

Central West Focus Area Steering Committee Meeting

September 19, 2013
Training Room, Transit Building



- Introductions and Opening Remarks (Approximately 10 minutes)
- Public Participation/Comments (Approximately 10 minutes)
- Debrief from Central West Community Session (Approximately 20 minutes)

Agenda

- Presentation and Discussion of Alternative Vision (Approximately 20 minutes)
 - Presentation: Mickey Jo Sorrell (Approximately 5 minutes)
 - Discussion: Facilitated by Matt Sullivan (Approximately 15 minutes)
- Overview of Discussions with Steering Committee Members (Approximately 10 minutes)
- Discussion: Points of Consensus (Approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes)
- Public Participation/Comments (Approximately 10 minutes)
- Closing



Debrief from the Community Session

- Number of Participants: 195
- What brings you to the Central West Focus Area?

• Live: 87%

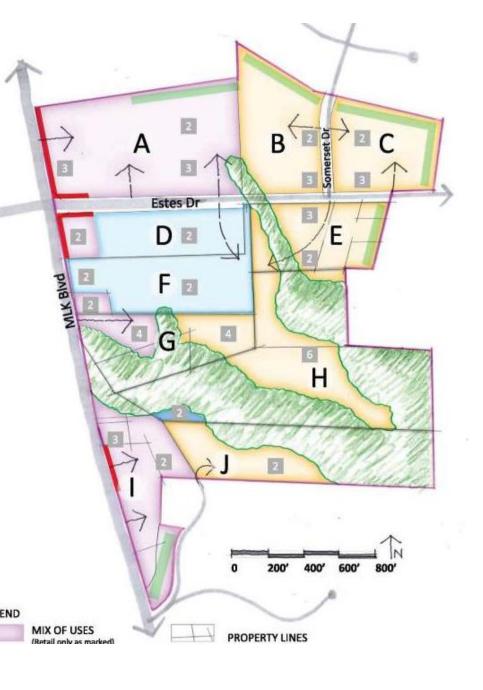
Work: 4%

 Other: 10% (Most common answer: Live elsewhere in Chapel Hill)

Dot Exercise Responses

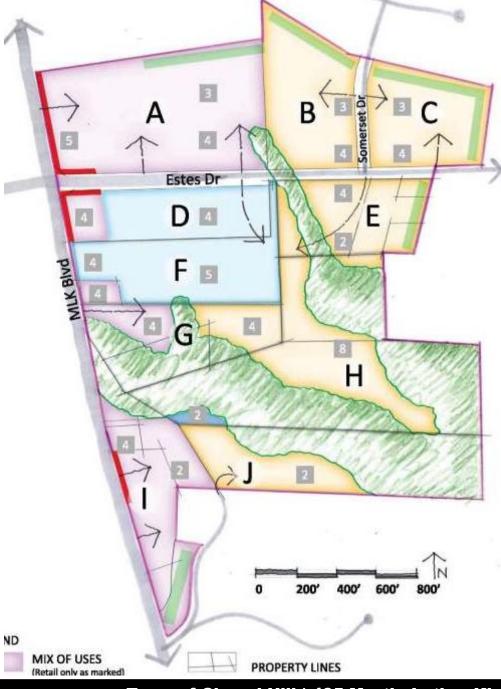
Prioritizing the items that should receive the most focus in Central West Small Area Plan

| Highest to Lowest Ranking | Items | Number of Dots |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|
| 1 st | Development's effect on traffic | 163 |
| 2 nd | Compatibility with existing neighborhoods | 121 |
| 3 rd | Stormwater impacts | 86 |
| 4 th | Maintaining the tree canopy | 75 |
| 5 th | Improving the bicycle and pedestrian system | 69 |
| 6 th | Impact on schools | 67 |
| 7 th | Preserving sensitive areas | 66 |
| 8 th | Creating a "heart" or walkable destinations | 52 |
| 9 th | Economic viability | 44 |
| 10 th | Enhancing existing area character | 43 |
| 11 th | Net effect on taxes | 38 |
| 12 th | Fostering Transit Use | 34 |
| 13 th | Improving safety | 24 |
| 14 th | Providing for diverse populations and uses | 18 |



