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Warhill High School – Thursday, February 23, 2012

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1. What are the main housing needs and challenges facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
Available low income housing is deteriorating. The county should look at ways to encourage upgrades or renovations without getting financially involved, e.g. making exceptions to certain building code or zoning requirements to allow work to proceed.
2. What are the main economic needs and challenges facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
Low paying jobs will continue to be a problem unless we obtain manufacturing or industrial plants. We cannot rely on tourism to carry the economy if more and more stringent environmental controls make travel costs prohibitive.
3. What are the main transportation needs and challenges (highways, transit, rail, bikeways, sidewalks, etc.) facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
Inter-city highways are congested. Talk about improvements in roads and tunnels has gone on for years. Take action. Stop talking. This is basically a state/federal issue.
4. When you think about public facilities (schools, fire stations, libraries, parks & recreation facilities, etc.), what do you see as the biggest needs facing the Historic Triangle over the next 20 years?
Additional facilities are needed only if population growth justifies it. Space utilization studies should be required and new needs fully justified before any new construction is approved. There is a big difference between "like to have" and "need to have".
5. Other comments:
The county should be very cautious about implementing any "green" energy requirements or projects. The cost vs. benefit analyses should be studied with some skepticism because the claims may not be realistic.

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assure adequate moderate + low income housing as market forces skew inventory to upper range housing
2. What are the main economic needs and challenges facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
diversify economic base
3. What are the main transportation needs and challenges (highways, transit, rail, bikeways, sidewalks, etc.) facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
increased public transit, connected bikeway, sidewalks where density makes these appropriate
traffic congestion at Centerville - Richmond - Lightfoot Rds
4. When you think about public facilities (schools, fire stations, libraries, parks & recreation facilities, etc.), what do you see as the biggest needs facing the Historic Triangle over the next 20 years?
schools, library services in lower JCC area
5. Other comments:

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

2. What are the main economic needs and challenges facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
DIVERSIFY SO THE AREA IS NOT SO DEPENDENT ON TOURISM AND NOT SO MUCH A BEDROOM COMMUNITY

3. What are the main transportation needs and challenges (highways, transit, rail, bikeways, sidewalks, etc.) facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
WIDEN I 66, NEW ROAD EXTENDING NORTHWARD
 BARRIERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ROAD WIDENING/EXTENSIONS

4. When you think about public facilities (schools, fire stations, libraries, parks & recreation facilities, etc.), what do you see as the biggest needs facing the Historic Triangle over the next 20 years?
PRESERVING GREENWAYS, SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES THAT WILL MAKE THE AREA MORE LIVABLE AND ATTRACTIVE TO INDUSTRY

5. Other comments:
IT DOES APPEAR THAT THE WACKY RIGHT WING TEA PARTY CONSPIRACY THEORISTS ARE RUNNING ROUND IN THIS AREA. PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND DON'T LET THESE PEOPLE CONTROL THE OIL MONEY. YOU HAVE NO SUPPORT, TOO MUCH FOX NEWS. I WOULD HAVE SPOKE, BUT THESE PEOPLE ARE SCARY

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Planned communities based on market conditions and able to tailored to market with local planning guidelines
2. What are the main economic needs and challenges facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
Stability to maintain economic engine without dependence so high on tourism (subject to fluctuation) - ~~depend on tourism and the region's~~
3. What are the main transportation needs and challenges (highways, transit, rail, bikeways, sidewalks, etc.) facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
dealing w/ high season traffic - clustered uses to avoid frequent auto traffic easier system of buses - ie trolley system w/ daily pass, etc make it easier
4. When you think about public facilities (schools, fire stations, libraries, parks & recreation facilities, etc.), what do you see as the biggest needs facing the Historic Triangle over the next 20 years?
regionally connected bike/trail systems
senior service facilities
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Needing to include residential & mixed use growth.
2. What are the main economic needs and challenges facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
Transportation considerations for growth
3. What are the main transportation needs and challenges (highways, transit, rail, bikeways, sidewalks, etc.) facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
Highway expansion & primary roadway studies need to be expedited & considered.
4. When you think about public facilities (schools, fire stations, libraries, parks & recreation facilities, etc.), what do you see as the biggest needs facing the Historic Triangle over the next 20 years?
All but parks & recreation. I believe are financed as growth is occurring so rapidly.
5. Other comments:

