

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Area Workshop Meeting Summary

Base Assumptions and topics

- Plan did not anticipate growth issues, especially tourism and county
- Transportation issues
 - pedestrians
 - vehicles
 - satellite parking
- “congestion management” forcing alternative modes
- Fear of change
- Co-existing issues – residents and tourism industry
- Grid pattern but narrow colonial streets, surrounded by water
- Limited options for transportation corridors
- Rapid change is difficult to handle
- Nighttime entertainment – need good neighbor policy
- How to balance living city and different uses
- Day and nighttime uses – “economy” rules
- Evening vs daytime have different requirements

Local Issues

- Events – local vs others
- Shuttles – tourist – regional – people, critical mass for tourists and others
- More people
- Variety helps us survive, different kinds of tourists
- Short term rentals vs long term rentals
- Recognize other modes of travel – uber/lyft, electric and self-driving cars, more modern trends
- Should have seasonal plans, adaptable plans that are flexible depending on circumstances
- Arts enclave and performance needs, performing arts center/venue, the arts add to quality of life and economy