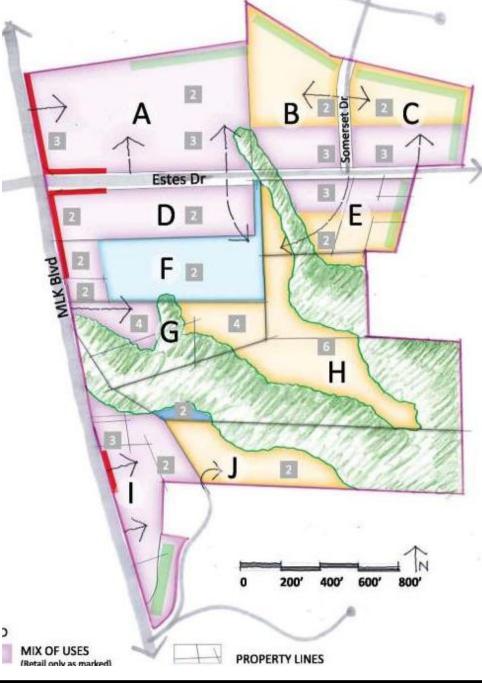
Comments on Concept A1

- Height: Range of comments:
 Not over 2 stories to need 4-5 stories
- Need additional green space
- Need to consider/improve traffic



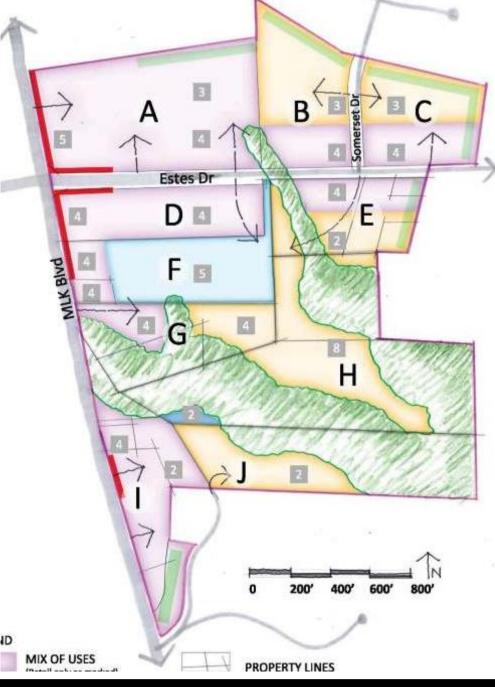
Comments on Concept A2

- Height: Not over 2 stories and not above the tree canopy
- Residential use preferred
- Like small retail/restaurants on the corner of MLK and Estes Drive
- Most felt this was too dense



Comments on Concept B1

- Concerns about Estes Drive:
 Safety, traffic
- Residential use preferred (especially next to schools)
- Like small retail/restaurants on the corner of MLK and Estes Drive
- Some comments that this was not dense enough



