



MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commissioners

From: Maggie Costello, Principal Planner

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Re: Public Comments from Comprehensive Plan Open House, 3/2/24

The following include comments provided in writing by the Comprehensive Plan Update Open House Event participants on Saturday, March 2, 2024. The comments are divided into the subject matter boards they were left on, and general notes left at the tables.

VISION STATEMENT
Do we still want the single-family in vision esp. to encourage more TOP? TOD?
Friendly for baby and everyone friendly. Big sidewalks. Thanks. Yay!
While preserving the rich history of the town!
Vienna - focus on diversity of cultures, ages, and economic status. Not just single-family.
What does "small town character" mean? Could we not have mix use development which brings diversity and still have small town "personal interaction?"
"Small town" - people engagement can be created by offering town community events, participation, education....
VISION BOARD
in 5 yrs: More native trees, plants, sidewalks, unity
in 5 yrs: Have a community that is more involved. Keep finding ways to engage <u>all</u> of Vienna
in 10 yrs: Make sure we have a downtown to go to - not monolithic main street
in 10 yrs: A go-to place in NOVA that is an example of being diverse, safe, family-friendly for all
in 15 yrs: Become a NOVA powerhouse for doing the right thing for <u>all</u> . A nice place to retire
in 20 yrs: The "old and the new" are in harmony and money is <u>not</u> the only resource for growth
CH 2: COMMUNITY PROFILE
Bring the train back
Celebrate the aging demographic - don't replace us
Please update with 202 census data
Create welcoming environment for young couples with starting family - businesses cater to families with babies - toy stores, baby clothing, home design - result town prosperity, town bib rant with new initiatives from resident participation. Need to replace aging demographic with new young families

CH 2: COMMUNITY PROFILE (continued)
I support reasonable accessory dwelling unit provisions - we have great infrastructure, decent access to transit and amenities - good way to support more housing w/o changing neighborhoods (the giant houses are what's making the change)
Need a multi-generational housing stock
It would be nice to see income demographics by household and how that drives residential development
CH 3: LAND USE
More bike <u>parking</u> !
Provide incentive to Businesses we want to have in Vienna. Recruit different types of business
Vienna as a retirement destination
Embrace change
I would like to see an updated approach to encourage revitalization of the maple avenue corridor.
I would like to see town infrastructure improvements around the AYR Hill and Center neighborhoods to include curb and gutter and sidewalks to facilitate safety and support town events
ADU's...Town of Vienna should adopt all of VA Senate Bill #304 I.D. putting controls around ADU's. Also, ADUs lessors should be in residence at the primary dwelling
Better utilization of existing parking (shared and connections between lots)
Show history of annexation boundary
Goal: Expand "all age groups" to all income levels in Goal #3. I'm concerned that housing in middle/upper mobile income is quickly dwindling. There are condos + mansions, but affordable single family is quickly being demolished and replaced with giant + unaffordable houses
Enhance ped/bike connections through and to commercial areas to promote Vienna as a destination rather than a drive through
Re: the Church on Center St - Consider "work force housing." Give teachers, police, nurses, town employees an affordable option to live in Town.
CH 4: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Pedestrian- friendly
Senior citizen friendly housing and multi-family housing
Capitalize on the W&OD
Those Bikers bring in <u>lots</u> of disposable income!! AND a great non-vehicular artery for people without cars
Mapalar MAPILLARY.COM
Maintain residential neighborhoods. Strengthen CUPs to minimize impact to residents
Look to increase residential footprint to replace warehouse operations or land use
1) Implement the ULI study recommendations 2) Visually improve the entrances to Vienna on the W & OD. - (E.G., banners, lighting, etc.)
Is diversity in housing mean different types of housing? Or does it mean affordability?
Please! "Build an equitable community"
Enhance Freeman s/m bridge to make it a place to go - especially for bikers
Attract mid-sized chain hotel

