

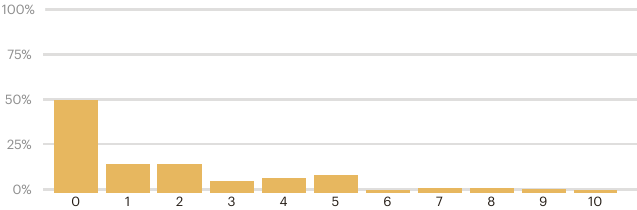
SURVEY ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND NOTICES TO CITIZENS

All Responses

Question 1 has 474 answers (Range)

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“Do you feel that your voice is heard by City Council when they make decisions on land-use and/or development projects? Examples: The Silo at Southern Pines, Windsong Apartments (Chic’s Beach), Westminster Canterbury new tower, The Boulevard at Thalia.”



Question 2 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“1. When a development project is proposed, are you in favor of more meetings (community outreach) between citizens and developers PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT in order for neighborhoods to: a) fully understand a proposed development project and b) to assist the developer in formulating a proposal for the Planning Department if the project potentially affects established, suburban neighborhoods?”



Open text responses to "other":

- Unknown contact said:

"More meetings extends the process time."
- Unknown contact said:

"Planning should do the research to determine if a development is in the best interest of the citizens and not simply a vehicle for expanding gridlock. "
- Unknown contact said:

"wait to see what the developer and planning have considered. "
- Unknown contact said:

"There are many barriers that developers face when developing much needed housing especially affordable housing. I would like to see less barriers especially for affordable and moderately priced housing, not more barriers. "
- Unknown contact said:

"No there current meeting set up's are sufficient "

██████████ said:

"Rather than meetings, I would Like to see consistent policies out of the city council regarding development. For example, for every tree, a contractor removes, he hast to plant five, Or pay for the planting of five. We will call it a tree credit. Also, I don't believe any municipality should be in the business of filling in lakes streams, ponds, Or any body of water. Unless said body of water is proven to be a hazard to the environment and inhabitants."

Unknown contact said:

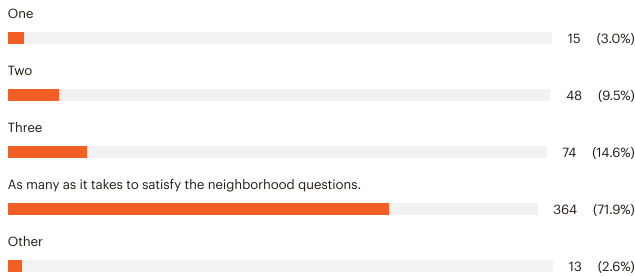
"Wind song was just a really bad decision for that location and the density it will bring."

Unknown contact said:

"If the land in question is private property that is being sold by a willing seller to a developer, I do not believe neighborhoods should have any say in the sale or proposal."

Question 3 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“2. What is the MINIMUM number of community outreach meetings that are appropriate on a development project?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:

"Depends on the complexity/size/level of intrusion planned of the project. But generally At least 5. "

Unknown contact said:

"5"

Unknown contact said:

"It depends upon the complexity of the project. Some are very small and don't really need a lot of meetings."

Unknown contact said:

"Online, in person is very hard with and work and kids"

Unknown contact said:

"As many as it takes to satisfy the neighborhood's "valid" qustions."

Unknown contact said:

"It's subjective. "

Unknown contact said:

"Reasonable number for the complexity of the development."

said:
"The number is dependent upon community feedback and developer response. If suggestions are made that the developer is agreeable with, a follow-up would help to confirm that changes, etc., ARE being made prior to submission to Planning."

Unknown contact said:
"NONE"

Unknown contact said:
"I think actually listening is more Important than the number of Meetings. "

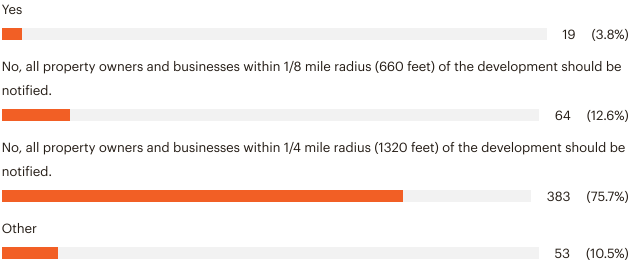
Unknown contact said:
"It's not a number of our reaches that is important, but the effort made and the meeting to gather the concerns & ideas of the community members. 1 meeting that focuses on listening to what the community believes to be important to safety & benefits the area; can be more valuable then 5 meeting that only inform the community of upcoming plans, but doesn't engage in open Q&A."

Unknown contact said:
"By impact of development "

Unknown contact said:
"If the land in question is private property that is being sold by a willing seller to a developer, I do not believe neighborhoods should have any say in the sale or proposal."

Question 4 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“3. Currently, the only people that must be formally notified about a development project are the Adjacent Property Owners (APO’s), i.e. landowners whose property abuts the proposed development. Do you feel this is adequate Notice?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:
"The entire neighborhood should be made aware of what is going on. "

Unknown contact said:
"Within 3 mile radius."

Unknown contact said:
"Notified within 5 miles"

Unknown contact said:

"It really depends upon where it is. If I'm within a couple hundred feet but on the other side of 264 or Virginia Beach Blvd, am I really a stakeholder?"

Unknown contact said:

"I think it should be a minimum of mile radius"

Unknown contact said:

"If it affects the green line then all citizens need to be involved and vote. But we should not destroy our greenline that keeps moving further back "

Unknown contact said:

"I would prefer that all property owners and businesses that *are affected* with a change to their neighborhood, a change to their area, etc., get notified. I have had no idea these various developments are being discussed, etc. It seems like anything to make Virginia Beach more dense, more population, more money for the city in tax revenue is what gets reviewed and approved, and the processes to allow dissension to those developments are minimized."

Unknown contact said:

"I believe a public notice for all should be made. Not just living with in the area. I have interest in keeping as much green space as possible as it is disappearing."

Unknown contact said:

"It's subjective "

Unknown contact said:

"The public at large is also affected and should be notified "

Unknown contact said:

"All citizens impacted by the project should be notified."

Unknown contact said:

"It depends. "

Unknown contact said:

"Dependent on the area, will dictate radius"

██████████ said:

"When a development is approved by Council, it can set a precedent in land use, etc, for other Va Beach locations. Currently, these precedents can be creating a monster by allowing for other "prime" locations developers want to be rezoned, etc. "

Unknown contact said:

"All the taxpayers should be notified."

Unknown contact said:

"A mile or more. Traffic is going to be an issue."

Unknown contact said:

"No, all tax-paying, resident citizens of the city should be notified."

Unknown contact said:

"The entire city should be aware of any and all proposed projects and how those projects will affect our natural resources & animal habitats."

Unknown contact said:

"All potentially impacted land owners should be notified- for example those potentially impacted by flooding, or potentially impacted by moving the green line, or by traffic, etc. The point is development has far-reaching impacts & this needs to be recognized in planning"

Unknown contact said:

"Some developments will have a significant impact (traffic, parking, etc.) on a wider area so I would support at least a 1 mile radius."

Unknown contact said:

"Legally, yes, but neighborhood groups or civic leagues should be notified and they can spread the word."

Unknown contact said:

"No, All property owners within a 5 mile radius should be notified"

Unknown contact said:

"All adjacent communities"

██████████ said:

"I am not in favor of a fixed distance requirement. But, notification and engagement with the local civic organization should be required. "

Unknown contact said:

"Include current residents living in residential property or entity renting/leasing space. Not just property OWNERS. Notifications should be sent to both mailing and physical address. The orange signs 2 weeks prior to going to the Planning Commission is nothing more than checking a box and leaves no time for an appropriate community response. Look at recent Council actions in Chesapeake.

Members of Council AND Planning Commission, as well as developers must disclose any meetings, lobbying efforts to the public. We should know ALL info a minimum of 30 business days prior to going to Planning Commission."

Unknown contact said:

"All citizens in a 5 mile radius"

Unknown contact said:

"However far the noise from their building travels ! "

Unknown contact said:

"5 mile radius due to traffic concerns, drainage issues, etc. "

Unknown contact said:

"The Virginia Beach notification system is a relic from the past when mail and newspapers were the only communication means. This organization ought to recommend establishing an email system to allow you to be notified of applications of interest, such as applications in a given Council district or some other geographic parameters. Also, the orange signs put outside are intentionally vague and generally of little use. Planning meeting agendas come out with insufficient lead time before meetings, which are held in the middle of the day making it hard for those of us who work to pay taxes to attend."

Unknown contact said:

"If a project affects transportation, government schools, public safety, etc., then it affects all neighbors across the city. That effect is called taxation."

said:

"Within 3 miles."

Unknown contact said:

"Projects as large as Windsong it should be within 2 miles."

Unknown contact said:

"Depending upon the potential impact it could be as large as the surrounding neighborhoods and those across the street, too. "

Unknown contact said:

"Please notify all voting citizens in VB as this impacts our environment and our image as a city and community"

Unknown contact said:

"All property owners who will be impacted by the development should be notified. Traffic, drainage, EMT capacity, noise, density variances, etc... all reach far beyond strict radius standards. Stop focusing on the strict limitations that allow local government to ignore the importance of the real world impact and focus on the real impact to residents. It's not rocket science."

Unknown contact said:

"To protect property values, it needs to be at least a mile radius."

Unknown contact said:

"ALL CITIZENS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT BECAUSE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT MAY HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE WHOLE CITY OR IF IT IS APPROVED CAN SERVE AS A BASIS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF A SIMILIAR PROJECT.
"

said:

"Civic leagues, HOAs, etc. in the area should be notified. City committees or commissioner like Bayfront Advisory and Resort Advisory should be notified. Notice should also be posted on Nextdoor. City could also use enewsletter distribution to send development notices."

Unknown contact said:

"When developing wetlands all areas that would be impacted by increased flooding due to the wetland development should be notified."

Unknown contact said:

"No, all residents that are affected by the proposed development regardless of a defined radius to the property directly. Such as all residents in a neighborhood, community area or entire city depending on scope and impact of project to utilities, roadways, waterways, reserves, etc.. for that area. "

Unknown contact said:

"All within 2 mile radius"

said:

"Within a mile should be notified. They are the ones traveling the roads and sending their kids to school!"

Unknown contact said:

"No, all property owners and businesses within a 1 mile radius of the development should be notified."

