

Flatiron Park 2nd Public Workshop

October 20, 2010

City of Norfolk, VA



Meeting Objectives / Agenda

The background of the slide is a grayscale photograph of an urban street. In the foreground, there is a wide, paved area with a tram track running across it. To the left, a dark-colored car is parked. In the middle ground, there are several trees and a person walking. In the background, there are multi-story buildings with many windows. The overall scene is a typical city street.

- Review the comments from the previous meeting.
- Review and provide input on the Phase 1 and Phase 2 concepts.
- Group Summaries / Next Steps

1st Public Meeting Summary

Background Info – Foundation for Discussion

- Citizens Desire for the Site

- Useable Public Space
- Sacred Space

- HRT Site Modifications

- Footings for Utilities
- Utility Box
- Impact to the Wall

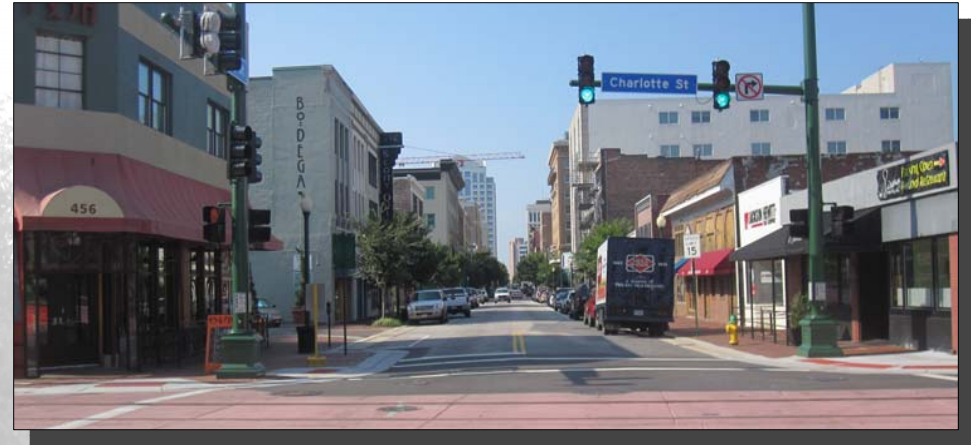
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Background Info – Foundation for Discussion

- Long Term Development and Use of the Site unknown
 - Federal Courthouse Expansion
 - Funding for Improvements
 - Limited Amount of Funding Available for Phase 1 Improvements
 - No Current Funding for Phase 2 Improvements
 - Site conditions
 - Concrete Foundation for Flatiron Building

- City's Plan for the Site
 - Visual Attraction
 - Low Cost
 - Does Not Impact Unknown Variables

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Group Visions

*“An **activated** and **accessible public green space** that respects the historical significance of the site and serves as an effective and exciting **gateway** to Downtown’s dining, entertaining and residential district.”*

*“An **activated, interactive** contemporary sustainable **public** space.”*

*“Open, **interactive, pedestrian**, green **gateway**.”*

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Desired Activities

- *Public and Private Spaces (Some concern about loiterers)*
- *Hardscape and Green Spaces*
- *Pedestrian Corridors / Walkways*
- *Dynamic / Interesting in Relationship to the Movement of LRT*
- *Activity Space (Sports, Music, Games)*
- *Durable / Low Maintenance*
- *Safe for Pedestrians and Vehicles - Place for Mingling*

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Desired Elements

- *Stairs*
- *Lighting*
- *Benches / Bike Rack / Drinking Fountain*
- *Abstract Ties to History / Historical Marker*
- *Message Board / Kiosk / Public Notices / Informational Wayfinding*
- *Public Art / Visual Elements*



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Phase 1 Improvements – East End

- *Plaza area along Granby / Open usable pedestrian space / Multi-use attractive space / Activate the site / Green usable interactive pedestrian gateway*
- *Street Performers / Vendors*
- *Dress up utility box at corner of Granby Street and Charlotte Street / No haphazard look / Consolidate and screen utility infrastructure*



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Phase 1 Improvements – East End

