

Town of Cape Charles TEA-21 Multi-Use Trail
1st Public Workshop
March 16, 2007
2 Plum Street

Meeting Summary

Meeting Objective

The main objective of the meeting was to gain public input toward the development of the Cape Charles Trail Master Plan. This served as the initial public input meeting and introduction to the trail project. Two supplement public input meetings will be held as the project moves forward.

Evening activities

- Power Point Presentation
 - Project background and process
 - Trail types, users, and components
 - Analysis / opportunities / constraints
- Mapping Exercise to identify desired
 - Trail alignment
 - Nodes
 - Connections

Comments Received

Group discussions were held on a variety of issues from the anticipated use of the trail to desired trail alignments and site specific concerns. Topics of discussion primarily surrounded ideas and issues raised in the analysis/opportunities/constraints presentation. Each of the main points raised have been categorized below.

General Comments

- Use pervious trail materials
- Trash bins that blend with environment
- Benches in tree canopied areas
- Mini gazebos
- Landscaping for color periodically

Primary Trail Use

- Recreation,
- Exercise, and
- Transportation

Primary Users

- Bicyclist,
- Walkers,

- Roller Blades,
- Joggers, and
- Golf Carts (on road where speed limit is less than 25mph or on separate path)

The Hump

- Retain and use for pedestrian linkage and potential emergency vehicle access when necessary
- Potential scenic overlook
- Pursue extension of Fig providing an at grade crossing for both vehicles and pedestrians
- Address pedestrian safety issues at intersection of Mason and the Hump

Harbor Linkage

- Very important linkage to make that will serve a variety of individuals
- At least two linkages are needed (Fig/Hump and one to the west)
- Explore other alternative opportunities for a connection such as a water or golf cart taxi at the west connection

Town Gateway / Linkage to the Museum

- Gateway improvements are needed
- Connect trail to museum along Rt. 184
- Address pedestrian safety issues at Rt. 184 and Fig St
- Potential round-about at Fig and Rt. 184

Fig Street

- Support alignment on east side of Fig St
- At certain locations trail may need to narrow to retain existing trees
- Linkage to Kings Creek Marina

Washington Avenue

- Meander trail along north side of Washington Avenue
- Add plantings
- Sitting areas/Benches

Bay Avenue

- Additional sitting areas/benches
- More formalized beach access points (covered decks)
- Gazebo at north node (Terminus of Washington Ave)
- Viewing areas/platforms
- Explore options for re-orienting parking
- Public plaza at southern end

Mason Avenue

- Vehicular speeds are high on Mason
- Need new light fixtures
- Support trail on south side of mason

- Explore options for curb bump outs but retain parking spaces

Central Park

- Primary uses should be passive
- Locate trail encircling park
- Explore reinstatement of historic pattern
- Reestablish north linkage of peach street
- Relocate tennis courts, potentially to city owned land across Madison Ave
- Potential pond?

Park linkages along Peach Street and Monroe Avenue

- Explore potential of widening sidewalks along Peach Street linking the park to Mason Ave and Washington Ave.
- Maintain sidewalk widths along Monroe

Priority Areas for Implementation

- Central Park
- Boardwalk along Bay Ave

Next Steps

Based on the comments received consultant will develop a conceptual trail plan.

Several conceptual alternatives will be developed for various sections of the trail.

Next public input meeting will be held in the beginning of July, date to be determined.