

Comments Received- Mail, Hand Delivery, and Last Word

January 1, 2008-April 30, 2008

Source: Community Conversation 1A

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/01/08

- 1a.
 - 1b. Need commercial outside PSA.
 2. Have it easier for land owner to subdivide their property not only to family or self for major life change.
 - 3a.
 - 3b.
 4. Living wages, industries, rail service – Right if is actually there.
 5. Industry – manage the resource = Job opportunity.
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Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/01/08

- 1a. Positively, more traffic but it is workable.
 - 1b. Steady growth in all these areas. Emphasize commercial and industrial and residential to take care of our middle class working citizens.
 2. Develop more efficient government spending policies.
 - 3a. (Location, Location, Location.) 1. Halfway between Richmond and Norfolk. 2. Near water. 3. Near Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown.
 - 3b. Mass transit, better road designs.
 4. Living wages, diverse business.
 5. A working, functioning community with diverse economy.
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Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/01/08

- 1a. Crowded roads (neg.) (Pos.) More shopping variety, more grocery stores, more recreational facilities (pos.).
 - 1b. Easier access to public roads to get to shopping, grocery stores, gas stations, recreation areas. All areas been served by PSA. Nice mix of light industry and commercial. Also make some private RR crossing public due to growth.
 2. Have it easier for a land owner to subdivide their property not only to give to family or sell if major life changes/illnesses occur to prevent possible foreclosure or bankruptcy.
 - 3a. Close to home; wide variety of housing available, increased access to healthcare.
 - 3b. Lower property taxes. Easier to subdivide your property for family and/or to sell. More open forums on county issues closer to communities for citizen participation.
 4. Living wages, clean industries, nice mix of commercial and industry (light).
 5. Preserve Heritage and History. Maintain green spaces. Sensitive to JCC citizen's issues.
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Source: Mail
Number of Participants: 1
Date: 02/09/2008

There's a huge difference between slow, responsible growth and uncontrolled growth, also known as "sprawl". Who will drive all the way to Williamsburg area to look @ a "HARDEES"? or "Starbucks"?

JCC Resident
Heard about at: J4C Meeting

Source: Mail
Number of Participants: 1
Date: 02/15/2008

Will the County experience a water shortage in the 2010-2012 time frame? If that projection is accurate, what is the plan to deal with that problem?

JCC Resident
Heard about at: Neighborhood Connections flyer

Source: Mail
Number of Participants: 1
Date: 02/11/2008

My wish list: SLOW growth; too much pressure on roads, traffic, water, schools, etc.; preserve green space; keep height of building to two stories; stop ugly "sprawl" on Richmond Rd.; raise taxes if necessary.

JCC Resident
Heard about at: Friend

Source: Mail
Number of participants: 1
Date: 2/15/2008

Growth is out of control! We need to protect greenspace. Why build new retail space when there is a substantial amount of vacant space throughout the County? Use tough zoning to control growth and refuse to changes the zoning every time a developer requests it.

JCC Resident
Heard about from:

Source: Mail
Number of Participants: 1
Date: 2/28/2008

There should be focus on attracting greater numbers of young folks, to sustain vitality in our population.

JCC Resident

Heard about from: CPT

Source: Mail

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 3/29/2008

With the influx of large numbers of retired people moving here, how will JCC respond to their needs? We need more good doctors who still accept Medicare patients. We need another hospital geared for geriatrics. We need better transportation around the County for healthy social and shopping! I'll be at the meeting!

JCC Resident

Heard about from:

Source: Mail

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 3/26/2008

- 1) Plan absolutely needs to define who (name, position) is responsible for action on each item – and set a timetable for follow-up report.
- 2) Need a section on planning for cultural activities.

JCC Resident

Heard about from: Comp Plan Committee Member

Source: Mail

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 03/24/2008

There is too much residential construction and not enough business construction in Toano. This trend must be reversed before it is too late or homeowners will be taxes out of their residences.

JCC Resident

Heard about from: Virginia Gazette

Source: Mail

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/23/2008

Do not buy: 1) Airport, 2) Land on water, 3) other. Nor more parks.

Make buffers 200 ft. Taxes and water rates are too high. Upscale growth is great.

You missed out on getting Lowes and Wal-Mart. No more of this. Keep schools on tight, carefully-watched budgets.

JCC Resident

Heard about from: Community Center Bulletins (Listening Station?)

Source: Mail (trifold)

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/23/2008

I would like to have a pool at James River Recreation Center.

JCC Resident
Heard about from:

Source: Mail (trifold)
Number of Participants: 1
Date: 04/23/2008

I would like to see the current developing standard kept - no push out of the zoning code. Jamestown Park would be a great place for a real Botanic Garden and perhaps a restaurant on the water.

JCC Resident
Heard about from: VA Gazette

Source: Mail
Number of Participants: 1
Date: 04/23/2008

WJCC, you are highly bureaucratic and administratively heavy. You cannot be competitive in this fashion.

JCC Resident
Heard about from: Student Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Source: VA Gazette Last Word
Number of Participants: 1
Date: 04/23/2008

Regarding the James City Comprehensive Plan: I hope it takes a look at the pricing structure for the James City-Williamsburg Community Center. One thing that I think would be helpful is if senior rates were offered for daily access to the facility as well as a yearly or quarterly pass. Certainly I would hope that one of the goals for a recreational center in a county with a growing retirement population would be to engage senior citizens in physical activity. And rather than having barriers to prevent seniors from achieving that, I would hope the county would try to encourage that by giving more free time and discounted rates to seniors. Additionally, another thing that would seem to be reasonable in the pricing structure is to give an evening reduced rate for daily access folders and guests. This is what other facilities do.