Unknown contact said:

"All those who may potentially be impacted by the development - projected businesses, residents, and those using adjacent roadways or whose utility services may be impacted."

Unknown contact said:

"This should be transparent throughout the city if development and construction will lead to impact on citizens and taxpayers. Look at the flooding issues we have had to deal with. "

Unknown contact said:

"Relevant ratio to project size and impact"

Unknown contact said:

"No, all property owners within the City of Virginia Beach"

Unknown contact said:

"All areas that will be affected by increased traffic, school overcrowding, or any environmental impact brought about by a proposed new development should be notified. "

said:

"adjacent property owners AS WELL AS the Community /businesses that will be impacted by the building and type of building (community/business/open space)"

said:

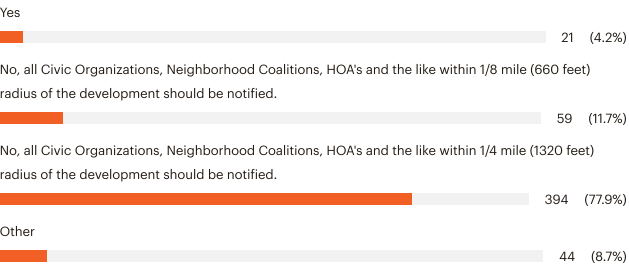
"No, 1/4 of a mile seems reasonable, I think it depends on the project. If traffic in a neighborhood will be impacted, property values in a neighborhood or zoning changes are needed for the development project, then I believe all property owners and non-owner residents in that neighborhood(s) should be notified. "

Unknown contact said:

"I feel that neighbors within two miles of the proposed construction should be notified because development impacts traffic, noise, schools, green space, and many other aspects of life. "

Question 5 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“4. Currently, Civic Organizations are NOT required to be formally notified about a development project. Do you feel this is acceptable?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:

"Everyone should be made aware of the over development. It's getting out of control"

Unknown contact said:

"Again within a 3 mile radius."

Unknown contact said:

"Notified within 5 miles"

Unknown contact said:

"Anyone within 1/2 mile at least as we are directly affected by traffic, noise, effects of removing tree canopy, numbers entering schools, on and on. "

Unknown contact said:

"Depends upon if the civic league is active. Many aren't very active and some only have a few core members. It's better to reach out directly to the people who live in the area "

Unknown contact said:

"See above"

Unknown contact said:

"All civic leagues and hoa with neighborhood boundary should be notified."

Unknown contact said:

"The public at large is also affected and should be notified "

Unknown contact said:

"All impacted by the development. "

Unknown contact said:

"As stated above"

Unknown contact said:

"It would be helpful if ALL civic organizations are notified about development projects, and how they choose to use the info/share with their members, is up to them. What if my elderly, non-tech saavy parents are next to a potential development zone? There are sooo many people who aren't aware of something until it's a done deal. Nothing against them for their knowledge attainment skills, but I strongly believe developers count on lack of knowledge and information to push through their plans."

Unknown contact said:

"All the taxpayers and the Civic Organizations should be notified."

Unknown contact said:

"Within a mile. Traffic is always a concern."

Unknown contact said:

"As above- all potentially impacted civic leagues"

Unknown contact said:

"Yes. And same as above, suggest at least a 1 mile radius."

Unknown contact said:

"No, all Civic Orgs, etc and like within 5 miles radius of the development should be notified"

Unknown contact said:

"And/or any adjacent communities "

said:

"Only the local civic organization should require notification. "

Unknown contact said:

"Within 5 miles"

Unknown contact said:

"Within 5 mile radius"

Unknown contact said:

"all civiic organizations in virginia beach should be notified"

Unknown contact said:

"All civic organizations in district should be notified, traffic , stormwater, quality of life and schools are impacted much farther than .25 miles"

Unknown contact said:

"One mile radius"

Unknown contact said:

"5 mile radius so that citizens are informed of changes as a back ups when city is ineffective at communications. "

Unknown contact said:

"While I generally support the idea of involving civic groups, I would raise several practical challenges:

1. How are city staff supposed to know the precise geographic dimensions of a civic league? Yes there is a list on the city website and place names give some hint, but there are many instances in which staff may not identify the correct ones. This organization is going to have to develop a GIS map showing the approximate boundaries of different civic leagues for this idea to be feasible.

2. I think you may be overestimating how far .25 mile is. For example, suppose staff propose using an old commercial building as a homeless shelter. That site is .5 miles away from a residential neighborhood and in between is a park or school. Surely the nearby civic league would want to know, but staff could sidestep doing so. The broader points are 1) distances are large in much of Va Beach and 2) just because people don't live in say a park or school field doesn't mean it's unimportant to the neighborhood.

3. While civic leagues are important, bear in mind that not all residents are represented by one. Email notification would help reach other residents who share your concerns about staff not listening. Also, this includes people who may live in a managed property and the owners of those typically don't share any information with their residents. For example, your organization might find allies in an apartment complex whose residents are dismayed to learn that a marijuana business is headed to a nearby shopping center and residents of a nearby neighborhood are also angry. "

Unknown contact said:

"Same answer as above."

██████████ said:
"Within 3 miles"

Unknown contact said:
"It should be organizations within 2 miles"

Unknown contact said:
"No. All Civic Organizations, Neighborhood Coalitions, HOAs and the like that are going to feel the real world impact should be notified. These impacts are not limited to a 1/4 mile, and we all know that."

Unknown contact said:
"All civic organizations within a two mile radius should be notified."

Unknown contact said:
"same as item 3"

Unknown contact said:
"No, All mentioned citizen organizations should be notified in an effected community area. "

Unknown contact said:
"2 mile radius"

Unknown contact said:
"Neighborhood civic league and all surrounding neighborhood civic leagues should have input"

██████████ said:
"Within a mile."

Unknown contact said:
"No, all property owners and businesses within a 1 mile radius of the development should be notified."

Unknown contact said:
"Perhaps in that zip code. "

Unknown contact said:
"No, all all Civic Organizations, Neighborhood Coalitions, HOA's and the like within 5 mile radius of the development should be notified."

Unknown contact said:
"Norfolk requires civic leagues to take a vote"

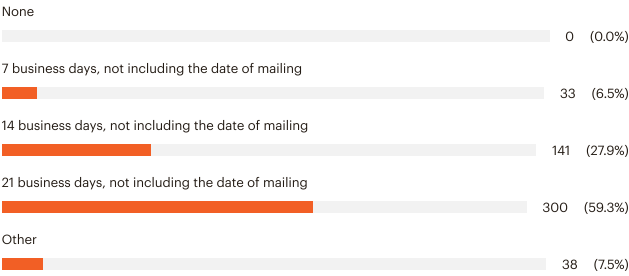
Unknown contact said:
"Only if there is some planning or council action needed. It's none of the community's business if there are no actions required by PC or CC"

Unknown contact said:
"All HOA's and other organizations within two miles should be notified. "

Question 6 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“5. If a developer is required to use the United States Postal Service (USPS) for giving legal Notice, how many

days of advance Notice is appropriate?"



Open text responses to "other":

- Unknown contact said:

"At least a month. "
- Unknown contact said:

"At least 30 days and they should be notified more than once. These rules are too slack for developers. The public is waking up to the destruction!"
- Unknown contact said:

"30 days"
- Unknown contact said:

"At the minimum at least 30 business days, not including the mailing"
- Unknown contact said:

"Mail is Not dependable any longer. More time needed "
- Unknown contact said:

"A couple months "
- Unknown contact said:

"28 business days "
- Unknown contact said:

"At least 21 business days! As these questions discuss, the processes for these approvals are happening outside of meetings, including lobbying by developers and lawyers. Ordinary citizens don't know these are happening, they don't know how to speak up, and lack organization. Those things all take time to figure out, unless the citizens band together to pay for a lawyer who understands how things work."
- Unknown contact said:

"30 Days, not including date of mailing. "
- Unknown contact said:

"Should be 3 months. "
- Unknown contact said:

"30 days notice."
- Unknown contact said:

"Longer the way the postal system is working currently"

██████████ said:

"60 days, due to the postal service is NOT what it should be."

Unknown contact said:

"Reasonable"

Unknown contact said:

"Virginia Code"

Unknown contact said:

"With the USPS being what it is today need as much time as possible "

Unknown contact said:

"90 Days"

██████████ said:

"I was going to say 21 days, but knowing how the USPS is struggling lately, it's too easy to blame them for missed mail which does nothing to help those who should be in the know. Our League's by-laws have one and two month notice for certain issues, I don't think a month would be too much to ask of developers, which would provide at least three weeks of actual notice receipt."

Unknown contact said:

"At least 6 months, as my Christmas cards just got delivered last week and I mailed them December 7th, 2023. The USPS is a failure here."

Unknown contact said:

"30 days minimum not including date of mailing. "

Unknown contact said:

"At least 60
Days"

██████████ said:

"30 business days"

Unknown contact said:

"90 days"

Unknown contact said:

"60 days"

Unknown contact said:

"Must be mailed to be received a minimum 30 business days prior to action = mailed NLT 45 days prior to action."

██████████ said:

"Depends on issues"

Unknown contact said:

"at least 30 - 60 days"

██████████ said:

"Whatever state code requires"

Unknown contact said:
"It should be 21 days before a City Council public hearing."

said:
"At least 30 days maybe 90 days."

Unknown contact said:
"28 days"

Unknown contact said:
"42 business days in order for neighborhood organizations to organize meetings with residents to develop a policy position and coordinate."

said:
"2 week notice for Planning meeting is fine as long as developer has met with residents if requested. Developer should reach out to residents at least 2 weeks prior to the 2 weeks before Planning."

Unknown contact said:
"30 days"

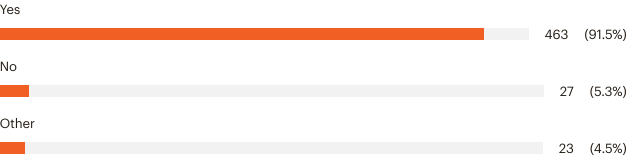
Unknown contact said:
"60 days"

Unknown contact said:
"28 days "

Unknown contact said:
"One month so that people have the opportunity to meet and organize. The council makes decisions and pushes things through very quickly so that citizens are left out of the equation and don't have time to react or gather further information. "

Question 7 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“6. Should the City Councilperson for the District where the development is proposed be required to be in attendance at one or more of these community outreach meetings?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:
"Yes, at the very least- but all council members should attend, because they all vote on issues that affect ALL citizens of Va. Beach"

Unknown contact said:
"Every meeting "

Unknown contact said:

"This is a ridiculous question. You can't "require" an elected official to be anywhere. They aren't a party to the development and there is no recourse if they choose not to attend "

Unknown contact said:

"Not required but it would be nice to see they're involved and informed "

Unknown contact said:

"He should be required for all."