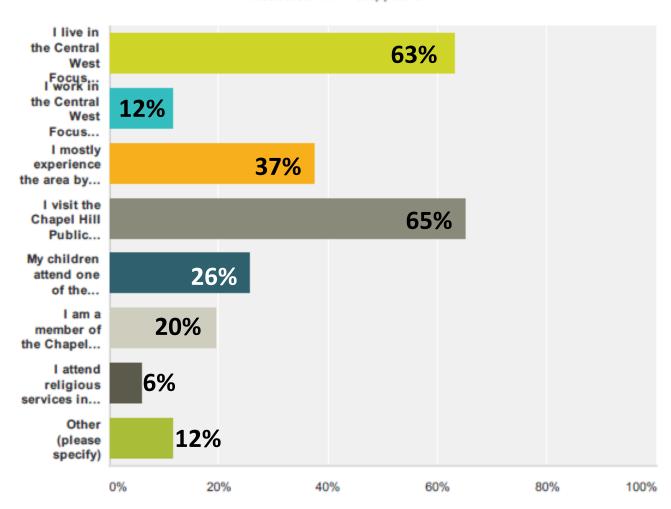
Comments on Concept B2

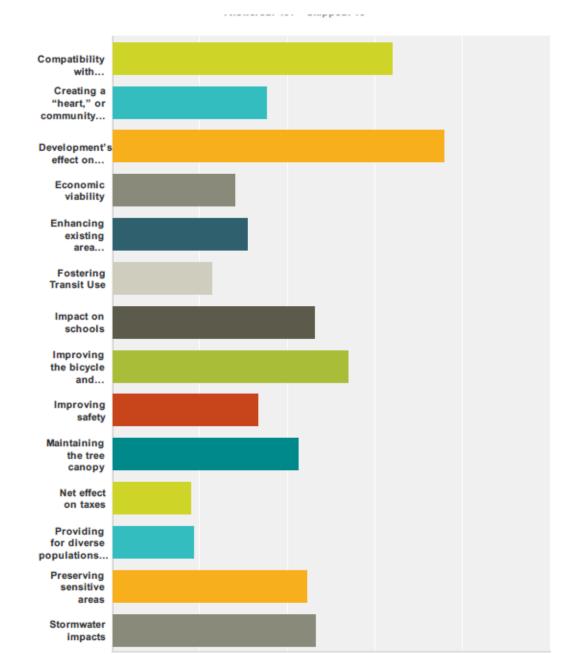
- Concerns about traffic
- Would like bike lanes
- Would like better crossings for the students

Number of Respondents: 477

Q1 Which of the following applies to you? Please mark all that apply.

Answered: 477 Skipped: 0





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Overview of the Survey

Prioritizing the items that should receive the most focus in Central West Small Area Plan

100%

80%

Dot Exercise Responses from the Survey

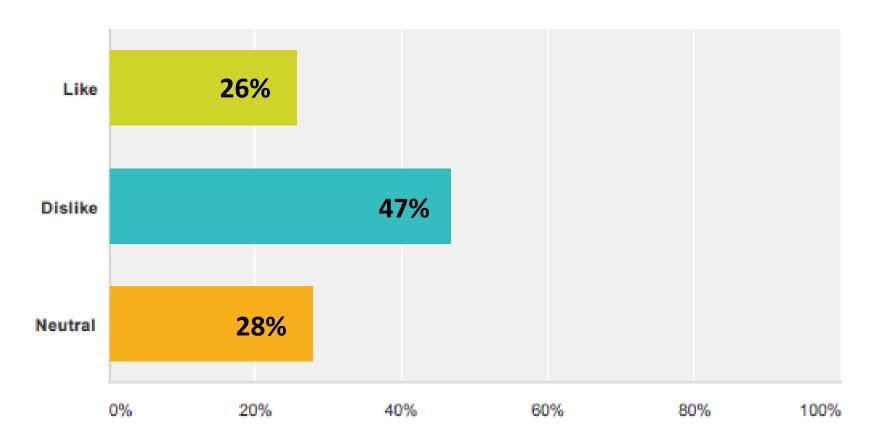
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| Highest to | | |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|
| Lowest | Items | Number of Checks |
| Ranking | | |
| 1 st | Development's effect on traffic | 349 |
| 2 nd | Compatibility with existing neighborhoods | 294 |
| 3 rd | Improving the bicycle and pedestrian system | 248 |
| 4 th | Stormwater impacts | 214 |
| 5 th | Impact on schools | 213 205 |
| 6 th | Preserving sensitive areas | |
| 7 th | Maintaining the Tree Canopy | 196 |
| 8 th | Creating a "heart" or walkable destinations | 162 |
| 9 th | Improving Safety | 154 |
| 10 th | Enhancing existing area character | 143 |
| 11 th | Economic viability | 130 |
| 12 th | Fostering Transit Use | 105 |
| 13 th | Providing for diverse populations and uses | 86 |
| 14 th | Net effect on taxes | 83 |