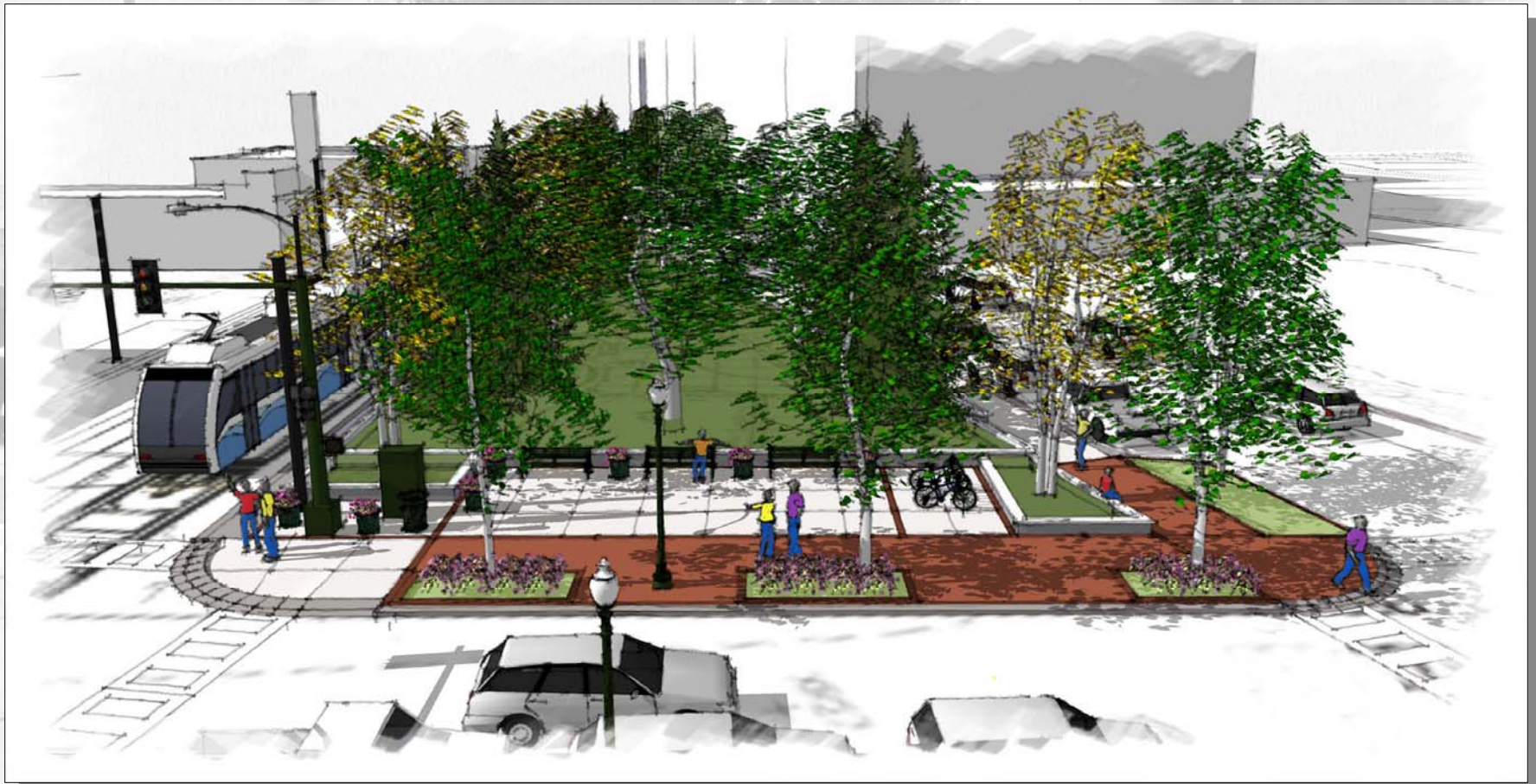
- *Shift terminus of existing knee wall*
- *Open with Lower Greenery*
- *Monument or Acknowledgement of the Local Building History*
- *Seating / Bike Rack / Informational Booth / Kiosk*
- *Lighting*
- *Custom Elements that Reflect the Context*



