

**South Burlington Chamberlin Neighborhood Community Meeting #2  
Chamberlin School - Thursday, April 28, 2016, 7:00PM**

**SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FORMS**

**Relationship to Neighborhood (Total Responses: 23, by 5/2/16)**

CNAPC Member: 2

Neighborhood Resident: 16

SB Resident: 2

No Answer: 3

**Theme: Benches, Books, Birds and Bats: Enhancements to Mills Ave & Duval Trails**

**A. Benches**

| Yes | No | Maybe |
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| 12  | 7  | 4     |

- At a playground both shaded and sunny.
- Benches would only be necessary in very public locations – not private wooded areas in neighborhood cul de sacs – woods at end of Duval are a neighborhood area – would not want to see excessive traffic if trails developed.
- Maybe if there is enough money.
- Benches at viewpoints.
- Probably not that important on such a short path. Better on any paths in acquisition.
- Just setting it up for transients, something to damage or deface.
- Should be child as well as adult-friendly benches.
- How to keep creeps away? How to keep homeless from moving in?
- Dedication opportunities from families would help pay for it.
- Not scenic enough.
- We bought our house only because here was a natural buffer zone in our backyard – 21 foot path put in that is great – no benches or anything else. Keep it as a natural area minus benches birdhouses and signs.
- Benches across from airport where houses have been taken out but not in the trail where homeless people will take up residence.
- We don't need vagrants coming into our neighborhood and this is exactly what will happen. Neighborhood watch learns that seeing people in our community that you don't know, you need to call the police.
- Good addition to walking paths.

**B. Plant/Tree Labels**

| Yes | No | Maybe |
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| 10  | 5  | 7     |

- Park signs at woods entrances too. Put up names of areas so people feel more connected with the land.
- Planting is okay. Labels should be limited to a very few areas.
- Maybe if there is enough money.
- OK idea but better a school kid or Rotary type of project – private funding.
- I would defer to neighborhood residents on this.
- I feel this is a limited interest.
- Why do you need to hang signs? Trees fine.

### C. Fitness Trail

| Yes | No | Maybe |
|-----|----|-------|
| 7   | 4  | 9     |

- A playground would be better utilized and has been suggested by several of my neighbors with children and grandchildren.
- Playground too. Natural features.
- In a very accessible and open area, not near homes. Perhaps in a small designated area.
- Maybe if there is enough money.
- Not often used in places where they have been built.
- Just setting it up for transients, something to damage or deface.
- I would defer to neighborhood residents on this.
- Would like a mileage marker trail, if anything is long enough. Start, ¼ mile, ½ mile, etc.
- If any equipment is shown it has to be visible from surrounding areas in case of injuries.
- Multiple stations not just one, space them out.
- Good for the community and it would be used.
- Depends on where you are thinking it should go.
- One more thing to maintain.

### D. Miniature Museum

| Yes | No | Maybe |
|-----|----|-------|
| 1   | 10 | 10    |

- Who will maintain this?
- I don't think we need this in the neighborhood. Pretty quiet neighborhood why bring in more people.
- Let neighborhood residents decide.
- Not sure what this means.
- Maybe.
- At the airport – or across the street.

### E. Free Lending Library

| Yes | No | Maybe |
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| 10  | 4  | 6     |

- Who will maintain this?
- Let neighborhood residents decide.
- Good idea – get local woodworker to do it.
- Very good community building I think.
- We have a library.
- No - Unless the Chamberlin School become a community center.

### F. Bird & Bat Houses

| Yes | No | Maybe |
|-----|----|-------|
| 11  | 2  | 7     |

- The birds seem to be making their houses who will be taking care of them.
- Who maintains these.
- Have to be high and inaccessible, hidden if possible.
- I would place a higher priority on planting trees that are bird and/or bat friendly (than bird and bat houses)
- Get volunteers or Scouts, etc.
- Who would maintain and clean yearly?
- We need to help nature.
- In an inconspicuous spot – not interfering with neighbor privacy.

- Teaching nature is important to me.
- Nice touch to neighborhood with minimal upkeep.

## Theme: Porches & Public Rights-of-Way

### A. Zoning Changes to Allow Front Porches

| Yes | No | Maybe |
|-----|----|-------|
| 18  | 1  | 3     |

- Porches promote community.
- Zero cost, high impact, Do it!
- I understand this change is desired by several neighborhood residents.
- No reason not to do this zoning change.
- This is one way neighbors can get to know each other, feel connected and support each other in times of need.
- Great idea!
- It shouldn't be up to the committee on whether people can make changes to their property. We are not operating a homeowners' association.
- Good idea
- Could be promotive of community or instead become too "in your face."
- Very much yes! Current zoning doesn't allow porch on my house. We'd love it!

