

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Community Forum Input
Tuesday, February 12, 2013; 6:30PM
Westhampton Community Center

Attendance: 40 (not including City Staff)

What are the most important areas or projects to focus on in the next 7 years to ensure Hampton's continued success?

MASTER PLAN AREAS

- More projects in Coliseum Central
- Redevelopment or removal of empty spaces
- Turn underperforming housing into new/renovated
- Less rental, unless high-end near water
- Want to have a higher percentage of owners in areas close to water (i.e. Buckroe Beach). Owners are invested in their properties and will keep the area up much better - both land and buildings/homes
- Phoebus Water front Park
 - Community garden
 - Water feature - walk across it and water spurts up
 - Fire pit for scouting groups and camp fire area with small performance stage
 - Electricity for food trucks, more than one.
 - Water to community garden
 - Smooth concrete
 - Option to have open late nights
 - Kayak/Dingy dock
 - 1% of construction budget dedicated to the Arts (mosaics, etc)
 - Human sundial (on internet)
 - Bread Oven in Outdoor Space
 - Crafts Hut or Gazebo

OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Investors/non-business that have staying power regardless of economy
- Bring in "huge" retail names/businesses, better quality stores ✓
- Start green campuses and get technology to locate here
- Grease to gas facility – waste grease - restaurants, schools
- Natural gas conversions - city vehicles and for businesses
- Stop letting "the City"/Council give away lots/property that are worth a lot of money, to "friends/insiders." This happened in several cases where lots were really undersold at prices that were equivalent to lots sold 5-6 streets away from 1st street in Buckroe Ave. Several expensive huge homes sit there unsold at the Buckroe Beach Park area.
- Historic Trail Patch - ties in 7 mile Fort Monroe walk with walk-thru Phoebus to 4 historic homes then to Downtown Hampton, 15 miles total (see Gettysburg Patch)
- Connecting bike paths, bike vaults, bike stands

- Public/promote green house partnership on Mellen street

WATERWAYS

- Important for our waterways to stay healthy and free of pollutants
- Continue the dredging of smaller waterways to include reoccurring maintenance
- Elevate the Mercury bridge (Gus I. Grissom) to allow taller ships
- Increase funding support for flooding projects
- Increase beach facilities at Buckroe Beach Park and Ft. Monroe
- Replace jetty system at Buckroe Beach
- Rotation/schedule for dredging
- Litter pollution in Hampton waterways
- Water from drain pipes directed to a water processing plant
- Creating jobs to support waterways

STREETS & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Greenbriar (600 Block)
- Curb cuts on all sidewalks
- Install sidewalks along Cunningham up to bridge to town center (District 1)
- Install permanent benches at all bus stops to encourage mass transit
- More bike lanes
- Install sidewalks when roads are established not afterwards
- Improve gutter and drainage in Buckroe Beach and 1st Street to improve water drainage and decrease flooding on 1st Ave and Buckroe Park area where homes are being flooded
- Improve seawall - all Buckroe Beach waterfront to decrease flooding from the Bay maybe higher and stronger
- Why did they not put in sidewalks on Ridgeway Avenue? They put sidewalks on other streets.
- Improve Old Buckroe Rd with sidewalks (when visitors leave residents homes, they back into the ditches across the street
- Install gutters, drainage in Phenix - Victoria Blvd, Gloucester Street, Shell Road
- Sidewalk repair on existing sidewalks throughout Hampton
- What are the plans for the Todds Lane triangle (Todds Lane intersection)?

NEW PUBLIC FACILITIES

- Indoor Aquatic Center ✓✓✓✓
 - 50m x 25 Bulkheaded pool at 82 degrees
 - 1 and 3m Diving Boards, 14' deep end
 - "0" Entry pool 20x25 yds at 86 degrees
 - Splash Pad –for children too short to stand up in regular pool
 - Fitness areas, lunges, concession areas
 - Locker Rooms
 - FY17 - Old Hampton Community Center?

- Or near Boo Williams Sportsplex or by the Old Sentara Facility(already has parking)
- Supporters: M. Smith, Chris Stickle, William Troy, Joey Stickle
- New Skateboard Park
- Community Gardens * \$35,000 for Public/Private retrofit of greenhouse on Mellen Street - engine for new community garden programs (Joe Skelly - 675-6569)
- \$30,000 for full time community garden director/Phoebus
- Convert Wythe Elementary School into a community center and upgrade the playground

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT

- Thomas Street Pedestrian Enhancements and bus stops
- Increased support for community appearance - Y.H. Thomas area
- CVS Gateway - Preserve tall trees
- Green Roofs
- Porous paving - Materials Preference
- Better maintenance of City and HRHA property (VA School Deaf and Blind)
- Senior Citizen Support, more services and activities
- \$30,000 for Community Garden Manager for 1st and 2nd Community Gardens
- Camping area within Hampton - somewhere
- Create no. 1 City in the U.S. in terms of flowers and flowering plants - most beautiful in city

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Our Police and Fire officers and other staff need to have good quality equipment to work with. Ex. Vests, guns maybe assault weapons - whatever to exceed what is on the street and killing citizens
- Whatever needs to be done to get the criminals off the streets, so they are not robbing, killing/shooting, raping citizens, etc. Also, to increase legal quality of prosecutors so that they have better chance of winning in court and not lose the case on a legal technicality and the criminal goes free
- Decrease drugs in community
- Police helicopter use peninsula wide
- More visibility of police officers in high crime areas
- Fall proof businesses, homes, public facilities
- More neighborhood watch in communities
- Make Buckroe Beach Park safe!!! Over the years, at any activity, it is scary what people come out to the park - fights occurring with guns and knives. Not safe! I live there – I've seen this happen over the last 10 years.

OTHER C.I.P PROJECTS

- Green roofs
- Porous paving less than or equal to 20% impervious (homes)
- Save mature trees at site across from CVS (Mercury & Woodland)

- Community garden program
 - 1st at Phoebus waterfront park
 - \$30,000 a year full time community garden coordination
- \$35,000 to retrofit Phoebus greenhouse on Mellen (Joe Skelly 675-6567)
- Clean up businesses and landscape along interstate
- Keeping streets and local facility's clean
- Art Scape
- Hampton crab sculptures, each district
- Assisting with accessibility (ex – directory for Downtown, you are here map)

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

- More money for school maintenance
- Funding for aptitude tests within health classes or other places in school

FACILITY MAINTENANCE

- City facilities (defined)
- Pool maintenance ✓✓
- Briarfield Park maintenance
 - Soft ball field rebuilt
- City dump odor elimination – First impression when coming down I-64
- Hart McAllister Improvements