

Appendix 1: Public Input Summary

Community Conversation Input

1st Round Community Conversation Comments

Question 2:

- ◆ Need more affordable housing; particularly for young graduates/professionals. (Community Conversation 1A)
- ◆ Housing; too many new homes. (CPT/Staff Presentations)
- ◆ Subsidize housing for students. (Community Conversation 1D)
- ◆ Diverse housing costs. (Community Conversation 1D)
- ◆ Connections between neighborhoods so less traffic on roads. (Community Conversation 1D)

Question #3

- ◆ Broader assistance to first-time home owners. (Community Conversation 1B)
- ◆ Business related cluster development. (Community Conversation 1B)

Question #4

- ◆ Diversity of housing to include the disabled – Mixed income housing. (Community Conversation 1D)

Question #5

- ◆ Job opportunities that pay a wage that can afford to live here, keep our children here, and drive less.
 - Comment examples for #5 (Community Conversation 1A)
closer to family; work in Richmond where I need to work to afford to live here.

(Comments from postal mail)

- ◆ Make ALL the residents more equal in opportunities and education and housing.
- ◆ Slow growth; DON'T turn JCC into Newport News.
- ◆ Real estate tax “credits” for those seniors with adjusted gross income under \$40,000.
- ◆ Lower taxes on housing or land (instead of increase every year)
- ◆ Let some more apartments participate in rental assistance who work part-time for state, city, or County jobs
- ◆ Approve no more new homes
- ◆ Put a limit on residential housing development
- ◆ Change incomes of jobs available in the County that match housing issues
- ◆ Restrict number of homes built in a subdivision
- ◆ To build house's for the low income families to afford, not apartments but houses
- ◆ No more high density housing
- ◆ I'd like to see increased options for housing the homeless

2st Round Community Conversation Comments

Question 1:

- ◆ According to inputs from JCC citizens during community conversations those who are not being served adequately by the current housing market are: Lowest income level employees - public and private (clerks, custodians, waiters, servers), Seniors on fixed incomes, anyone making less than \$100,000/year, employees in service industries, health care workers, teachers, and employees in the tourism industry, young professionals/new graduates, and singles.

Question 2:

- ◆ 57% of respondents said that Townhouses/Attached Housing and Rehabilitation of housing in older neighborhoods would best address the affordable/workforce housing needs in JCC; while only 19% believe that single-family detached and modular homes was a solution.

Question 3:

- ◆ JCC citizen respondents believe that starter homes with small yards are very popular with younger citizens and that the “affordable” housing should not be segregated, but interspersed into residential areas. Many people believe that JCC needs developments that have a larger percentage of affordable housing, such as the Mews and Greensprings. Ironbound Square, Strawberry Plains are viewed as good work force housing. In addition, several respondents want environmentally protective communities. Although developments like New Town are popular citizens want more vegetation and less clearing of trees within housing areas, and it lacks in mixed income use.

Other Input (CPT forums, listening stations, additional surveys)

- ◆ Stop residential growth and unabated business growth (JCC Republican Committee meeting)
- ◆ Control growth (JC/W Recreation Center)
- ◆ Slow growth of new homes (JC/W Recreation Center)
- ◆ More affordable housing (Grove Christian Outreach Center)
- ◆ Put a limit on residential housing development (Listening Station-B, JCC Resident)
- ◆ Housing for low income families (Grove Christian Outreach Center)
- ◆ We need Sand Hill Rd rezoned for residential. We need 118 Sand Hill Rd cleaned up (Listening Station-EOC, JCC Resident)
- ◆ Give incentives for those developers truly giving affordable housing (Listening Station-EOC, JCC Resident)
- ◆ Approve no more new homes! (JCW Community Center, JCC Resident)
- ◆ No more high density housing; low income housing (Governor’s Land, JCC Resident)
- ◆ Affordable housing choices and apartments. Big issue is monitoring of growth in areas- overage of houses not sold (TNCC, JCC Resident)
- ◆ Help families with homes who have no income or less income (HSB)
- ◆ Commonwealth won’t allow people to get in homes when they have doctor bills (HSB)

- ◆ Let some more apartments participate in rental assistance (like Lafayette Apts) who work part-time for state, city, or county jobs (anywhere) or give help to find homes because they have to live with F/T welfare people (some are not nice). (Building B, JCC Resident)
- ◆ I'd like to see increased options for housing the homeless (CPT/Staff Presentations, not a JCC Resident)
- ◆ Turn older motels and hotels into low income housing. Combine 3 or 4 rooms to form new apartments (JCC Recreation Center, JCC Resident)
- ◆ Workforce housing is a loser for the County (i.e. more kids, more strain on schools and resources and minimal tax revenue) (JCC Recreation Center, JCC Resident)
- ◆ Stop the growth! The beauty we relocated for is slowly going! (JC/WCC, JCC Resident)
- ◆ I believe we should seriously consider a cap on the population of James City County. The cap should lie somewhere between a reasonable preservation of the rural atmosphere and a reasonable amount of future residential growth. The target cap should apply to residential housing only, and be structured to allow a reasonable amount of growth at a planned pace.
- ◆ The well-intentioned addition of many small homes on small lots threatens the value of the County. (James City County Citizens Coalition) The "more housing" solution is of course an extremely costly one from the standpoint of economics and the environment.

James City County's Citizen Survey 2008 Input

(VT Survey)

- ◆ Out of 100% of those surveyed, 42.7% rated housing opportunities either excellent or good in JCC.
- ◆ 68% of JCC residents feel it is better to have neighborhoods in which there is a mix of low, middle, and high income housing options.
- ◆ 57% of JCC residents agree it is better to have more homes on smaller lots and set aside areas for open space in order to permanently preserve land and maintain the character of the community.
- ◆ Demographics indicate 89% of JCC respondents own their home and 10% rent. Based upon these demographics, questions posed need only be directed to home ownership.
- ◆ Although there are those that want continued residential development, there are many more who feel home development needs to slow down; less development of high-priced homes, and more affordable homes for moderate income families.
- ◆ Homeowner taxes are a major concern for residents, stating that "people who work here cannot afford to live here."
- ◆ Want a more appropriate way to assess value of home for taxation purposes.
- ◆ Real estate is extremely too high.
- ◆ For smaller plots of land, building restrictions should be lowered.