### B. Pedestrian-scale Street Lighting

| Yes | No | Maybe |
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| 15  | 2  | 4     |

### C. Fences or Hedges with Border Plantings

| Yes | No | Maybe |
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| 10  | 4  | 3     |

- These would be great additions to the street.
- Zero cost, high impact, Do it!
- Attractive street lighting should be added within context of having sidewalks and curbs on both sides of street. Street lights without sidewalks and curbs are likely to seem out-of-place. Fences in front of homes creates barriers between people on a porch and people walking on sidewalk.
- We need better lighting! Not sure about hedge between homes.
- Street lighting would be nice for walking/running/biking at night but not heavy lighting.
- It shouldn't be up to the committee on whether people can make changes to their property. We are not operating a homeowners' association.
- Maybe this should be done by homeowners not town.

## Theme: Edge of the Acquisition Land

### A. Trails Through Acquisition Land

| Yes | No | Maybe |
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| 14  | 1  | 6     |

- This would make the Airport area pretty and useful.
- Also improve sidewalk on Airport Drive.
- How to keep trails safe? Acquisition land trails should have dense foliage in some areas to absorb airport noise. Suggest denser areas furthest away from airport. Suggest airport separates acquisition land and

neighborhood. Suggest greenbelt connecting north end of Airport Parkway all the way south past airport.

- Especially if they are as attractive as the ones in this photograph!
- But NOT through peoples' backyards.
- Depending on money.
- Yes. Multi-use.
- Maintenance would be required.

**B. Interpretive Parkland**

| Yes | No | Maybe |
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| 6   | 2  | 10    |

- Just parkland, interpretive not necessary.
- We don't need more parks.
- Do you mean you want to paint the trees pink?
- Depends on the design.
- Let neighborhood residents decide. It would not be a priority for me.
- Ask airport to consider wildflower open lawn or airport open land property – save on mowing, add beautification.
- Depending on money.
- Playgrounds. Natural features.
- Would need to be fenced to protect neighbors to park boundaries.

**C. Access to Scenic Views**

| Yes | No | Maybe |
|-----|----|-------|
| 14  | 1  | 6     |

- Definitely!
- This would allow families with kids to see planes and the mountain views.
- The Airport/National Guard will want to showcase the F35. It's in their interest to have places people can watch them.
- Would like a spot with free parking to watch planes take off and land.
- Neighbors should be able to access scenic views.
- Benches also at scenic viewpoints.
- Depending on money.
- Also access to airport views. The kids love it.

**Theme: Bicycle & Pedestrian Connectivity**

**A. Bicycle Accommodations**

| Yes | No | Maybe |
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| 9   | 2  | 5     |

- Depends on where they are.
- I feel this is a needed modification to the roads.
- People do not merge well. Small cars feel intimidated by bigger cars/trucks/SUVs forcing into the one lane. Cars use turning lanes as passing lanes. Williston road is MORE scary! Restore 4 lanes to Williston Road. Bike lanes on other areas to divert bikes off Williston. Bicyclists ride on white line dividing bike lane from car lanes – and care lanes were made to narrow to safely pass the bicyclist. If restore Williston Road to 4 lanes, cars would have room to move over for bicycles in smaller bike lane.
- Let neighbors decide.
- I'm a biker – not a fast rider so I love bike paths!

- Sidewalk north side of White Street (versus bike lane?). Prefer bike lane or three lane versus second sidewalk.
- Depending on money.
- The proposal to put a suggested bike lanes on Richard Terrace/Hanover Street. Seems totally unnecessary – there is minimal bike traffic now – this is a waste of money. Williston/Patchen and White Street St. need bike lanes. Need more neighborhood input before implementing – send mailings to the homes.
- Advisory bike lane on Barber needed. Will connect ‘through’ the triangle, through the woods, and to a new crosswalk over Williston Road. Could also do advisory bike lane through Gilbert and Myers. Remove “parking” on north side of White. Not used at all. Have bike lanes on both sides which will provide traffic calming and much needed “safe route to school.”

### B. Overland Paths

| Yes | No | Maybe |
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| 8   | 2  | 4     |

- This depends on the design.
- Only in places where LOTS of people would use them. Would allowing a path on someone’s land mean they are giving up the right o change their mind later if the path creates problems? Seems like there would be huge liability issues. Would landowners get a tax break?
- Let neighbors decide.
- Love this idea – I take kids for walks and this would be nicer.
- Boardwalk on Centennial Brook Ravine from Patchen Road to Airport Parkway.
- Depending on money.
- Great connections are always key. These cut throughs make great neighborhoods.

