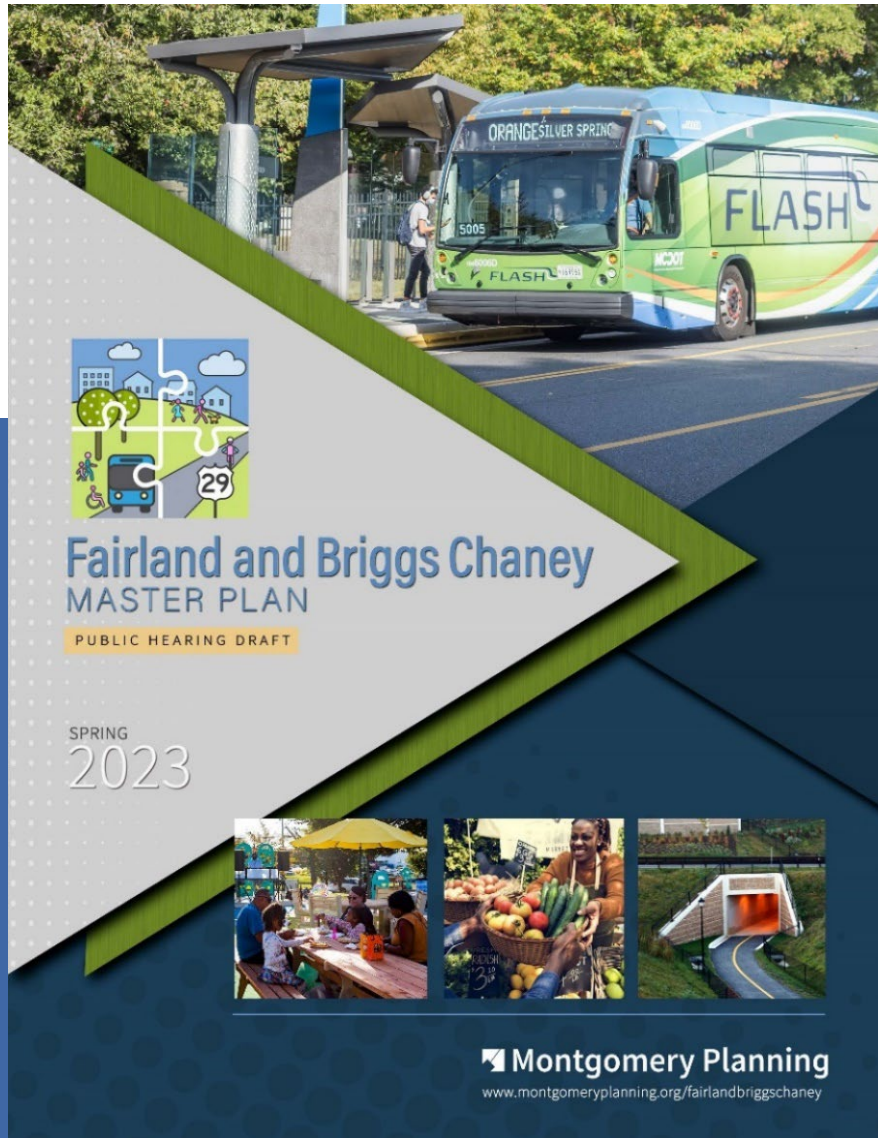


FAIRLAND AND BRIGGS CHANEY MASTER PLAN UPDATE WORK SESSION #2



Description

The Planning Board will continue to discuss plan themes, topics, and public testimony on the Public Hearing Draft of the Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan, both written and oral, received by the close of the public record on May 19, 2023.