Source: Mail
Number of Participants: 1
Date: 04/24/2008

Make ALL the residents more equal in opportunities and education and housing.

JCC Resident
Heard about from:

Source: Mail

Number of Participants: 1
Date: 04/24/2008

Real estate tax “credits” for those seniors with adjusted gross incomes under \$40,000- pro-rated up with some incomes \$40,000-\$50,000.

JCC Resident

Heard about from: Volunteer handing our brochures.

Source: Community Conversation #4 (James River ES)

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/24/2008

- 1a. More retail- more schools and restaurants. More County facilities, more new hospitals.
 - 1b. Employment based industry and service. Mixed use with flexibility and reduced traffic.
 2. Improve economic base and build SAFE routes to school.
 - 3a. Climate, historic culture, water for recreation.
 - 3b. Look at clustering development like in Hanover, Loudon, and other growth counties. Light rail to airport and connect to tourist areas.
 4. Foster small business – recession-proof our economic base. Make it easier for businesses to come here and get through the approval process.
 - 5.
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Source: Community Conversation #3 (Warhill HS)

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/17/2008

- 1a. Not here long enough.
 - 1b. Economic base “employment” look at York County’s model versus the Reston model.
 2. More diverse economic base – “better” employment than seasonal opportunities.
 - 3a. History, climate, architecture.
 - 3b. Strong town center with JCC government housed in the middle.
 4. Presently hurt by seasonal work – better economic base.
 5. Clean, natural environments protected! Architecturally still a focus of the area. “Balance” of ying and yang of growth versus nature.
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Source: Mail

Number of Participants: 1

Date: ?

The 2008 Comprehensive Plan should address the visual and performing arts, either under Community Character or under Recreation.

JCC Resident

Heard about from: Trailblazer’s Club at Ford’s Colony.

Source: Mail

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/07/08

Please address the water supply and the need to limit growth to maintain adequate water for residents, farm crops, and wildlife.

JCC Resident

Heard about from: flyer in mailbox.

Source: Mail

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/16/08

Do you really think/know that Williamsburg can actually support the current planned retail? Have you visited the stores you have approved? Empty! I am an eight year resident very concerned about the overreaching retail explosion. Why so much? Williamsburg used to look/feel different. Now it is like Newport News, or any town USA. You guys are showing no restraint when it comes to developing the green spaces, what few are left. I wonder...do you ever say NO?

JCC Resident

Heard about from:

Source: Mail

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/18/08

No comment.

JCC Resident

Heard about from: Outreach Center

Source: Mail

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/18/08

Stop the growth. You're ruining the whole area.

JCC Resident

Heard about from:

Source: Mail

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/18/08

Stop development in flood plains, in fact, put a halt to new building completely. James City County is saturated with both residential and commercial. Do we really need so many shopping centers? They don't have enough low paid help as it is now. Develop new parks for the enjoyment of all people, young and old and in-between.

JCC Resident

Heard about from: Gazette

Source: Mail
Number of Participants: 1
Date: 04/11/08

Should use the Jamestown Camp Site as a recreation area. Expand the beach and parking area. Leave trees along road ways when developing property (i.e. current construction along Monticello is an example of what not to do), the County needs to take all possible steps to increase greenspace.

JCC Resident
Heard about from: Kiwanis presentation

Source: Mail
Number of Participants: 1
Date: 04/09/08

Slow down growth! We should always have to drive to get to Newport News. It should not be here.

JCC Resident
Heard about from:

Source: Virginia Gazette – Last Word
Number of Participants: 1
Date: 04/26/08

The JCC Planning Commission has again proved its incompetence by approving commercial development in the County. If you've been to the new Prime Outlets and seen the parking places for many cars and the lack of landscaping, which has been reduced to triangular-shaped or diamond-shaped plantings, the cars are so close together you can't even back out. It's a dangerous situation. The parking area is so small along with the areas to drive in between the parking. This is the county's second failure. The first was the parking areas in New Town.

JCC Resident ?
Heard about from:

Source: Virginia Gazette – Last Word
Number of Participants: 1
Date: 04/26/08

I would hope that as James City thinks about its master plan, that it would really try to incorporate into it encouraging healthy behaviors in our community, to help keep our community members fit and to help combat the obesity problem. In looking at that, I would hope that it would think about the pricing structure at the James City-Williamsburg Community Center and how it keeps some of the more economically disadvantaged members of our county involved in physical fitness activity. Certainly, if we could get everyone walking, from young children up to senior citizens, that would be a healthy thing.

And the malls have opened up their doors for mall walkers. But wouldn't it be kind and helpful if the community center would open the indoor track for a walking club? In the long run, it would benefit everyone, and hopefully the price could be such that either they could pay to join a walking club or the price would be significantly reduced.

JCC Resident ?

Heard about from:

Source: Virginia Gazette – Last Word

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/26/08

It is insane that James City would charge \$30 for five convenience center tickets. One ticket is taken for three small trash bags. At that rate, it would be cheaper to hire a trash service. By the way, why does the county not offer a discount for seniors? After all, some of us seniors are on a fixed income. Why are seniors charged anyway?

JCC Resident ?

Heard about from:

Source: Mail (trifold)

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/29/08

I would like to see (1) more affordable housing, (2) a park with benches and flowers, (3) help for the homeless/borderline homeless.

JCC Resident

Heard about from: a volunteer

Source: Mail

Number of Participants: 1

Date: 04/30/08

Slow growth, maintain open space/rural character, DON'T turn JCC into Newport News. I understand the need for workforce housing but truly focus on teachers, police, etc... not subsidized housing. Our strong housing prices keep the area lower in crime and less urban. Keep JCC strong!

JCC Resident

Heard about from: VA Gazette

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