

The Alexandria City Council and Planning Commission scheduled a joint work session for this coming **Monday, September 19** at 7 p.m. The agenda covers topics being discussed as part of the Beauregard Corridor Small Area Plan process. Included on the agenda are Donna Fossum, Chair of the Beauregard Corridor Stakeholders Group and member of the Planning Commission and Don Buch, Vice Chair. They have been asked to discuss the current process and recommendations.

The Stakeholders Group has made progress, however, we have not discussed or approved any recommendations. A draft document has been prepared that includes a variety of recommendations, but no discussion has yet taken place.

City staff with comments from members of the group is preparing a report on the existing conditions—demographics, traffic, transit, schools, recreation, etc. in the plan area. This is part of an effort to ensure proposed future development is compatible with character of the community.

The only vote that has occurred so far was a “straw vote” to basically maintain zoning at the current level. Although the vote reflected the sentiment of residents, it will likely be reevaluated at future meetings.

I request the agenda be revised to show that the Chair and Vice Chair will be discussing “draft” recommendations. It would be

mistake to represent to the public that recommendations have been approved.

The agenda includes an opportunity for City Council and Planning Commission discussion after each agenda item.

The agenda should be revised to include an opportunity for members of the public to speak on ways to make the small area plan process less confrontational and more constructive.