

Foxcroft Heights Walking Town Meeting September 9, 2008

Walking Tour Stop	Neighborhood Topics	County Response
Starting Point: Foxcroft Heights Park at Southgate Road and South Oak Street - There will be parking along Southgate Road. Note: In the event of rain or inclement weather, the meeting will be held at the Sheraton National Hotel.		
1. <u>Foxcroft Heights Park - Intersection of Southgate Road and South Oak Street</u>	The Foxcroft Heights Civic Association would like to highlight Foxcroft Heights Park, the only public facility in the area.	The County looks forward to visiting the park with the residents.
Route: Travel south on South Oak Street to the intersection of South Oak Street and Columbia Pike.		
2. <u>Commercial Strip at South Oak Street and Columbia Pike</u>	Parking: Business patrons visiting the commercial strip utilize limited parking on neighborhood streets negatively impacting the resident's ability to park on the street.	South Oak Street at Columbia Pike currently has posted Zone 2 permit parking from 8am-5pm on weekdays along the entire street. This narrow street is one-way from Columbia Pike to Southgate Road. As an alternative solution, staff will investigate the possibility of extending the hours for Residential Permit Parking. Parking enforcement options will also be implemented. For parking violations, the contact person is Captain Michelle Nuneville , 3 rd District Commander, at 703-228-4097 or email at mnuneville@arlingtonva.us .
Route: Travel west on Columbia Pike to South Ode Street and turn right to mid block of South Ode Street.		
3. <u>South Ode Street Alley</u>	<u>Alley Ownership, Maintenance Responsibility and Storm Drainage:</u> There are several alleys throughout the neighborhood. Residents have questions about ownership, maintenance and storm water drainage and management.	The County's practice has been to maintain County owned alleys. The Walking Town Meeting will provide an opportunity to further assess the maintenance needs of this alley and others in the neighborhood. Preliminary research by staff on the alleys: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The County owns the alley that runs between Southgate Road and Columbia Pike adjacent to the Navy Annex. ▪ According to County records the other alleys shown on the Foxcroft Heights plats are privately owned and maintained.

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<p>4. <u>Impact of Federal Facilities - Planned Redevelopment at Henderson Hall</u></p>	<p><u>Impact of Federal Facilities:</u> This gate is the most heavily used of the gates entering the Henderson Hall facility. The Post Exchange facility located right inside this gate on the Henderson Hall compound generates a great deal of traffic on weekends, holidays and federal pay days. Traffic is extremely heavy on South Orme Street and cars often speed up and down the street. The amount of traffic in and around the neighborhood significantly increased with the opening of the 9-11 and Air Force Memorials. In addition, parking is difficult for neighborhood residents on weekends, holidays and federal pay days. The neighborhood is significantly impacted by the federal facilities that surround it.</p>	<p><u>Traffic and Parking:</u> County staff from the Department of Transportation will work with the residents to identify solutions for both the speeding and parking issues. The Police Department will monitor the area for speeding as well as parking violations. Representatives from both departments will be in attendance at the Walking Town Meeting.</p> <p><u>Traffic Data Background:</u> Traffic data collected in 2006 indicated a daily traffic volume on South Orme Street of 3400 vehicles per day. Reported speeds at this time were not high with the 85th percentile speed less than 30 mph.</p> <p><u>Other Federal Facility Issues:</u> The Arlington County Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Coordinator met with John Moran, President of the Fox Croft Heights Civic Association, on December 4, 2007 at the request of Senator Webb's Office. Mr. Moran outlined several concerns that the Coordinator documented and shared with the Senator's Office, Ft. Myer, Henderson Hall, and the County Manager's Office. The neighborhood is concerned about the imminent construction activity and the impacts of it including but not limited to security risks, pedestrian safety, increased traffic, and limited parking in the area.</p>