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Summary:

This document contains the following information:

- A prepared list of topics to be discussed for this work session and staff responses to comments on these topics
- All written public testimony received through the end of the public record period, from March 30 to May 19, 2023.
- A table of comments to be discussed during this work session, summarized with staff responses and recommendations

INTRODUCTION

The Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan is a corridor-focused amendment to the 1997 *Fairland Master Plan* that seeks to establish a renewed vision for a portion of Columbia Pike (U.S. 29) over the next 10 to 20 years. The Plan embraces a future for this corridor as a more complete, equitable, transit-oriented, and compact community.

Anticipating potential significant impacts from future development and a growing population in the eastern region of the county, this Plan also seeks to address inequities pertaining to housing opportunities, impacts stemming from and resiliency to climate change, enhancements to underutilized properties through infill development and redevelopment, and improvements to existing systems (e.g., parks, circulation, and food) to meet the needs of residents, workers, and visitors in the Plan Area and beyond. The Plan also prioritizes the goals and policies of *Thrive Montgomery Plan 2050*, the General Plan for Montgomery County.

Staff presented the Working Draft of the Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan to the Planning Board on March 23, 2023. After directing staff to revise the Working Draft, the Planning Board authorized staff to prepare and release for public comment the Public Hearing Draft of the Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan and scheduled a public hearing for May 4, 2023, to receive oral testimony. The Public Hearing Draft was published and distributed for comment on March 30, 2023. At the May 4, 2023 public hearing, the Planning Board set the close of the public record to receive additional written testimony as the close of business (5 p.m.) on May 19, 2023.

A first Planning Board work session was held on May 18, 2023 to discuss public comments received on the following plan topics: the Executive Summary and Introduction, housing, park-related transportation, community health and culture, parks and public open space, community facilities, and historic preservation and cultural resources.

This second work session is for the Planning Board to continue discussion of oral testimony received at the public hearing and written testimony received by the close of the public record and direct staff to make any necessary revisions to the Public Hearing Draft Plan.

WORK SESSION TOPICS

All written testimony received through the close of the public record on May 19, 2023 can be found in Attachment B. A summary of the testimony pertaining to this work session, along with staff responses, can be found in Attachment C.

In review of all written and oral testimony, **there is overwhelming support for the plan.** Of the 24 individuals, organizations, and agencies providing comments, all expressed general support for the

plan, while several commenters requested revisions and/or additions to the plan that Planning staff will discuss with the Planning Board for consideration.

In all, a total of 105 individual comments were received on the plan. Planning staff has identified a selection of these comments to discuss with the Planning Board and excluded those comments that met one of the following criteria that are not anticipated to be included in work session discussions:

- 1) Expressing overall support to the Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan
- 2) Expressing support for a particular plan recommendation or statement
- 3) Asking a question about the plan that does not pertain to plan policy
- 4) Support or opposition to a specific issue that is beyond the scope of the Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan

The May 18 work session covered the following topics:

1. Executive Summary
2. Introduction
3. Plan Wide Recommendations
 - A. Housing
 - B. Transportation (park-related recommendations)
 - C. Community Health and Culture
 - D. Parks and Public Open Space
 - E. Community Facilities
 - F. Historic Preservation and Cultural Resources

The May 25 work session is expected to cover the following topics:

1. Work session #1 Edits
2. Any New Written Testimony (through May 19) based on Work Session #1 Topics
3. Plan Wide Recommendations
 - A. Land Use
 - B. Transportation (all remaining topics not already discussed)
 - C. Environment
4. District Recommendations (any remaining topics not already discussed)
5. Plan Implementation
6. References

If needed, a June 1 work session is scheduled to cover any remaining items not previously completed and may be an opportunity for the Planning Board to review a final red-lined version of the draft plan for consideration of approval as the Planning Board Draft.

Additionally, Planning Board Commissioners are asked to identify any additional topics related to the Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan that they would like to discuss during the work session.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Written Public Testimony Received through the close of the public record, May 19, 2023 at 5 p.m.)

Attachment B – Summarized public testimony matrix for Work Session #2
(PLEASE NOTE: This attachment will be posted on Monday, May 22)

Attachment C – Public Hearing Draft Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan
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