



Fallsgrove Planning Area 18 Community Listening Session

Tuesday July 7 at 7:00 p.m.
Thomas Farm Community Center

Group Discussion:

What has changed since 2000 that affects Rockville and/or your neighborhood?

1. Ride-on bus issues – takes too long; long headway. Make adjustments? To route? Possibility of a private service (like King Farm shuttle)?
2. Transit Center – just like a bus stop. Use it differently; lost parking in the area because of the transit center.
3. Fallsgrove retail center traffic a “nightmare”. Lerner (the owner) supposed to look at it earlier. (Who can make change?) Public street, or owned by Lerner?
4. CCT connections (will be needed).
5. Safety and appearance of Rockville and Shady Grove metro stations.

Table Exercises/Comment Sheet results:

A complete transcription of the written comments generated by this exercise is contained in this report. The written comments are presented verbatim with only minimal editorial changes to spelling and punctuation.

What do you want to stay the same in Rockville and/or your neighborhood?

By 2020:

1. Millennium Trail/walking paths.
2. Walking paths are pretty good.
3. Thomas Farm (community center) and the playground around it is great, including the little outside work out area.
4. Keep elementary school reservation.
5. Keep community center – more classes, more neighborhood teams.
6. Mixed use in Rockville for convenience – if land available in community.

By 2040:

No responses received.

What do you want to change in Rockville and/or your neighborhood?

By 2020:

1. Improve Shady Grove and Rockville Metro Stations. They are not attractive and tend to drive people away. Outside of commuter hours, they are dangerous.



2. Improve public transport/better metro access and other transportation.
3. Restructure parking area at Falls Grove Center to improve entry/exit.
4. Improve entry/exit into the shopping area and moving throughout the parking lot.
5. Improve bus service.
6. Relieve parking concerns in (Falls Grove) village center – circulation change for entrances; more transportation linkages – headways and maybe route adjustments.
7. Green Park – more activities for children.
8. (We) like King Farm shuttle.

By 2040:

1. Improve the Shady Grove and Rockville metro stations. They are not attractive and tend to drive people away. Outside of commuter hours they are dangerous.
2. Shopping center parking and access is ridiculous.
3. Parking in downtown Rockville is a problem – you feel nicked and dined to death.
4. Get better restaurants in downtown.
5. Lobby businesses for shuttle to metros and downtown.
6. Better access to metro and CCT from Falls Grove.
7. Senior housing in the sense of properties designed on one floor (at least kitchen/living room-dining room/master bedroom on first floor. Not necessarily with assisted living capability.
8. The Shady Grove and Rockville metro stations are disasters. They need to be improved so they don't drive people away from Rockville. Improvement needed in terms of appearance, safety, access and egress.

Other issues raised by the audience:

1. Property taxes
2. Impact of development in the adjacent areas: Crown Farm, Great Seneca, etc. (like the amenities; don't like the traffic and the impacts of construction.)
3. Parking – locally and in Rockville Town Center
4. General confusion about what's in the City and what's not – boundary issues.