Unknown contact said:

"Along with the City Manager and Department Heads whose departments will be involved. "

Unknown contact said:

"Should be ALL"

Unknown contact said:

"Yes in part because this can serve to keep the council member informed since CC does not always inform or inform in a timely manner, the council member who represents the district "

Unknown contact said:

"Discretionary "

Unknown contact said:

"Every meeting ! If they care about their district "

Unknown contact said:

"they should be at ALL community outreach meetings"

██████████ said:

"Or a representative from their staff. I guess if they were running for reelection, they'd be there anyway"

Unknown contact said:

"I don't think you can compel an elected official to attend without changing the City Charter to make that a condition of holding office. But the voters of a district can vote for Someone else.

I think that it's a bad idea to continue this notion that the member has special authority over developments in his or her district: 1) it encourages corruption by giving incentives for a developer to win over one person's vote; 2) many of the Council districts are drawn in such a way that the members have little incentives to listen to their constituents. For example in 2022, one member ran unopposed. 3) it diminishes accountability for the other members who can say oh I just voted for this development project because the member of that district voted for it. "

Unknown contact said:

"There isn't a legal way to force them other than public shame.
"

██████████ said:

"not necessarily, depends on the size and significance of the project but the Council member should be advised of it"

Unknown contact said:
"All of the pertinent meetings"

Unknown contact said:
"Required attendance at all the community outreach meetings."

Unknown contact said:
"Councilmember or his/her designated representative who is empowered to answer questions for the Councilmember."

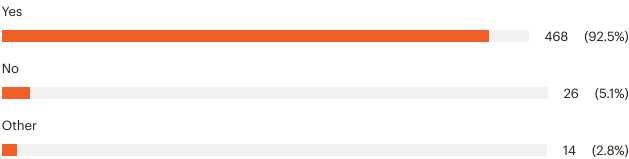
Unknown contact said:
"All of them"

Unknown contact said:
"Leave it up to the council person. "

Unknown contact said:
"While it would be great, an elected official cannot be "required" to attend meetings unless it is required by state law."

Question 8 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“7. Should the Planning Commissioner for the District where the development is proposed be required to be in attendance at one or more of these community outreach meetings?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:
"This is a ridiculous question. You can't "require" an appointed official to be anywhere. They aren't a party to the development and there is no recourse if they choose not to attend "

Unknown contact said:
"They should be required at all"

Unknown contact said:
"The City Attorney's Office should be there - not just the builder's attorney."

Unknown contact said:
"As stated above"

Unknown contact said:
"Yes- there will need to be a strategic approach to this to ensure best suited meeting/s with best information "

Unknown contact said:
"Discretionary "

Unknown contact said:
"they should be at ALL community outreach meetings"

said:
"Or a representative from their department "

Unknown contact said:
"Their attendance is predicated on their own moral responsibility; those serving on all committees/commissions serve as being appointed by City Council members."

Unknown contact said:
"All of the pertinent meetings"

Unknown contact said:
"Required attendance at all the community outreach meetings."

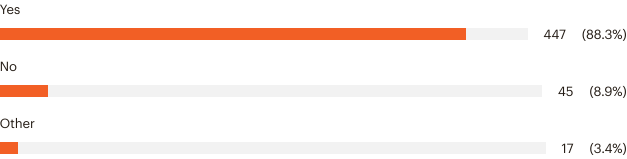
Unknown contact said:
"All of them"

Unknown contact said:
"Leave it up the planning commissioner."

Unknown contact said:
"As an appointee of the city council, city council would need to direct this to happen"

Question 9 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“8. Should the Staff responsible for writing the Staff Report be required to be in attendance at one or more of these community outreach meetings?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:
"Not sure"

Unknown contact said:
"Every meeting "

Unknown contact said:
"Maybe or maybe not. The staff follow the existing policies and procedures. It is not clear to me that they think "outside the box" unless their thinking is about how to give the appearance of citizens being heard without divulging how things really get done."

Unknown contact said:
"They should be required at all meetings"

Unknown contact said:
"If there is a lot of controversy, yes. "

Unknown contact said:
"If applicable "

Unknown contact said:
"All of the meetings"

Unknown contact said:
"The person that holds the pen significantly impacts the narrative. "

Unknown contact said:
"they should be at ALL community outreach meetings"

Unknown contact said:
"All meetings"

Unknown contact said:
"Only if the Councilperson or Planning Commisioner is not able to explain the Staff Report"

Unknown contact said:
"Absolutely all of the meetings "

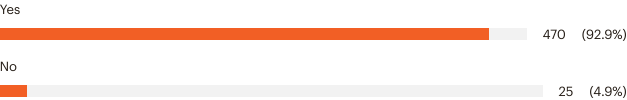
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"Required attendance at all the community outreach meetings."

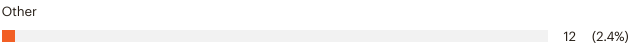
Unknown contact said:
"All of them"

Unknown contact said:
"Maybe"

Question 10 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“9. If a development application undergoes significant changes (definition of significant changes to be determined) after the conclusion of the last required community outreach meeting, should the developer be required to to have an additional community outreach meeting, requiring the proper additional legal Notice, to explain the significant changes and to gather neighborhood feedback?”





Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:
"Either an email or letter or meeting"

Unknown contact said:
"I believe any change should start the process over "

Unknown contact said:
"The devil is in the details. Are the changes really germane or just a stall by city staff."

██████████ said:
"Yes, and this is something I referenced in a response to an earlier question."

Unknown contact said:
"the process should start all over with the community outreach meetings"

██████████ said:
"If the changes are consistent with the will of the community, I see no reason for additional meetings"

Unknown contact said:
"Not sure"

██████████ said:
"Need to understand what a significant change means first"

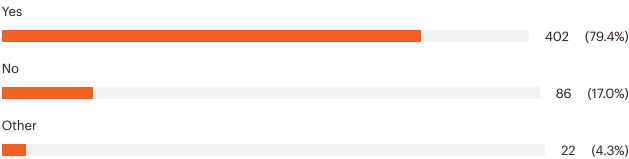
Unknown contact said:
"Absolutely. This is a no brainer "

Unknown contact said:
"Yes and actually the same amount of meetings as the other required meetings"

Unknown contact said:
"This is already required"

Question 11 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“10. Should the developer of a development project be required to create a website dedicated to the project and list all of the required information, in an easily readable manner, on that website, including regular updates as the project may change?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:

"Maybe "

Unknown contact said:

"not sure"

Unknown contact said:

"I like the idea of a website but there are costs to that, and biases. A more neutral party might be better to have unbiased information shared."

Unknown contact said:

"Recommended"

Unknown contact said:

"It would be nice; however, I'd also dislike it becoming the only way All folks are informed. After time, this does tend to happen and Someone drops the ball. "

Unknown contact said:

"I think the city should have a website where all the information is housed in one spot for any and all projects"

Unknown contact said:

"It depends. A website or adequate communications. "

Unknown contact said:

"Some updating should be required. Don't know if a website is the best way for notification."

Unknown contact said:

"But this should not be in place of all the above meetings"

██████████ said:

"It would be nice if they did, but not a necessity. Being the conspiracy theorist that I am, it would be quite easy to present information in a light that's favorable to the developer."

Unknown contact said:

"The city should have this on a community site so people will get familiar with one location. This way they aren't searching for a new site every time a similar issue comes up."

Unknown contact said:

"At a minimum, if not a dedicated website, all information should be readily accessible and clearly explained on a city government website pertinent to the area and type of development!"

Unknown contact said:

"It depends on the size of the project."

Unknown contact said:

"I think it would be appropriate for "large" projects, size to be determined. If it is a lengthy process, such as the Amazon warehouse or even construction of a large number of townhomes, I think it would helpful."

Unknown contact said:

"Need more information on the burden on the developer. The size of the development project may also be a consideration."

Unknown contact said:

"info should be accessible, maybe the developer doesn't have to create a specific website"

Unknown contact said:

"also, staff should create email lists to inform people of applications in their area. Otherwise, having a developer website does little good if no one one realizes an application has been received. "

██████████ said:

"Maybe depending on size of project, but meetings are more important than website"

Unknown contact said:

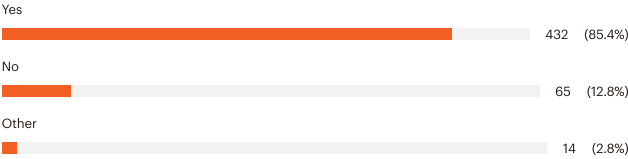
"This should be recommended "

██████████ said:

"Depends on scope/impact of project"

Question 12 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“11. Should the developer be required to hold a “wrap-up” community outreach meeting with the Adjacent Property Owners and the Neighborhood Organization prior to submitting “final” plans to the Planning Department so that the neighborhood may determine if any of their suggestions were incorporated into the final design?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:

"Yes, it can be in person or by Zoom."

Unknown contact said:

"maybe"

Unknown contact said:

"Meeting no, mailed announcement yes. "

Unknown contact said:

"Ideally yes "

Unknown contact said:

"Not if the community understands the proposal.. "

Unknown contact said:
"If the information is posted for concerned neighborhoods to read and find then I do not feel a wrap up meeting is needed. The plans are final at this point anyway and it would not change anything. "

Unknown contact said:
"All of these meetings should have meaningful Q&A. The Silos meeting (although a CC meeting) had very little meaningful response from CC. The Mayor served as MC and after overwhelming and informed input CC members made 30 second comments at the end & voted. They need to answer questions in a robust Q&A format."

Unknown contact said:
"Not sure if the developer has already had the required number of outreach meetings. There needs to be a balance between informing citizens and not overcomplicating the process for the developer. "

Unknown contact said:
"Only if the developer doesn't not properly present the plan on a website in an easily readable manner."

said:
"Council Rep should do a follow-up for the community."

Unknown contact said:
"If it is on a website before a presentation, that would help"

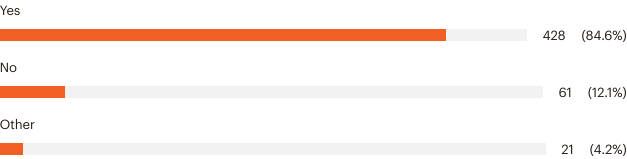
Unknown contact said:
"No, the developer should be required to hold a "wrap-up" community outreach meeting with all property owners and businesses within a 1 mile radius of the development should be notified."