### C. Sidewalk on North Side of White Street

| Yes | No | Maybe |
|-----|----|-------|
| 10  | 2  | 7     |

- Please add speed bars on White Street. It’s not safe for my kids on bikes.
- Let neighbors decide.
- Only if the school stays!
- Slow down traffic on White Street – motorcycles!
- I’d like to see a sidewalk – I live on this side of the street.
- It would be great to have a sidewalk on both sides Airport Parkway. I live on non sidewalk side and feel it is unsafe to get to a sidewalk especially with people driving faster than speed limit.
- Prefer bike lane or “tree lane”

### D. Crosswalks - White Street at Airport Parkway

| Yes | No | Maybe |
|-----|----|-------|
| 17  | 1  | 0     |

- It is a common place to cross and is very busy with traffic.
- Yes! Also have a speed radar display to help drivers remember it’s a 25 MPH zone.
- Absolutely – so hard to cross safely – especially with children. Crosswalk at Chamberlin – cars don’t stop. Red light option?
- Slow traffic via design or infrastructure on White Street and Airport Parkway. Narrow lanes, bike lanes,
- 4-way stop at White and Airport
- White Street simple, People run across this now.
- The electronic crosswalk signs which were on 90% of the time in cold weather are not justified for the expense.

### E. Crosswalks – Patchen Road at Jaycee Park

| Yes | No | Maybe |
|-----|----|-------|
| 18  | 1  | 0     |

- This is a very busy intersection. How about a light or other pedestrian friendly crosswalk system to stop traffic?
- Not at this time. White and Patchen have crosswalks. Patchen is easy to cross mid-street. Most people drive to Jaycee Park, or can figure out crossing options.
- Still would take your life in your hands.
- Yes. I also go there and would appreciate a crosswalk.
- Sidewalk improvements to address water pooling and ice buildup in winter.
- Would be great to have with RRFB.

### F. Crosswalks – Williston Road West of Rec. Path

| Yes | No | Maybe |
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| 13  | 4  | 3     |

- Do not want so close to Mills Ave.
- Build “bump outs” Champlain College built these – it helps!
- Make crossing lights like they have outside Fanny Allen on Route 2/Williston Road. Want to have more traffic enforcement on Williston Road.
- Yes – best place to cross and would be even safer with crosswalk.
- Williston Road mid-block. Definitely think this mid block crosswalk is necessary. Should line up with end of path or slightly re-align path.

## Theme: Airport Drive – Short Term

### A. Elizabeth and Patrick Streets as One-Way

| Yes | No | Maybe |
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| 5   | 6  | 8     |

- Why? What about Mills Ave and it’s traffic coming from these 2 streets? Not a good move.
- I do not want to see Patrick St. closed – but would consider one-way.
- We need to slow down traffic in our neighborhoods. Focus on that.
- Suggest dead-end Elizabeth and Patrick in a connecting street. No outlet to Airport Drive. Remove Airport Drive parts of streets, and make a longer continuous green belt on neighborhood side of Airport Drive.
- What do residents of these streets say about this? I can see pros and cons.
- Neither – make Patrick and Elizabeth dead end at Airport Drive – that would cut down on thru traffic and the constant parking on those streets of people waiting for friends/relatives to come into the airport. Need more “No Parking Anytime” signs closer to stop signs on those two streets.
- This should be decided by residents of these streets.
- Keep things the way they are.
- Have you thought about changing the street names? If we are trying to get away from being the “airport” area, we need to move away from the names “airport parkway” and “airport drive.” Changing the names to more “neighborhood” style names gives the appearance of a neighborhood. Possible names: Chamberlin Way/Parkway, Chestnut Drive, Allen Ave., Madison Ave.
- Either option is OK.
- This would probably stop parking on Elizabeth, but without enforcement parking would no doubt double on Patrick St. It would however put an end to the constant turn arounds.

## B. Elizabeth and Patrick Streets with Joint Connection to Airport Drive

| Yes | No | Maybe |
|-----|----|-------|
| 8   | 6  | 5     |

- Not approved!
- Why would you close 2 streets and then put in another road that seems to be a waste of money.
- This would help traffic.
- We need to slow down traffic in our neighborhoods. Focus on that.
- Suggest dead-end Elizabeth and Patrick in a connecting street. No outlet to Airport Drive. Remove Airport Drive parts of streets, and make a longer continuous green belt on neighborhood side of Airport Drive. Like connecting Elizabeth and Patrick. But eliminate connection to Airport Drive. Eliminate incentive for airport cars to park on Elizabeth and Patrick Streets. Connect Logwood with some other nearby neighborhood street.
- Though more expensive than option A, this option seems better than option A.
- This should be decided by residents of these streets.
- What's the reason/need for this?
- Either option is OK.
- Proposed street is going thru an existing home on Airport Drive. As a homeowner at 1 Patrick my only concern would be snow plowing – maybe a cul de sac type configuration?