CH 5: TRANSPORTATION
Is it possible to expand the pedestrian network? Particularly those close to schools and St. Andrew's
Support interconnectivity of bike - ped - bus network with <u>rest of the region</u> - should be touting Vienna as a great place to live where you bike easily to Tysons, get to metro - etc.!(don't be too insular)
use of stop signs vs. safety
Aging driving population
More marked bike lanes on designated routes. Review existing bike routes for safety. Signage & roadway markings are inconsistent.
Please work with NOVA parks to create an integrated plan to widen the W& OD Trail much like in Falls Church - this would improve mobility and safety along the trail and Town
Agree with above statement - YES!
Agree with above statement - double yes!
EV charging station requirements
Here to cast my vote for the pedestrian walkway across Church Street by sandwich shop/Rita's!
Where do bicycles ride...sidewalk, lanes, children
Consider supplemental bus services or coordinating with Metro and Farifax Connector to enhance bus routes especially since service was curtailed with Silverline operations
Pedestrian network is critical for safety and accessibility
Close down church Street on weekends to pedestrian only - resolves traffic on maple - creates community gathering - businesses on church enhanced
Explore further use of rotaries or roundabouts to facilitate better flow at key intersections in Town
Ditto! Above statement
Time lights better on Maple Ave!
Expand the use of bump-outs at residential intersections along Tapawingo Rd SW and Kingsley Rd SW to help calm traffic speeds and increase pedestrian safety. Current examples along Meadow SW at Tapawingo and Kingsley
Improve Crossing at Maple and W&OD. Peds and bikes wait way too long. Make pedestrians a priority.
support the bike safety laws next year! Use LPI - safety strip/yield - ride 2 abreast
Bike parking!!!
Bike lanes on Park St and Beulah Rd
Sidewalks - many built but not used. People walk in the streets. Not safe on narrow roads.
signalize the intersection on Maple & Pleasant. This will allow safer pedestrian crossings. Ped and bikes
Streetlights for walkability. Note Glyndon St SE from more to Adoni!
Focus on Walkability and free transportation along Maple Avenue corridor and adjacent blocks!
Better bike parking and better connections between existing parking lots. Park once and walk
Rapidly encourage safe multi-modal use of all roadways
Keep scooters out.

CH 5: TRANSPORTATION (continued)
Tapawingo curb extensions and speed humps make cycling feel more dangerous/risky from changes in driver behavior around the changes
If traffic is bad on Maple - recommend enhancing non-SOV transportation so you don't have to drive!
Implement technologies and approaches to allow rapid transition to EVs and automated drivers
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Consider designating part of Town (Church St. for example) as pedestrian only or pedestrian primary
CH 6: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES
Art in all public spaces
Water supply system should be turned over to Fairfax Water
Storm BMP devices for commercial development (tree box filters)
Provide free community-wide Wi-Fi.
Cultural/arts history and education programs and projects!
CH 7: PARKS AND RECREATION
Disc golf course at the park at Leaf Yard
Develop water tower southside into a park like northside water tower, emphasize natural plants and habitats like at community center
Trail maintenance at Northside Park
Yes! To above comment
Needed: Indoor Pool facility
Beulah Rd. Park - make it happen!
Increase facilities with former church site
Amphitheater? - Rotating art exhibitions - more public art
More art in parks
Improve trails in Peterson Ln Park. We need better bike access to Abbotsford Dr.
CH 8: ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
Mosquito Campaign: - Eliminate spraying for mosquitos - Expand on County program regarding mosquito mitigation - dunks in pop-up drains - dump water - plantings
Lawn Care: Review rules mandating lawn care to encourage more meadow/grassland plantings - Encourage other ground - covers
Publish a list of Town-approved solar vendors so we will finally know who is for real and who is a scam!
Trees and landscaping are important.
*Limit commercial pesticide spraying * Michaels landscaping sprays in the rain - * More regulation to protect our water and environment
Much as I love the vacuum leave service - it's not all that environmentally friendly - so I wouldn't fight it if its cut. See Fairfax County recent discussion about ending vacuum leaf.

MISC IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS
DEIA – Diversity in community participation and engagement – voices of <u>all</u> residents
PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS FOR PROGRAMMING- with other cities in Fairfax county – with private sector – public/federal – e.g.: Fairfax City partnership with George Mason University
HISTORIC PRESERVATION & CULTURAL HERITAGE – awareness – community engagement – documentation – in partnership with other County efforts
How does Vienna fit into Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan?
With all the development in Tysons, how do you manage through traffic and impact on Town of Vienna?
TABLE NOTES
I love Vienna!
Encourage businesses to support & sustain public art - so many other Towns do - e.g., Frederick MD, Coronado CA, Herndon...etc.
Social efforts to keep aging demographics engaged in the community
Navy Fed Lit softball fields for GIRLS! Title IX
Keep residential residential
No GH
Sidewalks, especially near schools, shops, pools
More Public Art
Highlight the value of the W&OD trail by enhancing the trail & adjacent land
Multifamily/mixed use center for core of Town
Pedestrian center/no cars
Vacant office to residential mix conversion
More public Art
More murals
Party lights (or ability of) on top of new parking garage
community compost facility
sustainable community living with new construction
EV charging for all new retail
Wind farm along W&OD
Solar on school roofs
Geothermal on a new town buildings