Unknown contact said:
"Yes with the same amount of meetings as required for the other meetings"

said:
"Depends on scope/impact of project"

Question 13 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“12. It is the job of the Planning Department to work closely with developers to help them get their projects to a point where the Planning Commission and the City Council can vote on them. Do you see a benefit in having a neighborhood liaison (member of the community) for each development project that can attend developer meetings that are held with the Planning Department for the purpose of keeping the neighborhood up-to-date and informed?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:

"Yes! Neighborhoods need representation!! "

Unknown contact said:

"Undecided"

Unknown contact said:

"This can be beneficial to the citizens and community. "

Unknown contact said:

"The city will find someone in their back pocket who will vote in their favor. The person chosen should be voted upon by the pertinent HOAs, neighbors and civic leagues. "

Unknown contact said:

"Who would select this member of the community? Would it only be a civic league member? "

Unknown contact said:

"Optional per community"

Unknown contact said:

"Sounds good on the surface, but who the member will be will make all the difference. Some people might be as influenced by the existing processes and lobbying as the current people are, in which case it will appear to be more balanced and fair, but in practical terms might not achieve a more balanced outcome."

Unknown contact said:

"Not sure"

Unknown contact said:

"Only if there's a volunteer."

Unknown contact said:

"Neighborhoods ought to also use FOIA to get documents. "

Unknown contact said:

"As it stands, any number of the community may/should attend the meetings. There are no restrictions."

██████████ said:

"Not sure on this one"

██████████ said:

"It should be open to anyone attending since the Planning Department works for the city not just for the developer."

Unknown contact said:

"Is it that the district Representatives job"

██████████ said:

"Maybe not attend every meeting, but have a named liaison from communities/civic leagues that want to identify someone specific. "

██████████ said:
"Depends on scope/impact of project"

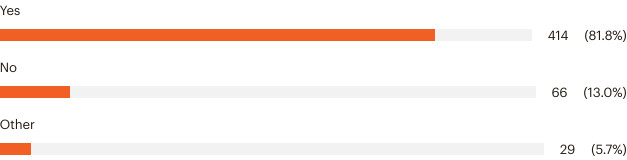
Unknown contact said:
"Unsure"

██████████ said:
"That is not the job of the Planning Department. The neighborhood liaison is the Planning Commissioner."

Unknown contact said:
"Undecided"

Question 14 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“13. Generally, the way the land development process works is that a developer initially goes to the City’s Development Service Center (DSC) for guidance on land development, long before an application is filed and long before any orange signs are posted. Do you feel it would be beneficial to have a weekly report made available on what developers have approached the DSC, on what projects, as a way for neighborhoods and Civic Organizations to obtain advance notice of developments?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:
"Not sure"

Unknown contact said:
"2-3 weeks"

Unknown contact said:
"Yes on report, perhaps monthly"

Unknown contact said:
"Not on developers who have “approached” DSC but certainly for projects that have been submitted "

Unknown contact said:
"monthly"

Unknown contact said:
"Yes, and some means for enforcing that Civic Organizations are properly getting the same messages communicated within their groups. I feel like Civic Leagues might know some things and decide not to share them with their members."

Unknown contact said:

"Weekly is too often and would put too much of a burden on that office.
Monthly or quarterly seems more appropriate. "

Unknown contact said:

"A weekly list should be emailed to affected civic leagues/hoa."

Unknown contact said:

"It sounds nice, but a lot of paperwork. "

Unknown contact said:

"It would be helpful, but not as a requirement. A member of the neighborhood
or civic league could volunteer to keep track of projects."

Unknown contact said:

"Unknown what would be on this report and how often do developers go to the
DSC with general development questions that aren't directly related to a future
project. "

Unknown contact said:

"bi-weekly"

Unknown contact said:

"Monthly updated report"

Unknown contact said:

"Weekly might be too frequent. Monthly is probably sufficient "

Unknown contact said:

"Again, a website that could be monitored would be helpful "

Unknown contact said:

"Every two weeks notice"

Unknown contact said:

"maybe. definitely once the application is filed "

Unknown contact said:

"Weekly would be amazing, but I believe organizing this would be easily
biweekly or monthly - most city offices are short staffed or struggle with basic
organization systems."

██████████ said:

"Weekly not important but as needed when applications are made."

Unknown contact said:

"Monthly/bimonthly report"

Unknown contact said:

"Not sure "

Unknown contact said:

"Perhaps to the community liaison. "

██████████ said:

"Yes but depends on scope/impact of project and don't know if weekly is correct amount of times"

Unknown contact said:

"If community outreach meetings are held, this could be handled there. "

██████████ said:

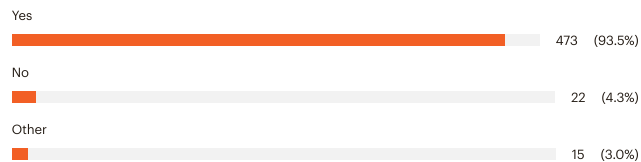
"Monthly or every two weeks"

Unknown contact said:

"Monthly "

Question 15 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“14. The City of Chesapeake has enacted a “no lobbying Planning Commissioners” law to prohibit developers from trying to influence the Planning Commissioners. Should the City of Virginia Beach enact a similar law?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:

"Developers should prepare an information package to present to council members before the vote so they fully understand the project. This may take away the NIMBY hysteria at public meetings and give council time to judge what's truly better for the city."

Unknown contact said:

"Do we have evidence that this is a problem? If not, then it would seem to be a waste of time and resources. "

Unknown contact said:

"It is simply unnecessary if city staff does their job."

██████████ said:

"My answer is yes, IF it actually works."

Unknown contact said:

"To include no funding of campaigns "

Unknown contact said:

"This and for CC. I think we need to make campaign contribution caps for all."

Unknown contact said:

"In VB"

██████████ said:
"Require developers to submit disclosure statements when they have lobbied planning commission or council "

Unknown contact said:
"I oppose this idea because developers have the right to freedom of speech and it's unenforceable. What's the definition of lobbying? It can take so many different forms. For example, a developer could use social media to try to influence a commissioner. "

Unknown contact said:
"I haven't seen the ordinance but it sounds reasonable. "

██████████ said:
"Maybe. Depends on definition of lobbying. But it probably doesn't matter since PC is basically worthless and their votes meaningless. An anti lobbying City Council law would be more useful."

Unknown contact said:
"Since members of the planning commission are appointed and not elected, I fail to see the benefit of such a law."

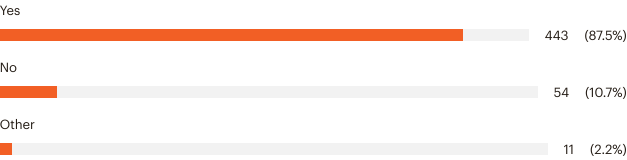
Unknown contact said:
"Maybe"

██████████ said:
"I need to know more about current limitations on this in VB and more about the Chesapeake ordinance "

Unknown contact said:
"It's very important that the developer and community have an opportunity to discuss the project ahead of time to address any concerns. "

Question 16 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“15. Should a developer/applicant, or any of their representatives, be required to disclose all communications about an application with ANY party (Planning Commissioners and City Council, or their representatives) that will vote on it?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:
"If itvis requested"

██████████ said:
"Not being familiar with what is already allowed, I think it could be helpful to citizens knowing what is being asked of PC and Council."

██████████ said:
"Unsure"

Unknown contact said:
"I believe FOIA applies already."

Unknown contact said:
"I'm OK with mandatory unredacted FOIA disclosure. "

Unknown contact said:
"Transparency "

Unknown contact said:
"Why not reverse this and require the planning commissioner to disclose contacts? I don't see how a private citizen, such as a developer, can be forced to disclose communications.
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Unknown contact said:
"Currently all of that info is available via the submission of a FOIA."

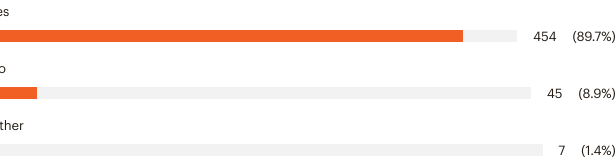
Unknown contact said:
"Not sure"

Unknown contact said:
"No of course not. Then you would also have to require the same of every concerned citizen to be fair. FOIA is available of course. The process is cumbersome enough. It should not be made even more so"

Unknown contact said:
"It should be the planning commissioners and city council members who disclose the conversations rather than the developers/applicants"

Question 17 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“16. Should any Planning Commissioners or City Council member, or any of their representatives, be required to disclose all communications about an application with ANY developer/applicant, or their representatives, on which they will vote? (15 and 16 allow for comparison of disclosures)”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:
"This would require a change in state law."

██████████ said:
"Unsure"

Unknown contact said:
"I believe FOIA applies."

Unknown contact said:
"I'm OK with mandatory unredacted FOIA disclosure. "

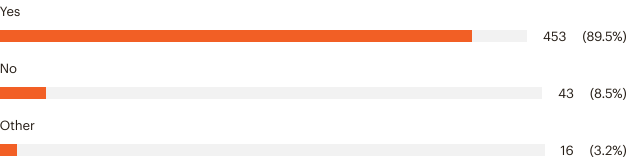
said:
"FOIA can be used to get this information."

Unknown contact said:
"Not sure "

Unknown contact said:
"No. They would also have to disclose every conversation with every citizen. It's way too cumbersome"

Question 18 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“17. Should any City Council member, or any of their representatives, be required to disclose all communications with ANY campaign donor about an application on which they will vote?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:
"This is a ridiculous question. You're basically saying that people can't talk to their council member without fear that the comments would be revealed to the public."

Unknown contact said:
"Yes disclose and recuse themselves from the vote."

Unknown contact said:
"ANY might be too many - I can understand that Significant Donors that could be perceived as buying influence should be disclosed, but someone that gives a relatively small amount seems like an administrative burden that has a cost that should not be undertaken if not adding value to the whole process."

Unknown contact said:
"Yes. They should not be allowed to vote bc conflict of interest."

Unknown contact said:
"Any Council member should be disqualified from voting on a development project, or any other event associated with a contributor. "

said:
"ABSOLUTELY!!!"

Unknown contact said:
"Maybe; depends on the communication and circumstances"

Unknown contact said:
"If applicable "

Unknown contact said:
"100% transparency please"

Unknown contact said:
"FOIA?"

