

Westport Middle School
8100 Westport Road
August 26, 2009
6:00 PM

1. Introduction

Ken Baker introduced staff, advisory group, and Metro council members to the attendees. An introduction to neighborhood planning was then presented. The presentation included an overview of Cornerstone 2020, Form Districts, and the purpose and process of neighborhood plans. Steve Sizemore then presented information on the study boundary and neighborhood data including land use, form districts, zoning, and demographics. Ken Baker then introduced the Citizen Handbook and the PDS – Neighborhood Planning website. After being asked, there were no general questions from the audience.

2. Compass

Ken Baker introduced Stan Harvey of Urban Collage. Mr. Harvey introduced the firm and outlined Compass, the survey that followed, and the discussion exercise. The attendees then conducted the Compass exercise using 100 images. Following the Compass exercise, the audience was asked to complete the attached survey and the dot exercise was explained.

3. Questions

The following questions were asked after Mr. Harvey opened the meeting for discussion:

- What about the large farm along Westport Road and who owned it?
- Why did the housing section of the Compass exercise seem weighted towards townhouses and attached housing, and what was the meaning behind this?
 - o Mr. Harvey answered that many new retail developments are mixed use and that this type of housing is popular in new developments.
- What is the date of the next meeting?
- There was a question about the new Watterson Expressway interchange and what the impact and expected traffic would be.
 - o Mr. Sizemore answered that there is expected to be approximately 50,000 cars by 2030 according to projections by KYTC.
- Comment: Man voiced his concern about the new interchange, stating that Westport Road will turn into a suburban corridor similar to Shelbyville Road.

- Mr. Baker acknowledged this as a big issue and told people to voice concerns like these in the survey.
- Another person commented on the projections and the lack of accuracy with them, stating that a new interchange was needed in the 1970s.
- Was there ever an idea of putting in a bike path on Westport?
- Who is addressing development of the area west of the study area, specifically Windy Hills.
 - A councilman in Windy Hills said that they had done a strategic plan a few years ago.

4. Open House

Mr. Baker then invited people to take part in the open house, including participating in the dot exercise and offered people to sign up online for updates. Meeting attendees then explored the posted maps and graphics and had particular questions answered by staff and consultants.

Meeting adjourned around 7:30 PM