

**Crystal City Planning Process
Task Force Meeting Summary
September 11, 2007**

This is a summary of the meeting.

At this meeting, the Task Force reviewed a draft product outline and process schedule, as well as a revised version of the complete Vision Statement, Goals, and Objectives.

Comments from Task Force Members:

A. Meeting Opens

B. Review of Draft Plan Document Product Outline and Draft Schedule Overview

- With regard to the Part I and Part II format, when does the PDSP come into play? (*Staff: after the Part II Implementation Strategies phase.*)
- Community Forum #2: It's been delayed again well into the future, which is understandable; however, we need to get a firm date for that as soon as possible and send out notice on the Forum date.
- Aurora Highlands Civic Association meeting: no objection to this meeting so long as they focus of their elements of the plan. Similarly, there should be a meeting involving residents in Crystal City (in lieu of an actual civic association), which could be separate or combined with local civic associations.
- The landowners need to be involved in having their meetings on the plan as well.
- On the schedule, the meetings near the December holidays can be challenging, and the amount of meetings in February could be overly optimistic.
- Revisiting of Task Force Schedule: there was discussion and general agreement to shift meetings from 4-6pm timeslot to a 7-9pm timeslot.

C. Review of Vision, Goals, and Objectives

Vision Statement

- There should be some mention of the acceptance of allowing Crystal City to grow as a share of the region's overall increased growth, and embracing this growth via a comprehensive planning process.
- Some mention of smart growth should be included in the vision.

Goal # 1 – Create a High Quality Public Realm that Strengthens the Sense of Place

- We need to clearly define what we mean when we say “public open space”. Does this mean publicly accessible space, publicly owned space? Needs clarification.
- What is the inventory of existing public open space we are using as a base for comparing planned public open space?
- Does public open space include sidewalks?

- We need to revisit the analysis that compares the statistics for existing, publicly accessible space versus the plan’s proposed public space.
- The issue regarding definitions of public space and the proper basis of comparing existing and future public open space should be added to the list of issues to discuss at the 9/17 County Board work session.

Goal # 2 – Provide a Mix of Uses by balancing office, residential, retail, cultural, and civic uses **among several defined neighborhood centers.**

- Specifics for the various types of cultural and civic facilities and uses should be identified (for example, such as health care, day care, theaters, etc.)

Goal # 3 – Relate Architectural and Urban Design to the Human Scale

- No comments for adjustment

Goal # 4 – Enhance Multimodal Access and Connectivity

- Expand one of the bullets to say something stronger about Crystal City’s role within the region and its transportation network; and to expand the range of choices for transportation.
- Parking: The bullet on maximizing the efficient use of parking should be modified to clarify that TDM can be one of many tools to achieving this goal.
- Public art: something can be added, if not here, to the vision statement that identifies the need to incorporate public art as an integral component of Crystal City.

Goal # 5 – Incorporate Sustainable and Green Building Principles into all Urban and Architectural Design.

- No comments for adjustment

Goal # 6 – Preserve the Integrity of the Single-Family Neighborhood to the West.

- There should be language that talks about relating architecture on the east side of Eads Street to the west side from 23rd Street to Forth Scott Drive.
- Also, there should be specific language that speaks to “no new roads” into the single-family neighborhoods (This will be added as an agenda item for the 9/17 work session).

Goal # 7 – Ensure Crystal City’s Long-Term Economic Sustainability.

- The second to last bullet should somehow speak to recognizing the importance of National Airport and the key elements of its economic viability in the long-term sustainability of the county.