Unknown contact said:
"Not only should the communication be disclosed, but they should be prevented from voting because this is conflict of interest"

said:
"If this is available for the public record, then I say no. If it is not available for the public record, then I say yes."

Unknown contact said:
"Unknown"

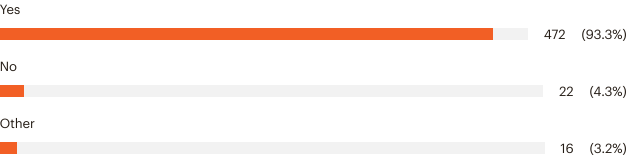
said:
"This information can be obtained online already."

Unknown contact said:
"Only if allowed under FOIA"

Unknown contact said:
"YES YES YES!!! It is clear that developers and real estate enterprises are THE main donors to several of our councilmembers' campaigns!! Such corruption and peddling of influence should be forbidden or at the very least made very public. "

Question 19 has 506 answers (Checkboxes)

“18. If the developer/applicant, or its representatives, make any changes, or provide additional information, to a development plan between its Planning Commission Hearing and its appearance for a vote by City Council, should the developer be required to send out new Notices to the required parties/neighborhoods/Civic Organizations for the purpose of allowing the required parties to investigate the new data? ”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:

"Yes, also hold a Zoom meeting with ipdates!"

Unknown contact said:

"If required by law"

Unknown contact said:

"The neighborhoods are not decision makers. Though working together and more communication is good, I fear that this tone, adding many steps to an already lengthy process and making it much more difficult for developers will not result in the kind of involvement this group seems to be seeking. It seems a more relational and not regulatory approach might work better, with fewer but more meaningful added steps of communication. "

Unknown contact said:

"It should start the process over. "

Unknown contact said:

"Depends on if changes are material."

Unknown contact said:

"Get a website and have required updates of certain information "

Unknown contact said:

"If there's a concern, the civic organizations should be keeping track of it. Usually major changes do not happen unless Planning votes it down. "

██████████ said:

"None of those changes are made within the faith of the agreed-upon standards and rules of the development as earlier discussed in the general meetings. "

Unknown contact said:

"Not sure. Again, don't want to over complicate the process."

Unknown contact said:

"Monthly updates with final reports 1 week prior to meetings"

Unknown contact said:

"Planning Commission should publicize changes made late"

██████████ said:

"A meeting or contact should be recommended. Council should take a developer willingness to do this into account when voting. City Planning should notify any concerned residents of changes."

Unknown contact said:

"Yes but within reason. No one wants to be called to a meeting every time a miniscule change is made"

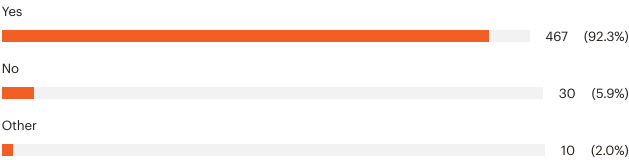
Unknown contact said:

"Put on website "

Unknown contact said:

"No unless it's significant info"

“19. If the developer/applicant, or its representatives, make any changes, or provide additional information, to a development plan between its Planning Commission Hearing and its appearance for a vote by City Council, should the City Council hearing be postponed by 14 days or longer while the required parties/neighborhoods/Civic Organizations investigate the new data?”



Open text responses to "other":

Unknown contact said:
"YES the public needs to be more informed. "

Unknown contact said:
"14-21 days. Allotted time but neither party should delay simply to delay. "

Unknown contact said:
"7-10 days"

Unknown contact said:
"Depends on if changes are material."

Unknown contact said:
"c/c meetings should be postponed by 30 days after any changes are made"

said:
"Perhaps"

said:
"depends on the significance of the changes"

Unknown contact said:
"Agenda items/updates/plans not submitted one week prior to CC meetings should automatically be placed on the next CC meeting.
"

Unknown contact said:
"Maybe"

Question 21 has 197 answers (Open Text)

“I have the following comments about development, land use, infill development, community outreach, legal Notifications or the Planning Department.”

Unknown contact said:
"Stop building. We don't have the road infrastructure to support the traffic. Leave va beach green and keep the trees. Have some standards and stop the builders. Stop!!"

Unknown contact said:

"More is not better. Focus on redevelopment of underutilized/vacant shopping areas."

Unknown contact said:

"The computer generated models do not work. All the over development and destruction of trees are changing the lay of the land. Check with neighbors and people living in the areas. Flooding is everywhere!! Insurance is hard to get now too. Plant trees keep more green space! Yall are killing the charm of this town!!"

Unknown contact said:

"Please, stop taking away nature. It's getting ugly here. "

Unknown contact said:

"It doesn't appear as though any consideration is given in regards to traffic congestion when these developments are approved. For once is there anyone on the council, planning commission, or any other city department please consider the people who live in the surrounding areas before additional homes are built adding even more congestion. "

Unknown contact said:

"The unbalanced thrown up building in Virginia Beach, especially shore drive/ great neck corridor is a disgrace. It is made even worse when it is brought to our attention that city council allowed for projects that are written as strictly prohibited by the city council. ie the height of the new Westminster. Really criminal."

Unknown contact said:

"The value of wetlands and lakes needs to be appreciated to a much greater extent as these areas provide protection from flooding and excessive runoff and erosion, essential natural resources and habitats for wildlife, places for humans to enjoy refuge and recreation, a way to hold carbon instead of increasing CO2 releases, and much more. The true cost of developing sensitive areas needs to be addressed before irreparable changes are made that degrade the land for natural ecosystems as well as human existence. It is not enough to merely plan to "mitigate" because a natural system takes eons to develop and evolve, and placing a mitigation band-aid does not account for the extensive damage caused even for decades to come. Having planners with foresight and caring for all of their constituents and future citizens, not only those who can provide benefits for the ones in power is rare, but it would demonstrate the ethics and integrity many of us still hope exists. City leaders need to have the ability and courage to protect the spaces that will be even more precious with time. The city still has some beauty which should be preserved and protected so that future inhabitants will experience a meaningful quality of life."

Unknown contact said:

"Regarding development. We need new, honest developers with a sense of good stewardship and smart, competent and visionary ideas. We have given too many contracts to the same developers. If they were qualified developers they should not have to depend on VB.gov for their money. We need new young developers who have innovative ideas with regards to the future. Smart development with quality materials. Better community outreach. Listen to the community & not just to the developers. Planning have approve development that if a fire breaks out, we will probably lose a substantial amount of lives, because getting out of the community will be virtually impossible!"

Unknown contact said:

"There is too much building going on. Too many projects being steamrolled into existence by a City Council that is not taking heed of what the citizens want, only what builders and developers want. Not all residents want a solid wall of buildings, shopping malls, and asphalt. Green trees, farmland, and open spaces are part of this city too!"

Unknown contact said:

"Unfortunately both the Windsong development and the Westminster development directly impact me. I have a condo near each of these nightmare. They reach out to the community and then pay no attention at all. In essence telling the community screw you. The traffic and congestion in both of these projects will negatively impact the neighborhood. I purchased my condo by Chics Beach because of the quietness and community closeness. You have effectively destroyed that. I'm so unhappy about this that I probably will sell and get out of dodge. No one in these areas thought these would be a good thing. You went ahead and OKAY it anyway. Like I said before SCREW YOU !"

Unknown contact said:

"Too many residential developments have a big footprint ratio for the lot they're built on, barely leaving green space. Also, closely consider neighborhood traffic increases, ingress & egress. Too many residences built that look like a box; no character. "

Unknown contact said:

"The entire flavor of Virginia Beach oceanfront has irreparably changed and lost its charm. Hopefully these new rules and guidelines will help to protect our beautiful city."

Unknown contact said:

"Each of these transparency questions should be enacted to inform residents BEFORE being approved ...RESIDENTS are #1 BEFORE Developers ! Put residents first ! Y'all know it's the right thing to do because you put up this poll ! RESIDENTS FIRST ...NOT DEVELOPERS ! Still waiting for 14 years for 700 feet of sidewalk approved 14 years ago for SAFTEY by public works But no money for us regular folks on Old Princess Anne ...proof we don't count and developers come first over residents ! FIX IT ! "

Unknown contact said:

"I understand that there's a concern about development projects but the CCO isn't the best group to push reform. They typically oppose projects that others (including council) approve of with a perceived anti-development bias. My civic league has at best 15 people at a meeting, not a fair representation of the hundreds or maybe thousands who live in their footprint. "

Unknown contact said:

"We are building too much in the city of Virginia Beach taking away all of it's charm, we're not gonna be a city that people want to visit anymore. It's gonna be too big too busy and too much crime."

Unknown contact said:

"I am against infill development. VB land has evolved over the centuries and should be altered as little as possible."

Unknown contact said:

"Why are we allowing continued development on wetlands for exchange in other cities? VB needs to get serious about flooding and wetland protection. Those should be off the table for future development!"

Unknown contact said:

"More green spaces, less dealings and giving in to crybaby Farrell Williams "

Unknown contact said:

"Vb needs more open spaces/ parks for neighborhoods, esp Great Neck- our area is already saturated, and traffic accidents, flooding are all high concerns."

Unknown contact said:

"I am for development in the city that abides by existing zoning regulations. I am not for routine approval of variance requests to the zoning regulations. I feel like the existing processes give the appearance of listening to or reacting to opposition, but that the existing processes favor development over what is best for our city and neighborhoods."

Unknown contact said:

"Just look at Piney Grove Baptist on Holland Road. They tore a house and wooded area down and were able to raise the property approx 4 ft above surrounding residents for an asphalt parking lot. Residents were largely kept in the dark, lied to, concerns dismissed or minimized and the former pastor did everything he could to maximize the negative impact since we dared to question the project. I foresee future flooding but it's not the home of our city representatives, so they DO NOT CARE. "

Unknown contact said:

"more development isn't always the best way "

Unknown contact said:

"As a lifelong resident of 71 years I am continually dismayed at decisions being made. The Green Line established many years ago is almost non existent, the Oceanfront is pretty much off limits to residents due to limited parking and mainly catering to tourists. In my neighborhood, developers are allowed to tear down homes in a residential area and build monstrosities that leave little to no yards. The ability for residents to fish and crab has been severely affected with the loss of fishing piers and shorelines open to the public. Wetlands have been destroyed and we are suffering the results by flooding as the water drain off cannot be absorbed. There seems to be no forward thinking anymore unless it's appeasing developers and not what issues the development will cause in the future. Citizens are pretty much ignored -money talks.
"

Unknown contact said:

"It is shameful and despicable that the taxpayers are ignored while city council and whoever else are being courted by the developers in our city!! FACT: VA Beach is a series of barrier islands. Quit bastardizing our geography before Mother Nature takes it back For Real!! "

Unknown contact said:

"Stop building in our city. Our roadways can not keep up with this. It's disgusting. You have taken the beach out of Virginia Beach."