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Housing for seniors with universal design
Providing for ADULT DAY CENTERS
2. What are the main economic needs and challenges facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
Jobs that pay a living wage - the Low wage scale
in this area keeps people on the border line of poverty
3. What are the main transportation needs and challenges (highways, transit, rail, bikeways, sidewalks, etc.) facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
The growing population with cars will be larger than those that
take mass transit - streets will be more congested. - the question
is how will JCC have a program for transition to mass transit
4. When you think about public facilities (schools, fire stations, libraries, parks & recreation facilities, etc.), what do you see as the biggest needs facing the Historic Triangle over the next 20 years?
The senior population will soon be the majority in 20 yrs
and will require more facilities to meet their physical, social
and medical needs
5. Other comments:

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Comments by CHCF to the Historic Triangle hearing on Comprehensive Planning – 23 February 2012

Good evening.

My name is Richard Boyden and I am a resident of James City County. Tonight I represent the Colonial Heritage Community Foundation, a non profit organization committed to providing support and resources for the growing number of family caregivers in our community that are caring for senior family members. Our primary goal is to establish one or more licensed Adult Day Centers in the greater Williamsburg area to meet this need.

Nationally, our population is turning 65 at the rate of 10,000 per day therefore, creating a greater demand for senior services. In Virginia, there are about 900,000 people over the age of 65 and that number is expected to double to 1,800,000 by 2030.

Here in the Historic Triangle Area, we have a large aging population and a much higher proportion of seniors than any other area in the state as a result of aging baby boomer population and being the retirement location of choice for many seniors. The 2010 U.S. census established that 24% of the Historic Triangle population is age 60 or over. By 2030 it is expected to increase to 33%. Therefore, 1 on every 3 residents will be age 60 or over.

In 2010, the Foundation conducted a feasibility study for a licensed adult day center for the greater Williamsburg area and found that the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2003 documented the need for 3 Adult Day Centers in the this area: 1 in York and 2 in James City County.

Therefore, we urge the local governments to include the following into their comprehensive plans:

1. Evaluate and plan for the needs for the fast growing senior population in our community that will allow residents to stay in their homes for as long as they choose to,
2. Work with area coalitions, including the Senior Services Coalition, to ensure that a full continuum of care is available to fit individual needs,
3. Promote the building of licensed Adult Day Centers in the greater Williamsburg area: at least 1 in York County and 2 in James City County,
4. Implement zoning and developer incentives that will result in additional housing for seniors, adult day centers, assisted living facilities and continuing care facilities using universal design standards

We would urge you to incorporate these needs into your plans so that the family unit may be preserved for as long as possible.



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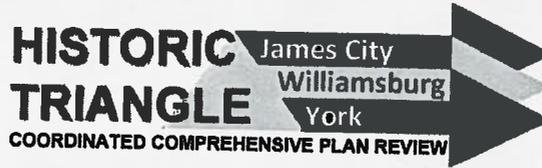
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We need to scale down development so supply does not far exceed demand, thus lowering property values. More affordable housing.
2. What are the main economic needs and challenges facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
Need to establish more manufacturing to help compensate for seasonal and economic caused fluctuations in the tourist-based industry.
3. What are the main transportation needs and challenges (highways, transit, rail, bikeways, sidewalks, etc.) facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
As gas prices soar more people will rely on bicycles as primary or secondary means of transportation. Need more bike lanes/paths.
4. When you think about public facilities (schools, fire stations, libraries, parks & recreation facilities, etc.), what do you see as the biggest needs facing the Historic Triangle over the next 20 years?
Recreation facilities are first rate. Keep planning ahead and take into account growing population.
5. Other comments:

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Affordable housing

2. What are the main economic needs and challenges facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
Development of clean industry, & clean tourism

3. What are the main transportation needs and challenges (highways, transit, rail, bikeways, sidewalks, etc.) facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
Bikeways, bikeways, bikeways! For commuting, recreation, and tourism (especially important for the latter)

4. When you think about public facilities (schools, fire stations, libraries, parks & recreation facilities, etc.), what do you see as the biggest needs facing the Historic Triangle over the next 20 years?
Adequate recreation facilities, preservation of open space

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