

JOHNS ISLAND FEEDBACK SESSION NOTES

Participant Comments

City Staff Comments

Are affordable housing units included in all the new development? I see more 300k homes for sale but not new affordable units

New affordable housing being incorporated at fenwick property, sea island comprehensive healthcare, brownswood road/main road.

Sidewalks are needed to connect people to amenities that live in these housing developments

When we say affordable housing, what do you mean exactly? It sometimes is code for as many units we can cram onto the land as possible- this can exacerbate transportation issues, safety issues like crosswalk/ sidewalk needs. Not everyone wants to live in an apartment.

Affordability is more determined by subsidy and less about type of housing- our housing section makes the recommendation for all kinds of housing types- including condos, etc.

Feedback after main presentation:

Hispanic community is interested in recreation, spaces for children, places they can spend time with family. Also interested in flooding issues, pipeline. And sidewalks!

There two sets of maps- future land use map and elevation map- how are the two of those related?

City center areas were not located in any areas that were not high elevation. In the past, city center area would have likely been larger if not for elevation analysis.

Swath of land around river/brownswood is lower and was given a conserve classification.

Low/conserved areas were located in the tidal flood risk zones.

A new world for development community- in the past they'd dictate development based on what zoning was- now elevation, special protection areas, soil types, etc. will dictate development.

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It's impossible to know everything about every site- it will be done during trc/stormwater review process.

Will you put actual densities included in the comprehensive plan?

A: yes, we will have a range for each land use category other than special districts

Draft recommendations about extension of 526/ mass transit but not together. By the time 526 happens, if ever, will that type of highway be obsolete? Would it make sense to incorporate a rapid transit corridor along with that?

Rapid transit probably needs greater density to support Johns Island, but CARTA routes are certainly possible and any mass transit on the future 526 could certainly connect at Main/River. City has worked with scdot in the past for the preferred alternative. 526 is still included in the Plan. Mass transit is also a priority in transportation.

Would it be possible to have a park and ride facility or even a future transit stop on the island?

Very good point. (nodding heads)

There have been discussions about park and rides connecting the Citadel Mall (West Ashley) with other areas of the city. Those are long range planning discussions, but wanted to bring awareness that people are talking about it.