Unknown contact said:

"I think the idea of community liaisons is a great one. That puts the onus more on the communities to be allowed to be involved, as opposed to clogging up an already clunky process and acting in what feels like a more adversarial and punitive way. I don't think the latter will benefit anyone. Though I did not select the option to make it mandatory, I do think developer websites that are project, specific and updated whenever there is a change to the plan is a great idea. Anything that can be automated will put less of a burden on the developers, and will be more likely to be successful. "

Unknown contact said:

"I was heavily involved in Windsong Apartments across from my property. We need to protect our property rights. Thank you VBCCO. "

Unknown contact said:

"We need to be smart about the development of our green spaces. Buildings and asphalt are contributing to our flooding issues which we haven't solved. Water can't soak into concrete and asphalt!!!"

Unknown contact said:

"The city should stop giving ownership of tidal Creek beds and banks/wetlands to developers, even if the city has an easement for stormwater drainage. This alleviates anyone from the responsibility for maintenance.

City response is usually - we are not responsible . We can't enforce laws on privately owned property.!!! They often do not hold developers accountable forcing homeowners to "sue" developer. "

Unknown contact said:

Unknown contact said:

"Even though changes could be made to the current policy to make it more effective, it should not be over burden to the developer. Time is money to a developer, engineers, investors, lawyers etc. Heavy restrictions that substantially increase the time to develop and complete a project will drive up the cost of a project and either the developer will go to another locality or potentially scrap the project. An overwhelming amount of our citizens do not understand that lost business and development projects will put tremendous pressure on them personally to pay higher taxes to pay for the services they demand from a city government. "

Unknown contact said:

"The blatant disregard for the communities wishes over that of the developers in this city is just disappointing."

Unknown contact said:

"VBCC allows negligent inspectors to approve flawed engineering plans to create new flooding. Private storm drains need to be subject to random inspections and fines issues if storm drains are not properly maintained. Currently if you call about a neighbors blocked storm drain creating new flooding City I did hire are not allowed to indirect drains creating flooding unless the owner of the drain calls for the indirection themselves. They never do because they are high and dry in their new homes while their neighbors drown in their new flooding."

Unknown contact said:

"Transparency is key. There has been little in Virginia Beach. With transparency there would be more understanding and acceptance from the public/interested parties. The sooner the above regulations are implemented, the sooner there would be more clarity afforded to the public and therefore would create a better working relationship."

Unknown contact said:

"As a tax paying citizen of Virginia Beach I feel that the Planning Department and City Council do not consider citizen input when making their decisions about development projects. They seem to be primarily influenced by developers and the money they bring, to the detriment of our city and I am very disgusted and dismayed by the apparent lack of concern for the average citizen's preferences. "

Unknown contact said:

"The planning commission should encompass varied members of the area and not predominately by employees or owners of developers. Council members voting on a project should divulge campaign contributions by the developer or its representatives."

Unknown contact said:

"Do your job in the best interest of the city, not the best interest of individuals either employed by the city or elected to any office in the city."

Unknown contact said:

"It seems the council and Planning Dept are working for the developers and don't really care about what residents want or fixing the roads and sidewalks before adding huge new developments that the city ends up paying for half of the cost of a new project how does this benefit residents?"

Unknown contact said:

"There should be more transparency in our government of VA Beach on all levels "

Unknown contact said:

"It seems the city is more interested in revenue, than the influx of over population and inferior roads and schools to maintain our quality of life. How much more can you squeeze onto the Shore Drive Bayside area."

Unknown contact said:

"Some of the new developments are on land that is very susceptible to flooding, just ask any farmer. When these developments later develop drainage problems, unsuspecting buyers are left holding the bag. Makes you wonder how much some developer paid some council member. Why has greed been allowed to abolish the green line? We don't need new business bldgs, when we have dozens of half empty shopping centers. We do need well built, low cost (below \$350,000) houses for working families, in good neighborhoods. If the public servants in your city cannot afford a new home, something must change.
"

█ said:

"We would like to see the City if VB listen to the taxpayers when a meeting is held before building more housing projects and clearing land. "

Unknown contact said:

"Civic leagues can be valuable tools for neighborhood to work on common issues and have a voice when decisions are being made about issues within their environs. But they are also fluid organizations that come and go and have a revolving cast of members and leaders, varying levels of activity and resident participation, and sometimes sadly prone to being led by busy bodies. Many of the things advocated in this survey should be best practices among the most responsible developers, but not mandatory. Thoughtful developers will include reasonable citizen input. But their thoughts and plans shouldn't be left up to the whims of civic leagues that don't always represent a majority of the people who live in their areas. "

Unknown contact said:

"Transparency is vital for any government agency."

Unknown contact said:

"The city should stick to its planning documents and comprehensive plan. Windsong is a perfect example where new A-36 was not supposed to be created where it did not already exist. Several members of council and the mayor ignored the city's own plans and allowed much higher density development and set a bad precedent in an area with only a two lane road. "

█ said:

"I'm seriously concerned with new definitions of wetlands in relation to how easy it will be for a developer to obtain and build on wetlands. I'm concerned about infrastructure planning for developments that can quickly overload current infrastructure or not be near mass transit. (I have problems with the Silos that range from "affordable" units being so far from public transportation to being in an area that will need roadway access, water and sewer installation, etc.)"

Unknown contact said:

"Our community is larger than the Oceanfront. Especially when our Oceanfront not a draw anymore compared to those close that attract more visitors, e.g. The Outer Banks, Ocean City, MD, etc. Why don't we have sidewalks and crosswalks to protect our kids at schools and other integral infrastructure issues get finished first like Laskin Road and Shore Drive?"

aid:

"Transparency should be a top priority for the planning commission."

Unknown contact said:

" The Virginia Beach city council must stop froth below, or near the green line. The Virginia Beach city council should consider restrictions on the number of Apartments and condominiums built in an area where traffic would become a major issue and that it may become a financial issue for the city to finance road improvements. The Virginia Beach city council should consider incentives to existing communities to attract more new home buyers. "

Unknown contact said:

"Very disappointing that on Holland road there is land for sale with plans already approved for business development at students bus stops. I love I. That neighborhood and was not informed about that. I was also not informed that dominion would be building behind our homes on holland. "

Unknown contact said:

"Why doesn't the city do a conservation fir land stay permanently as farm land and leave it undeveloped?"

Unknown contact said:

"Full transparency from and among all developers, city council, and our representatives for proposed land use and development is essential to the citizens for trust, full representation of our interests, and equal consideration of how we are all being stewards of our sacred land and space."

Unknown contact said:

"This city is over burdened with housing developments with NO consideration for parking and increases in traffic problems especially along the coast. This must be stopped."

Unknown contact said:

"Shame on city council for allowing shady deals to go through. Change is needed. "

Unknown contact said:

"This Amazon project on Dam Neck/London Bridge is going to cause huge shifts in traffic and other problems. The owners nearby are facing dropping property values and some are unable to sell their land. It feels like whatever the city wants to do, it just does it no matter what people say. I've lived here all my life (Nearly 60 years) and I don't like the way things are going."

Unknown contact said:

"The reality is – none of this really matters. City Council is going to do what they want, when they want, without regard to public opinion. My back fence abuts a property (Kellam Estate Venue) which will likely be built upon. It's already a loud party site, with extremely loud noise until 10 PM. This area is supposed to be more countrified – sort of a green line area. All city Council seems to care about is money."

Unknown contact said:

" I recognize that we need increased development to meet our housing needs. It's difficult enough for nonprofit developers to create more affordable housing. Some of the ideas suggested in the body of this survey will serve to make the development process more difficult for nonprofit and smaller developers and increase costs due to the increased marketing and information initiatives suggested. I am not in favor of creating more obstacles and barriers. People are afraid of change and any development and this often comes out through NIMBY thinking. I would like to see more by right land use policies decreasing barriers for appropriate development and not more regulations increasing cost and adding obstacles."

Unknown contact said:

"Stop building & destroying forests everywhere! It's harming our natural resources and animal habitats. "

Unknown contact said:

"I miss having planning and building notices published in the Beacon. I always those notices to see what was being built in the city."

Unknown contact said:

"This group is asking for far too much. I am a member of the Lake View Park civic league and attend our meetings regularly, there are maybe 10 people on average out of around 800 living in our neighborhood. They do not speak for the whole of our community. "

Unknown contact said:

"The City Council approves frivolous, tax payer funded projects, spends tax dollars with abandon to benefit tourists while continuing to keep the oceanfront unfriendly to locals (with pay to park)who supply the unlimited funds for bloated city government. Development resulting in destruction of every last vestige of green land and old beautiful trees and plants is allowed (most recently at Great Neck Road adjacent to Wycliffe church) because the allure of new, wonderful property tax revenue for the city to spend inefficiently dominates rational collective thought! Elections have consequences!"

Unknown contact said:

"The neighborhood SHOULD be informed about ALL development/land use that will affect their quality of life."

Unknown contact said:

"Yes"

said:

"How do we get the city council to work in favor with their electorate 🙄"

said:

"it is so important to have all voices heard and information available to all with plenty of notice to ask questions and be involved"

Unknown contact said:

"I took this survey in good faith but doubt that the city council and planning commission rarely return that courtesy, they have a habit of doing whatever personally benefits them."

Unknown contact said:

"Thank you for making this a more honest, transparent, accessible, participatory and well communicated process!"

Unknown contact said:

"Please STOP cutting down all the trees in Virginia Beach to make room for more strip malls, parking lots, apartments and housing complexes. It is destroying the environment and the beauty of the city. Developers should be required to plant trees if they have to remove them, and to plan green spaces. Laskin Road doesn't need a 6 lane asphalt highway. It should be a beautiful boulevard with trees all down the center. The number of trees removed on General Booth for a housing development is tragic. The most beautiful and desirable neighborhoods are the ones with trees, such as Little Neck & Great Neck. Renovate and re-purpose old strip malls instead of building new ones. Children need more playgrounds and outdoor spaces. Humans and animals need fresh air. Require developers to work around trees and spare as many as possible. Plant trees in areas prone to flooding and in public areas that are too small for development. Think about the long term health and beauty of our city instead of short term financial gains. "

said:

"The city has recently passed many projects which were in opposition to existing regulations without adequate input from citizens. They are spending millions of dollars on projects that will only benefit a limited number of people when our roads, sidewalks & flood zones need attention! Also, I totally oppose new development in the existing "green" zones, as well as further development along our beaches."