## C. Short-term Closure of Local Streets

| Yes | No | Maybe |
|-----|----|-------|
| 3   | 9  | 5     |

- Might support some parts of the plan but it has no time frame and too few details.
- This will add far more traffic on Peterson Terrace. Cars already circle the airport and speed on my street. It's not safe for my kids.
- Depends on local population that would be directly affected.
- I don't understand this well enough to assess its impacts, positive and/or negative for the neighborhood.
- See closure plans on previous page.
- Completion of the Airport Drive Extension through to connect with Airport Parkway north of Kirby Road would alleviate a lot of problems – especially large trucks negotiating the White St/Airport Pkwy. Intersection.
- Short-term? I don't understand. Are you discussing closing Dumont? Airport Drive-Airport Pkwy. Plans – want to know more
- Very confusing, no street identification. No way to tell where roads may go, what is planned, dreamed, possible, etc.
- I don't know enough about this.
- Maybe Delaware/Maryland only. Consult people in these streets.
- Airport Drive and White Street are already being used as a race track by SBPD 2-3 cruisers at a time sometimes with lights and sirens, just lites or neither doing "80" mph. An accident waiting to happen. Closing side streets would only encourage more speed.

## Theme: Airport Drive – Long Term

### A. BIA Re-Use Plan

| Yes | No | Maybe |
|-----|----|-------|
| 5   | 5  | 10    |

- Definitely not this scenario.
- It is not clear to me what will be the plan.
- Where is all the traffic coming from? Are there enough planes to support these changes? Support connecting Airport Drive and Airport Parkway.
- I am not sufficiently knowledgeable about the Airport's Re-Use Plan to assess it.
- Couldn't figure out what this was – besides street closures. We want to know much more of these long-term plans.
- I don't know enough about this.
- Need wider shared use path to reduce conflicts. Green belt and trees needed between roadway and shared used path as well as traffic calming/greenway/boulevard. Street width too wide with no traffic calming. 4 ft. shoulder will be used by bikes and be dangerous. Should have single lanes with good flow and protected bike lanes for connection of Kennedy to Route 15 for bike commuters.



## Theme: Information Pathways

### Kinds of Activities & Actions

What issues or activities in the neighborhood would you want to be notified about?

|   |    |
|---|----|
| • Burlington International Airport  | 17 |
| • Chamberlin School plans   | 19 |
| • Paths, Trails & Recreation Planning   | 13 |
| • Parks (including the Dog Park)  | 11 |
| • Neighbor-to-neighbor programs (disaster preparation, helping seniors, etc.) | 12 |
| • Visual enhancements   | 8  |
| • Transportation system changes (roads, streets, signals, crosswalks, etc.)   | 19 |
| • Other   | 0  |

### Ways You Would Like to Respond

What are the most likely ways that you would respond to an issue or proposed action in your neighborhood?

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|---|----|
| • Join a neighborhood group or committee                        | 9  |
| • Join a formal City committee                                  | 2  |
| • Submit comments via email or an online forum                  | 14 |
| • Call someone in leadership to express my thoughts or concerns | 7  |
| • Attend a public meeting                                       | 18 |
| • Other – Letters to Members                                    | 1  |

### Best Ways to Receive Information

What are the most effective ways to communicate about opportunities affecting the neighborhood?

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| • The Other Paper                  | 15 |
| • E-mail from the City             | 17 |
| • E-mail from a local organization | 9  |
| • City website                     | 4  |
| • Other website                    | 2  |
| • Mailings                         | 4  |
| • Message board at a local site    | 0  |
| • Front Porch Forum                | 12 |
| • Other – Facebook                 | 4  |
| Other – SB Community Watch         | 1  |

\*The City should send notifications of meetings to all neighborhood residents.

### Important Issues for Your Participation

What issues or events in the neighborhood would prompt you to participate more actively?

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|--|----|
| • A proposal for rezoning or other changes in land use regulations | 11 |
| • Plans for new development at the Airport                         | 11 |
| • Plans to change the roads in the neighborhood                    | 15 |
| • Planning for the Dog Park  | 1  |
| • A decision to close or phase out Chamberlin School               | 16 |
| • Other – Noise F35  | 1  |
| Other – Airport Acquisition Plans                                  | 1  |
| Other – Noise Mitigation Committee Meetings                        | 1  |
| Other – CNAPC  | 1  |
| Any information that BIA/VTANG are willing to share                | 1  |