



Roanoke County 200 Plan: 2021 Community Meeting Summary

Clearbrook

Meeting: Clearbrook Elementary School - Thursday, October 7, 2021

Attendee Count: 15

Staff present:

Planning	Long Range	Transportation	Economic Dev.
Philip Thompson Cecelia Monnin	Bailey Howard-DuBois Alex Jones Cecile Newcomb	Megan Cronise Isaac Henry Will Crawford	Marshall Stanley

Land Use

Meeting Exercise: Place post-it note comments on the map.

1. Where are current issues with land uses?
2. Where are there zoning enforcement issues?
3. What types of development are desired?
4. Where should new development go?
5. Where should redevelopment happen?

Meeting Exercise Comments:

- Shooting is occurring off of Morningside Drive that is disruptive, frightening and injurious to quality of life for residents along Back Creek Road. Several pages of correspondence with County staff regarding the matter were provided by the resident.

Community Facilities

Meeting Exercise: Tell us about the facilities that you use.

Leave a suggestion or comment about issues or needs for community facilities.

Meeting Exercise Comments:

- There is an interest in more indoor community rental spaces for private events or Parks, Recreation, and Tourism programs.
- More unique indoor and outdoor PRT recreation amenities in southern Roanoke County are desired, similar to the amenities at Green Ridge Recreation Center and Explore Park. Renovate and/or expand Brambleton Center?
- Attendees want more recycling drop-off locations closer to the Clearbrook and Penn Forest communities. Locations should be larger and better maintained than the existing facilities near the Brambleton Center and Cox Communications.
- The internet and cable options in this area are inadequate and too expensive.
- Attendees were supportive of the new lights proposed in the CIP for Clearbrook Park. Other desired improvements include a paved walking trail, more parking, and upgrades to the playgrounds.



General Comments:

- Private rental information for parks should be provided in the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism mailers and advertised on social media.

Transportation

Meeting Exercise: What are the transportation needs in this area?

Leave a comment about: Road safety issues, Pedestrian, bicycle and/or transit needs.

Meeting Exercise Comments:

Route 220

- Crossover from Willow Branch Road to Spotswood Drive on Route 220 is good but hard to see and hard to get into. Would like a left turn lane on Route 220 onto Spotswood Drive.
- Slow speed limit from 45 to 35 on Route 220 in northern portion of CPA.
- I am concerned Route 220 improvements will reroute traffic through neighborhoods, particularly Clearbrook Lane.
- Route 220 backs up in the northern portion of the CPA.
- I am strongly opposed to the Route 220 intersection improvements as planned.
- Add a traffic light at car dealerships on Route 220 in northern portion of CPA.
- Make traffic light at Route 220 and Old Rocky Mount Road right turn only (i.e. prohibit left turn onto Route 220 from Old Rocky Mount Road).
- Add a traffic light at Route 220 and Hunting Hills Drive.

Hilltop Road (Suncrest Heights Subdivision)

- Currently not in the State System. Explore bringing into the state system. Concern over road getting plowed after it snows.

Protection and Preservation

Meeting Exercise: Leave a comment about natural and cultural resources on the map.

Tell us what this map is missing? What's valuable to you and why? What is impacted or needs improvement?

Meeting Exercise Comments:

- The County should ensure water quality standards for Back Creek.
- Continue to educate the public about how to protect streams from residential pollutants.
- Property owners on the creek need a solution for natural debris and manmade (construction) waste/debris and everyday household items, which wash down and clog the creek. This problem should not be the sole responsibility of property owners. Property owners on the creek need support for stream clean ups.



- VDOT needs to be more proactive regarding stormwater. Cooperation between VDOT and the County is needed to support property owners impacted by road flooding.
- Pavement under Route 220 North, south of Yellow Mountain Road, has been washed out by the stream passing underneath. There is material sitting in the creek.

General Comments:

- The County should clarify how to report violations to DEQ (when VDOT or other construction material washes into the creek).

Staff Observations

Community Facilities

- There is frustration about the limited internet and cable options in Roanoke County. Better and cheaper alternatives should be offered to County residents.

Protection and Preservation

- Several residents agreed that support is needed for property owners who live along creeks and deal with debris from flooding. Major flooding incidents cause a lot of hardship to property owners, who may not wish to simply cut up natural debris and let it float down the stream but do not have the means to haul it out of the creek. There was significant interest in support for stream clean ups.

Transportation

- Attendees were primarily concerned with the intersection improvements planned for Route 220. They tended to support the idea of improving traffic flows on Route 220, but not support the elimination of through movements across Route 220.
- One resident who lives off Route 220 expressed the need for additional traffic signals to help side street movements onto Route 220, and another desired a left turn lane on Route 220 approaching his turn to be able to more safely turn off Route 220. That gentleman was also unaware of the COTRAN program and is interested in learning more to help his mother-in-law who lives with him and his wife get to her destinations, as she is wary of driving.

Miscellaneous

- Residents expressed a lot of interest in what the County might be planning for the future of their area.

Summary Approved: PGT