Unknown contact said:

"This transparency is crucial for citizens to have proper information about planned projects as well as to see how well our representatives listen to their constituents. "

Unknown contact said:

"Great survey! Stop the urban sprawl. "

Unknown contact said:

"roads are a second thought"

Unknown contact said:

"It all seems to be determined by how much money a developer has and who they have "in their pocket." Too many back-door deals are made without any disclosure at all."

Unknown contact said:

"Transparency. Full disclosure."

Unknown contact said:

"Protect our natural resources! Invest in building new schools before approving development."

said:

"Members of Boards approving property set back modifications and building waivers should be screened for conflict of interest. Ie contractors should be prohibited in serving on such approval Boards. "

Unknown contact said:

"Keep Rudie Inlet for parking for the citizens of Virginia Beach. Do not develop it. It's our only accessible area for families to visit the beach. Otherwise it's too far for most families to walk. The playground is for handicap people!! Keep the access so everyone can get to the beach!!"

Unknown contact said:

"The Planning Department needs to start over. Zoning laws are unenforceable, the conditional use permit is basically permanent decision, nearly impossible to reverse. Lots of businesses operating illegally with vendors, music, etc.

Dangerous entrances/exits to already congested areas. Red lights every 200 feet now.

More and more neighborhoods on narrow, unlighted, two lane roads. Widen roads, add bike lanes, add sidewalks, fix drainage
add lights BEFORE building more. WHY IS THIS SO HARD????!?"

Unknown contact said:

"As a resident of Great Neck Estates for 20 years, I am extremely upset that a deferral was not issued on the 16 of April. The builder made changes in plans 3 days before the city council voted! Disgraceful!"

Unknown contact said:

"This process should be informative but not so intrusive, bureaucratic, and full of red tape as to thwart the local progress in the local economy. "

Unknown contact said:

"It's simple, you work for us. We need to be informed, heard, and actually listen to what the people want, not what makes you more money. "

Unknown contact said:

"Developers have been given blank approvals for years. Zoning is an absolute disgrace and an embarrassment for the City and the people of Va Beach. Ex the 55 + apartments built on the old Duck Inn property where you can block the view with a monstrosity. "

Unknown contact said:

"Full transparency!!! Especially if developers are CAMPAIGN DONATORS!!"

Unknown contact said:

"If you want more workforce housing, don't bury the developers in bureaucracy or it will never get built."

Unknown contact said:

"Too much modification and rezoning for development. Stop excess development where it's not necessary. Listen to your residents, not developers.
"

Unknown contact said:

"VB City Council members who receive donations from a developer should abstain from voting in my opinion.
District 9 resident "

Unknown contact said:

"The charm and beauty of Virginia Beach has been largely destroyed by poor planning and oversight in the past four decades. Ugly and poor quality housing has been allowed to go up wherever, without any thought to the future infrastructure, wetlands, flooding problems, deforestation, etc. It's a damn shame,"

Unknown contact said:

"Too many of our Virginia Beach city council members are being "bought" by developers, especially our current mayor. Our beautiful city is being turned into a 'cement jungle'. The Green Line is being ignored."

Unknown contact said:

"The various City Depts. and Council members should post on line detailed notices of proposed developments, and their costs and benefits to the citizens at least a month before the Planning Dept. and City Council publicly explain how it is necessary or will benefit the citizens, rather than putting the money aside for better use, like lowering real estate taxes for all."

Unknown contact said:

"Seems to me our City Council is more interested in future development than maintaining the Infrastructure"

Unknown contact said:

"Overdevelopment (particularly multi family dwellings) continues to have negative impacts on both an environmental and infrastructure front!"

said:

"Your new developments are too close to the street. Some of them make the area feel claustrophobic. Also on city owned condemned property, why can't some of it be sold for starter homes. Young people in this city without means are forced to rent. "

Unknown contact said:

"Developers or their agents, lobbyists or employers should have to register with the City Clerk's office. The developer should not be able to donate to city council members election (re-election) campaigns."

said:

"Transparency is vital in any function of government funded by citizens, and managed by representatives of those citizens. "

Unknown contact said:

"Any public servant paid by residents' tax dollars should be required to maintain complete transparency. The citizens have a right to know what is happening in their own community and they "represent" us. If they don't know/care what we want, who are they representing? "

Unknown contact said:

"many of us residents feel that the planning for the city ONLY CARE about the developers (big money) and the tourists/oceanfront. stop trying to continue to cause more flooding and fix the areas that have flooding problems."

Unknown contact said:

"Preserve as much Tree canopy coverage as possible and Try and implement strategies to ensure VB keeps some historical character. Now is a mix that does not seem cohesive. "

Unknown contact said:

"I do not like over reach. I do not approve of red tape that hinders and holds up projects."

Unknown contact said:

"Overall, the city needs to tighten up its procedures on applicant filing and developer's consultant interface with decision makers that continuing leave residents and their representatives (civic leagues, HOAs, etc.) in the dark."

Unknown contact said:

"I hope this survey is the real deal and not just some "feelgood" act for residence . Keep developing and you will make VB disappear underwater forever. Need lots more old growth forests/farmland preserved or else we will drown."

Unknown contact said:

"I want the city to stop approving developments that destroy the bodies of water nearby. "

Unknown contact said:

"We are watching you all. God Bless America!"

Unknown contact said:

"Virginia Beach is on a collision course with development that is flawed and not in the best interest of the citizens who continue to voice their needs and wants over a council that refuses to listen."

said:

"The City Of Virginia Beach, it's elected, representatives, The planning commission and all other trusted servants of the city should have a unified goal. That goal should be preserving the best environment for its existing citizens to thrive in. In addition, where and when Available the city should allow for development of new construction for a home business, etc. Those expansions should be upheld to a standard that includes respect for the surrounding areas, drainage, greenhouse, gases, noise, and other pollutants, etc., etc.

Virginia Beach is no longer a little town where if you know someone you can make it happen. We are a city and as such need to operate like one with a major comprehensive plan on what this city is going to look like 50 years from now. Not where can we put the next strip mall? Where can we build the next five houses? "

Unknown contact said:

"Developers and the City need to do their due diligence to be transparent and keep citizens informed, but not to the point that it discourages development that may be beneficial to the overall well being of the community."

Unknown contact said:

"The city of Virginia Beach doesn't care about its tax paying citizens unless they are developers or those who serve developers and builders. It's time for them to protect the citizens who elected them

Also put citizens before tourists, "

Unknown contact said:

"To our elected officials/city employees: We see what is happening, remember this is your legacy. Please listen to the citizens who put you in office not the developers padding your pockets. I will not vote for anyone who continues to align themselves with developers...you know who you are."

Unknown contact said:

"We spend billions of dollars on "flood mitigation projects", yet the "Planning Department" and "City Council" still continue to approve construction projects/applications that affect tidal areas, heavy rainfall runoff lakes & streams, overbuilding & density in flood prone areas. A very real threat of flooding is the filling of marsh land which decreases areas where heavy storm waters can collect. Stop allowing the filling in of lakes, waterways, tidal areas and marsh land areas!!! "

Unknown contact said:

"I am not sure if these are leading questions or what. One word could have answered the entire survey: "DUH""

said:

"We can see the arbors at Birchwood from our driveway. That was approved during COVID. I think they notified six neighbors total. Maybe three meetings and 1/4 mile sounds extreme but more discussion might have led to a better outcome."

Unknown contact said:

"Development" in our once beautiful city is out of control. Instead of saving some land for drainage for our flooding problems, it seems that developers are getting approved to fill up every lot/property with ugly buildings with increased density. An example is the Great Neck Estates/Wycliffe Presbyterian area where a developer wants to destroy the land and flooding prevention with more ugly buildings and even fill in the lake, so that the city will lose more areas that help with flooding. I don't understand why residents have to pay "storm water management" fees when the city approves of developers destroying more land that could have helped our storm water problems. The developers should pay all of these fees, not the homeowner."

Unknown contact said:

"The feeling is that the developers have the power and what they want happens, they are deceitful. I live adjacent to a development that we were lied to about and then they did what they wanted with no fines. They appear to be above the law. And especially greedy. Transparency would help at least reveal the true process and maybe lead to accountability. "

Unknown contact said:

"The developers have always had an unfair and unethical influence over the process of land development, redevelopment and land use in general in Virginia Beach. It is really a joke. The City Council is corrupt and always has been when it comes to being influenced by developers. The Planning Commission has been just as corrupt but currently is composed of one of the most objective/fair groups ever. One of the biggest problems is that history and past mistakes are not able to be observed because of the constant change in council members and the change in composition of the Planning Commission Board. No one but us citizens seems to remember the past when making decisions about our future in regards to land use and development. The current City Council is as bad as ever. "

said:

"I believe there are too many apartments and condo being built in the city."

Unknown contact said:

"Members of the City Council and planning commission should NOT be allowed to take any campaign contributions from builders. They amount plain and simple to bribery."

Unknown contact said:

"This is a wonderfully-written survey!"

Unknown contact said:

"We have got to make it illegal for persons running for office to accept campaign contributions from developers "

Unknown contact said:

"My one experience working with the process with Windsong would have benefitted I believe by implementing these safeguards for transparency and likely it would have changed the decision. Instead reasons for decisions were veiled in secrecy and in the end it seemed our time had been wasted with an foregone conclusion and now we will be living with the impacts, not the people who approved it."

said:

"Developers are not always truthful so Citizens can be very helpful to Planning."

Unknown contact said:

"Don't fill in Lakes! "

said:

"City Council members are NOT actively listening to the residents. It appears that members have made up their minds on how they will vote long before a public hearing is held. "

Unknown contact said:

"I fully understand that housing needs are increasing but the green spaces are not and must be preserved. Some cities find ways to do both, but Virginia Beach seems to be letting too many natural areas go to developers. There must be some compromise. "

Unknown contact said:

"Full disclosure and transparency to all citizens in areas surrounding developments."