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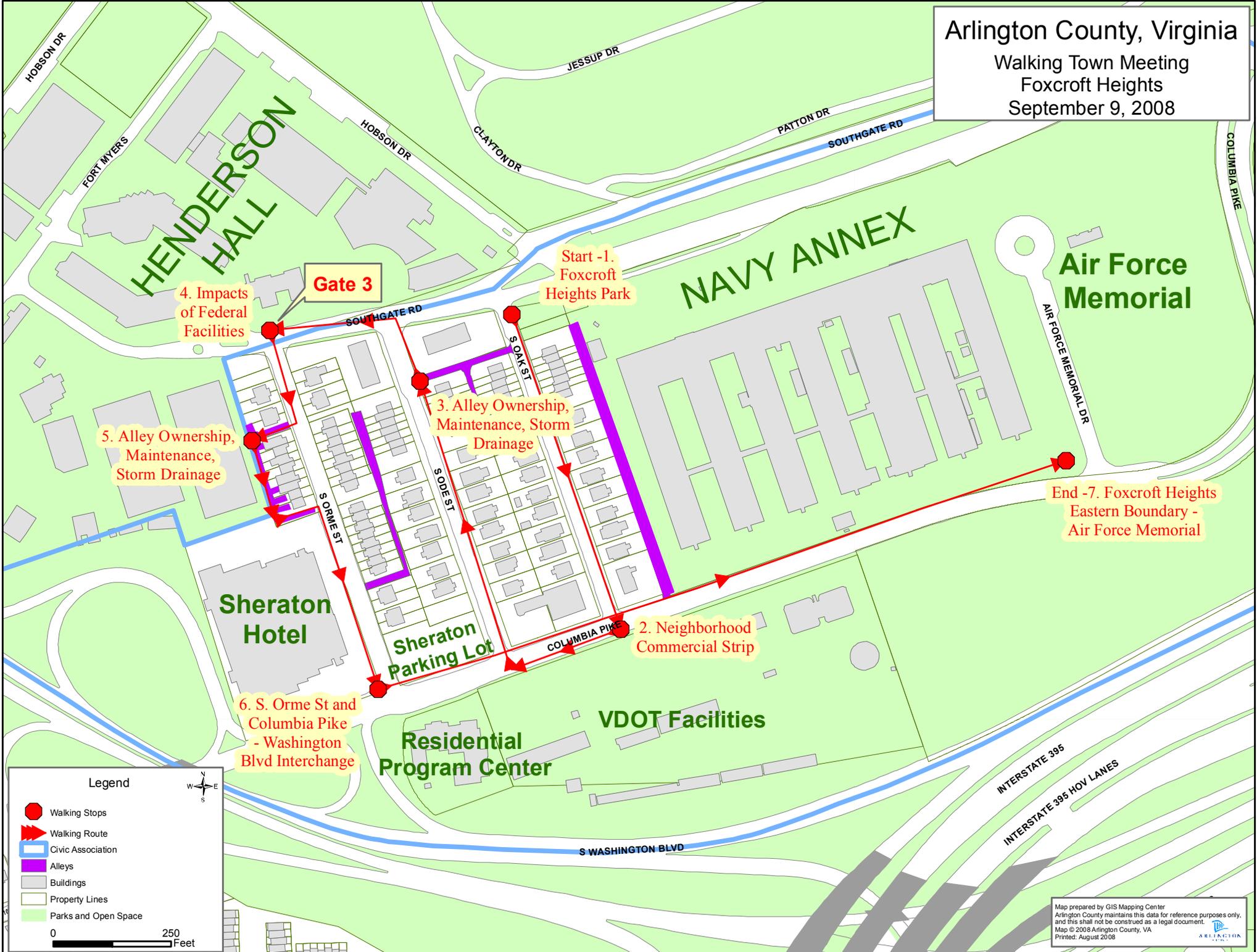
<p>4. Continued</p>		<p>As a follow-up, the Coordinator set a meeting with Col Bill Lietzau, Installation Commander of Henderson Hall, on December 21, 2007 where these concerns were discussed. Col Lietzau shared plans for the Exchange expansion and committed to keeping the Foxcroft Heights Civic Association updated on construction progress. The BRAC Coordinator requested a follow-up meeting regarding the federal traffic study completed in February 2008. The meeting was held on May 21, 2008, where it was revealed that the findings could not be released to an individual (Mr. Moran), but that Arlington County could make a formal request and some data may be released. It was also suggested that Arlington County complete a traffic study of the area. The BRAC Coordinator is working with the Department of Transportation to complete a formal study conducted by Arlington County.</p> <p>The BRAC Coordinator, Andrea Morris, will be in attendance at the Walking Town Meeting. She may be reached by phone at 703-228-0865 or aymorris@arlingtonva.us.</p>
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Route: Travel south on South Orme Street to alley just north of 806 South Orme Street. Travel west on alley.		
<p>5. <u>South Orme Street Alley</u></p>	<p><u>Alley Ownership, Maintenance Responsibility and Storm Drainage:</u> This is another one of the alleys located within the neighborhood. Residents have questions about ownership, maintenance and drainage.</p>	<p>See response to #3 above regarding alleys. Staff will be attendance at the Walking Town Meeting to further evaluate the alley in this area.</p>

