

Work Plan Suggestions

These are Commissioner responses to the question: “What issues would you like to consider for next years work plan? Be as specific as possible. What do you want to work on in the coming year?”

Normal text indicates Items that are included in the Proposed Work items and for which Staff have already prepared a scoping profile.

Bold text indicates Items that are eligible for inclusion subject to Commissioner completion of a scoping profile and consensus among Commission and Staff.

Bold italicized text indicates Items for which Staff have provided information to support Commissioner completion of scoping profiles.

1. **The highest priority for the 2009-2010 Planning Commission Work Plan should be to achieve maximum resolution of our previous years work plan.**
2. EC Guidelines should be updated in 2010
3. Open and predictable development process: create a PDF toolkit for land owners and developers that clearly delineates the development process (Intern is currently working on this under Jim T’s direction.)
4. Evaluation of slope ordinance regulations
5. Taking a new look at the Steep Slope Ordinance with the intent of revising it
6. Re-writing the slope waiver provisions – defining the actual problem, clarifying/creating better application standards and approval criteria and perhaps making it a permit process administered by engineering.
7. Understanding, maintaining and strengthening critical slopes
8. **Evaluation of form based codes to determine if this is a good time to implement for Charlottesville or what conditions need to be in place for it to work.**
9. **Considering whether incorporating elements of form-based code might be effective in mitigating effects of zoning**
10. **Considering whether incorporating elements of form-based code might be effective areas where there is no existing design review**
11. Comprehensive Zoning Use Matrix review
12. Revising the mixed –use matrix
13. Revising the boundaries of the Cherry Ave. Corridor
14. Continue review of zoning ordinance items to correct the outmoded sections of our zoning code. The steep slope ordinance, the Cherry Avenue corridor, and the “dance hall” sections of the code all need extensive revisions.
15. Code alignment & repair. (e.g.-- small- Definition of Truck; medium- Critical Slopes ordinance rewrite; large- LUP update)
16. Ensuring that current zoning laws are practical and enforceable.
17. Aligning the code with the comprehensive plan.

18. Ensuring that the code is written clearly concisely and understandable by government, developers, neighborhood associations and citizens for practical use.
- 19. Develop a ready list of mitigations that we can adapt to meet each circumstance—a sort of checklist of bicycle storages, sidewalks, etc.**
20. Musical venues – encouraging them in various sizes, for various tastes and in appropriate locations, not promoting a musical monopoly in Charlottesville
- 21. How to promote vitality in Entrance Corridors**
- 22. Process planning for next Comprehensive Plan – specific areas of focus and citizen participation elements**
- 23. Comp Plan review and consideration of its alignment with code.**

[Environmental Items]

- 24. How to improve expand and enhance park system to meet diverse user needs*
- 25. Urban Forestry Management Plan- implementation & development*
- 26. Develop and implement policy/code changes to encourage preservation (and discourage destruction) of existing trees.*
- 27. Collaborate with UVA, PVCC or work to establish a citizen group that would undertake a detailed tree inventory and condition assessment for the city and make recommendations for how we preserve and replenish our urban forest and specimen trees so that we have detailed info when we consider SUPS, steep slope waivers etc.*
- 28. River thing*
- 29. Reconcile our desires to make the Rivanna play a more significant role in the life of our city with the reality of its current zoning and uses and economic realities*
- 30. Infrastructure (green)**
- 31. Energy Use: Develop a Zoning response/strategy for encouraging existing and new structures to reduce energy consumption**
- 32. Considering whether we should be moving toward making all new development more environmentally responsible—especially where we are granting waivers or SUPS—better utilization and coordination with the SELC for how we can adapt their info to our largely already developed city. (Staff has developed LEED for neighborhoods document)**
- 33. Affordable Housing: Identify “tools” at the disposal of City/PC/Staff for encouraging the construction, preservation, or conversion of affordable housing within the City.**
34. Density in the City, particularly in the Entrance Corridors and Mixed Use Zones
- 35. How to increase diversity of affordable housing options**
- 36. Understanding the density challenges in residential and mixed use districts and assuring that any zoning change is practical and enforceable.**
- 37. Affordable housing, TDRs**
38. Density as it relates to existing and future zoning and SUP requests, city role in the region, the concept of TDRs, mixed use zones

[Transportation Items]

- 39. How to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips by expanding alternative modes of mobility*
- 40. Non-automobile mobility and network.*
- 41. Continue to expand diversity of mobility modes available to all citizens for all trips.*
- 42. Revisit last year's retreat topic re: Alternate transportation networks: Using and improving the existing system of bike /walking trails, parks, underutilized right-of-way, and underutilized City Owned property (if any) to improve network of bike/walk trails from residential areas to downtown and university.*
- 43. Density as it relates to transportation of all types*

- 44. Planning for elderly**
- 45. Infrastructure (grey, capital projects)**

Items that fall outside a work plan

46. Understanding proffers.
47. Helping the Commission spend their time on what really matters
48. Parks
49. Relationship of economics and demographics to land use planning