Comparison Between Dot Exercise Responses

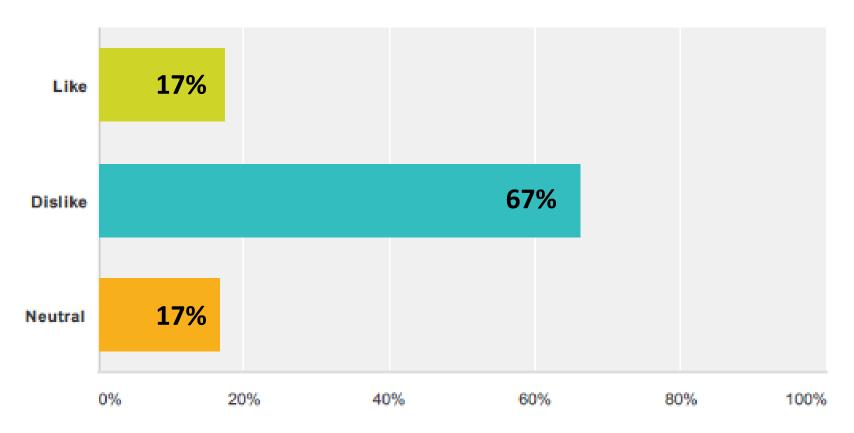
| Ranking | Steering Committee Responses | Community Session Responses | Survey Responses |
|-----------------|---|---|---|
| 1 st | Creating a "heart" or walkable destinations | Development's effect on traffic | Development's effect on traffic |
| 2 nd | Compatibility with existing neighborhoods | Compatibility with existing neighborhoods | Compatibility with existing neighborhoods |
| 3 rd | Economic viability | Stormwater impacts | Improving the bicycle and pedestrian system |
| 4 th | Improving the bicycle and pedestrian system | Maintaining the tree canopy | Stormwater impacts |
| 5 th | Development's effect on traffic | Improving the bicycle and pedestrian system | Impact on schools |

Concept A1



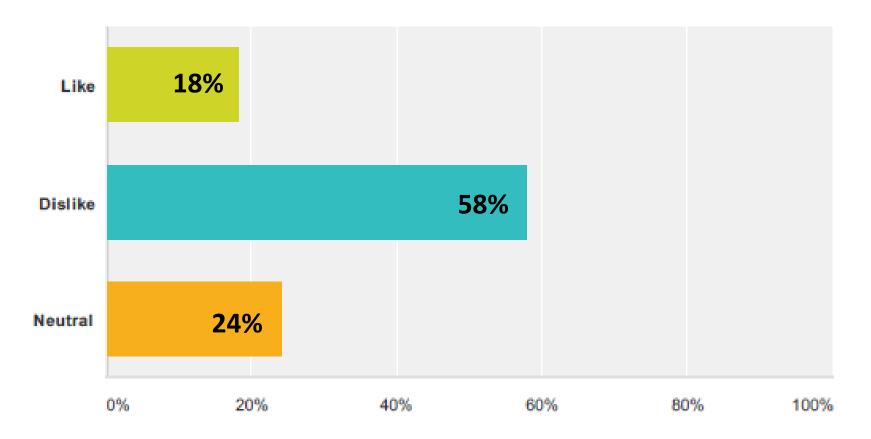
Like + Neutral = 54%

Concept A2



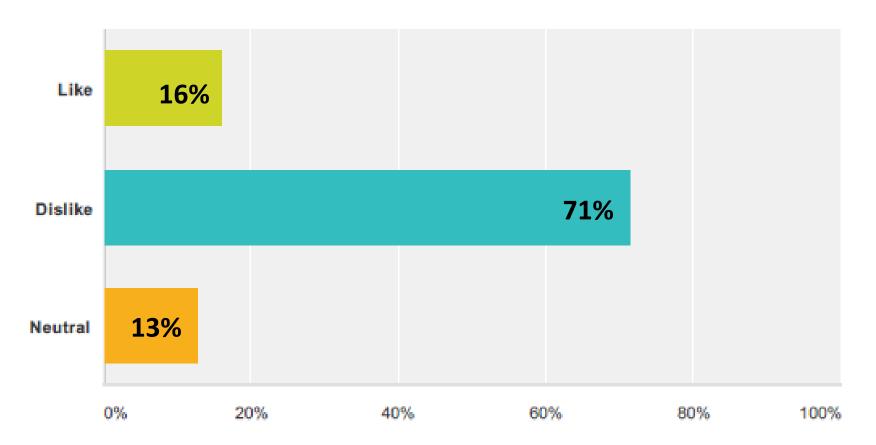
Like + Neutral = 34%

Concept B1



Like + Neutral = 42%

Concept B2



Like + Neutral = 29%



Alternative Plan