Flatiron Park – Phase 1 Improvements



Flatiron Park – Phase 1 Improvements



Looking West

Flatiron Park – Phase 1 Improvements



Looking Southwest

Flatiron Park – Phase 1 Improvements



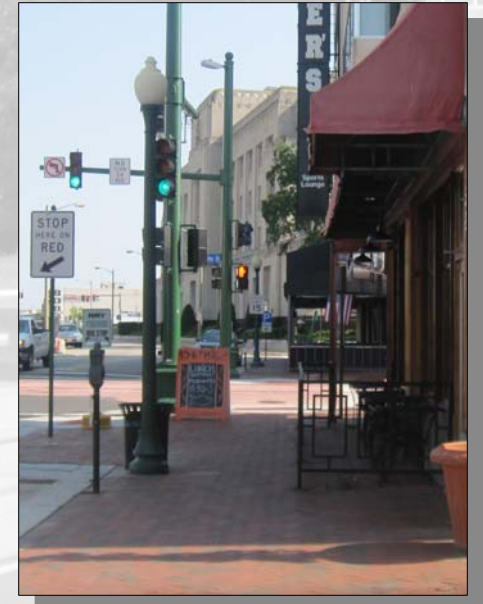
Looking Northwest

Flatiron Park – Phase 1 Improvements



Looking East

Flatiron Park – Phase 1 Improvements



Street Furnishing – Match Downtown Standard

Flatiron Park – Phase 2 Improvements



Concept 1 - Plan

Flatiron Park – Phase 2 Improvements



Concept 1 - Looking West

Flatiron Park – Phase 2 Improvements



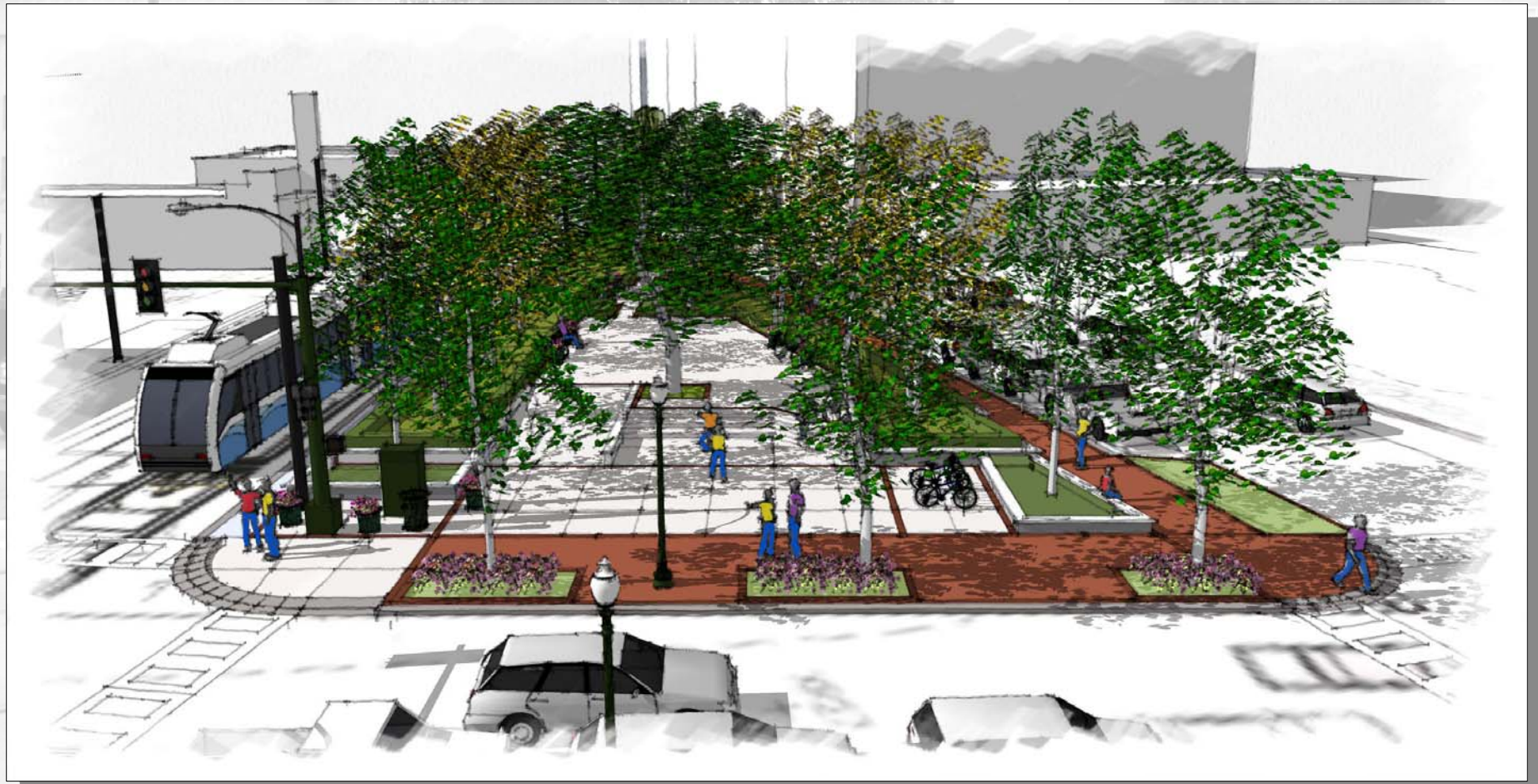
Concept 1 - Looking East Along Bute St.

Flatiron Park – Phase 2 Improvements



Concept 2 - Plan

Flatiron Park – Phase 2 Improvements



Concept 2 - Looking West

Flatiron Park – Phase 2 Improvements



Concept 2 - Looking East Along Bute St.



Group Discussions

- Phase 1 Concept Discussion
- Phase 2 Concepts Discussion

Presentation of Group Ideas

Next Steps

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