

February 17, 2016 Meeting Summary | Form Based Code Advisory Working Group

Attendees

PC Members: Rosemary Ciotti (FBC AWG Chair). **FBC AWG Members:** Linda Dye, Stef Pryor and Betty Siegel. **Staff:** Jennifer Smith and Matt Mattauszek

Agenda Item 1 | Draft Work Plan

- Jennifer Smith provided information on the draft work plan for calendar year 2016 and other future work plan items.
- AWG member comments and questions included the following:
 - Are there impacts to the FBC sign regulations based on the recent Supreme Court ruling on signs/speech?
 - Would the Village Center node meet the criteria for special sign regulations recently adopted for the Rosslyn-Ballston nodes?
 - AWG members commented they generally support more flexibility for signs to improve visibility of signs and businesses.
 - AWG members requested that the FBC regulations for the finished floor elevation requirements for Local Sites be reexamined to accommodate zero-step entrances, like the Neighborhoods FBC.
 - What is the status of improving 12th Street west of Glebe Road, connecting to the new Lincoln Street? Transportation staff will be working on the design now that the adjacent townhouse development is nearly completed.
 - Regarding the work plan item to examine the FBC Architectural Standards, an AWG member expressed support for expanding the allowable list of materials, including ceramic tiles.
 - Regarding the work plan item to examine the FBC coding for the Career Center site, AWG members generally indicated support for examining the site as a precursor to any plans APS has for the site.
 - Regarding the work plan item to examine reduced parking ratios for affordable housing projects in the Commercial FBC, AWG members indicated this analysis should include a comprehensive parking study for the entire Columbia Pike corridor.