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Route: Go back to South Orme Street and head south on South Orme Street.		
<p>6. <u>South Orme Street and Columbia Pike and Washington Boulevard Overpass</u></p>	<p>The Foxcroft Heights neighborhood is completely surrounded by federal and state facilities including Henderson Hall, Arlington National Cemetery, the Navy Annex and Columbia Pike. Planned expansion and or redevelopment of Henderson Hall, Arlington National Cemetery and the Navy Annex will significantly impact Foxcroft Heights with increased traffic, noise and parking problems. All of the planned improvements on and around Columbia Pike including the Washington Boulevard Interchange Realignment Project will greatly impact Foxcroft Heights. The neighborhood wants to insure that they play a major role in any of the eminent planning efforts.</p>	<p>The design for the new Columbia Pike and Washington Blvd. bridge and interchange was developed with input from community representatives (“Bridge Working Group”) which included a representative from Foxcroft Heights. On June 17, 2008, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) also held a Design Public Hearing at Thomas Jefferson Middle School to present and discuss with the community the design for the interchange improvements and bridge replacement. VDOT is currently soliciting proposals from design-build firms and expects to award the contract in early 2009 and begin construction in 2010. Construction will take approximately 30 months and completion is slated for December 2013. The current estimated cost is \$54.8 million. The project is currently fully-funded from state and federal funding sources.</p> <p>The Arlington BRAC Coordinator facilitated meetings between Mr. Moran and Henderson Hall as well as a conference call with David Drozd, Navy Regional BRAC Rep, to discuss impending impacts and timelines related to the Henderson Hall expansion, Ft Myer/Henderson Hall BRAC action, and the Navy Annex BRAC action and other Department of Defense restructuring.</p>

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6. Continued		<p>The BRAC Coordinator is maintaining contact with Mr. Moran regarding these impacts.</p> <p>County staff from various agencies will continue to work with state and federal entities on transportation issues and the neighborhood.</p>
Route: Travel east on Columbia Pike to the Air Force Memorial.		
7. <u>Eastern Boundary of the Foxcroft Heights neighborhood</u>	<p><u>Impacts of Future Redevelopment and New Facilities:</u> Residents are concerned that continuing redevelopment of this area including demolition of the Navy Annex and opening of the new Air Force Memorial and the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial will significantly impact the Foxcroft Heights neighborhood. Residents would like to be proactive and to begin to evaluate viable alternatives for addressing impacts that these development activities are bringing to the neighborhood. Residents would like the County to take a fresh look at the Joyce Street/Southgate Road intersection, parking and traffic control at the Air Force Memorial and the need for a traffic overview to minimize neighborhood impacts.</p>	<p>County staff will investigate traffic control and parking options in this area and work with the residents on solutions for the neighborhood.</p> <p>A planning effort for the eastern end of Columbia Pike will start in the coming months. Residents from Foxcroft Heights are invited to participate in the process and through this effort will have the opportunity to address ongoing concerns about the coming redevelopment and newly opened memorial facilities.</p>



4. Impacts of Federal Facilities

Gate 3

Start -1. Foxcroft Heights Park

5. Alley Ownership, Maintenance, Storm Drainage

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End -7. Foxcroft Heights Eastern Boundary - Air Force Memorial

2. Neighborhood Commercial Strip

6. S. Orme St and Columbia Pike - Washington Blvd Interchange

Residential Program Center

VDOT Facilities