Unknown contact said:

"Open land is FREE storm water drainage and climate change barriers. Keep it! No amount of real estate tax will cover for the drainage infrastructure for more concrete and less trees. Don't develop land where rice can grow; hold the green line - no industrial or commercial rezoning; minimum 10 acre per lot requirement; maybe a stand alone golf course with no housing development."

Unknown contact said:

"Ya ll official Don t give a rats butt"

Unknown contact said:

"All of the city employees work for us, the tax payers. All elected city officials work for us, the tax payers. No developer should be able to communicate with our representatives, elected or hired, without our notice, and our ability to register our input, be it in support or opposition. This city needs to recognize who is actually "in charge," and the rules, regulations, practices and codes need to reflect that. "

Unknown contact said:

"I do not believe the city or the city Council acts in the best interest of the citizens of Virginia Beach. They are always handing contracts and tax dollars to developers, despite resident, uproar and resistance. Look at the Wyckoff project and what just happened. It's shameful. And then we have unlimited terms for people like Bobby Dyer. Who knows what kind of support he is getting from developers. The development just keeps going on and on and on. Look at how the wind farm never went away, and the city council is ready to take it back up again, even though citizens were out raged for the Sandbridge build. Next Look at the surf park. What a monstrosity. It is so ugly I can hardly stand it. Every time I look at it at our beach, I could cry. Oh, and who dropped the ball and didn't do a good soil test to see that there was toxins in the soil and the water. Who's going to pay for that? This is what I'm talking about. The mayor and the district city Council members, (who actually are illegal because they did not follow the city charter to get elected) and other local members of the GA really don't care about the environment or cost to hard-working taxpayers. Makes a person wonder how coffers are being filled."

Unknown contact said:

"Provide an appeal process for neighborhoods of process is not followed."

Unknown contact said:

"Most of these determinations are too vague."

Unknown contact said:

"Our city is over-building and zoning is practically non-existent. My husband and I are lifelong residents and the traffic, mixed use zoning, and rapid, seemingly unplanned development is not acceptable and seems to outweigh the benefits. Bonnie House Klemstine "

Unknown contact said:

"We need to drive developers toward building single family homes. It is unacceptable that the terms workforce housing and affordable housing have done to mean high density developments (mostly apartments), while it is nearly impossible to buy new single family homes for less than \$750K in Virginia Beach. There is a shortage of single family homes, and the only way to rectify that is by applying land use strategies that do not allow developers to exclusively build lower cost, higher profit, high density developments. Left to their own devices, why wouldn't they choose that option? It is up to our elected officials to drive that change."

Unknown contact said:

"Based on what I observed during the City Council meeting on April 16, 2024 it is obvious that the majority of City Council is more likely to appease developers than to listen to the citizens who are directly impacted by the issue presented. It appeared that their minds were already made up before they even heard comments by the citizens. Also there was a very obvious favoritism shown to the developer's attorney and an obvious friendship between the attorney, the mayor, and several City Council members. So how can we ever get a fair and unbiased hearing?"

Unknown contact said:

"Asking for an additional 4 weeks is reasonable "

Unknown contact said:

"We put our trust/faith in our elected offices to safeguard our families and eco systems. In Allowing over development and destruction of natural habitats only weakens our city, thus weakening all of us. "

Unknown contact said:

"I believe it to be highly UNPROFESSIONAL for the mayor of Virginia Beach to be calling the developer's attorney by his first name. At the same time Bobbie Dyer was calling the citizens Mr./Mrs. etc while admonishing them for a verbal comment. That in itself indicates preferential treatment for the Attorneys and developers. "

Unknown contact said:

"Applications should be scrutinized by all"

Unknown contact said:

"This level of accountability would not be in demand if our elected representatives and the planning commission had acted honorably and in good faith with their citizens in recent years"

Unknown contact said:

"I think the taxpayers/land owners near the proposed projects should be heard. "

Unknown contact said:

"The VB City Council, for the most part, seems to have their own agenda. It is definitely not to represent their citizens. Rampant, uncontrolled development in VB is resulting in flooding like we've never seen before, & no wonder when you're allowing cutting of old growth trees, filling in wetlands & lakes, & taking all the charm out of VB. I do not feel many on the VBCC have "clean hands". There is far too much favoritism to developers, & certain developers in particular. Any donations received by VBCC members should be required to be disclosed upfront every single time. "

Unknown contact said:

"There doesn't seem to be enough transparency to the affected residents when developers plan building projects that affect those very same residents! Then VB city council members who receive donations from those very same developers, seem to vote in those developers favor. How are residents supposed to trust their elected officials when the optics appear to be those who donate get a yes????

There should be an impartial committee whose responsibility is to provide oversight of the VB City Council and their decision process ...period!"

aid:

"We do not want a Popeyes on independence!"

Unknown contact said:

"The city government should be including the community and its neighborhood civic organizations in the planning process of new developments."

Unknown contact said:

"I strongly believe the developers need to employ or contract an engineer to materialize flooding solution plans and submit the plans as part of their application. The flooding solution would also need to be a part of the development plans and the responsibility of the developers to provide. Additionally, I feel since the development will bring more families and citizens to the area and attending our schools, the developers should be required to take part in firearm prevention measures within our schools to help keep our children and our newest students who'll be living in their developments safe. They should be required to offer practical and attainable solutions for the newest and existing residents to live in the safest community possible. Then, it will be a win/win for us all. "

Unknown contact said:

"The Planning Commission/Department /City Council all work for the citizens of Virginia Beach. Citizens want to know how their tax dollars are likely being spent and want input in the direction of any planning. "

Unknown contact said:

"Nothing further "

Unknown contact said:

"Often developments are approved without taking into consideration how it affects traffic in an area. Ie development on Pleasure House Road intersection with Shore Drive. The intersection is inadequate to handle the traffic on the road currently. "

Unknown contact said:

"Too many of these projects are handshake deals done before citizens hear about them. If planning commission denies a proposal why should council overrule? Zoning regs are in place for the benefit of the entire community, not to be changed at the will of connected builders. "

Unknown contact said:

"Protect the golf courses. We need more of them for tourism to flourish"

Unknown contact said:

"Remember who you represent."

Unknown contact said:

"We allowed the city to increase our property taxes to fund flood mitigation projects. Not only do I not see any action being taken with those funds, but at every opportunity they are allowing developers to continue to develop and fill in wetlands. Wetlands are natural flood mitigation protection and should be protected at all costs."

Unknown contact said:

"There should be no more infill development anywhere in the city any more. We know the devastating environmental impacts that can have on that and the neighboring properties. It should not be even up for discussion. The average citizen would not receive approval and rightly so, but a deep pocketed and influential developer should receive the same response. NO!"

Unknown contact said:

"Sunlight is the necessary ingredient for cleansing the odor of corruption and the stench of sweetheart deals at the expense of the taxpayers. The City Council has often voted for projects that have been replete with such odors and it is long past time for these sweetheart practices to end. "

Unknown contact said:

"High density development has a huge impact on traffic density and patterns in surrounding neighborhoods. "

Unknown contact said:

"Listen to the Citizens!!!"

Unknown contact said:

"I understand tear down/rebuilding on a property, but I cannot support infill development on wetlands. Virginia Beach planning dept needs to stop allowing developers to build on the few remaining green spaces/tidal wetlands we have left. These projects do not help neighborhoods, flooding, traffic and they destroy animal habitats. But they do make developers a lot of money. Residents need to be informed, have a say, and be listened to!"

Unknown contact said:

"Here in our neighborhood, a developer told us in a meeting that he would put up a barrier to prevent his proposed apartment complex traffic from cutting thru our neighborhood. He never did it, and yet there was no recourse for us. It just feels like developers do whatever is expeditious for them, and I think the citizens are weary of it."

Unknown contact said:

"Let's keep the phrase "WE, THE PEOPLE" at the forefront of all Clowncil agenda. THEY are supposedly working for US and should never forget it! Criminalize cronyism, nepotism, and general [wink wink] 'good old boy' mentality in our Virgina Beach politics!"

Unknown contact said:

"One of the biggest challenges in any major construction project is cost control. Developers should be incentivized to control costs and required to remediate any and all public and private properties (including the replenishment of green space) adversely impacted by construction. Developers should also be penalized when production targets are not met - this will incentivize them to produce realistic production and logistics time lines, which in-turn will provide city officials and neighborhoods with more precision in assessing impact. A history of the developer's ability to bring projects into fruition on time and on budget should be required and assessed with each new proposal. "

Unknown contact said:

"The current process favors the developers. The current city council pays no attention to what the citizens want. I do not mind paying my taxes but I hate the way they are spent on councils pie the sky projects like a entertainment center with a wave park (3 blocks from the Atlantic Ocean), a Convention Center with no hotels or restaurants near by, or buying golf courses when anybody who has lived here more than 5 years knows it too cold to play golf here in the winter. Why are plans being made for larger schools when attendance has been going down for years? Why are homes and businesses being built too close the our military bases? Why are our wetlands being destroyed with council's permission when they are supposed to be protected. When is flooding going to be taken care of?

Promises made, promises broken. Does council really think we are not paying attention or do they think we a plain stupid like when they changed many of our taxes to fees so the powers that be claim to have the lower property tax in the area. Lies, all lies. In reality, we have the highest property taxes in the area and realtors should be required by law to explain this in detail to new home buyers. If given the opportunity, I would move out of Virginia Beach in a heartbeat. This was once a great place to live but not anymore. "Community for a lifetime." What a joke! Who can afford it? Oh and don't forget that our taxes were raised during the Covid pandemic when all the surrounding cities either lowered its taxes or held them steady.

Carole E. Carlton"

Unknown contact said:

"Other cities have a much more transparent system "

Unknown contact said:

"I love progress and I have loved watching our city grow. However, it had reached a point of forgetting about the citizens who live here and building everywhere without, it appears, thought about the future of our city. "

██████████ said:

"I am very concerned about variances being granted that would increase density in our neighborhoods and have a negative impact on our waterways. In my area, homes are being built on non conforming lots and many trees removed in areas that should have a Chesapeake Bay Preservation designation. We voted in favor of a bond referendum to mitigate flooding and yet still allow developers to take actions that will actually increase flooding. Consideration should be given as to how these decisions will impact our citizens."

Unknown contact said:

"Civic organizations often only represent a fraction of a neighborhood. My civic league rarely has more than 20 people in attendance but encompasses a very large neighborhood. Certainly it is good to have these organizations involved but they aren't necessarily indicative of the opinions of the community. The North Virginia Beach civic league would probably be the one exception as they are much more organized and have zoning committees populated by people who are professionals in that business "

Unknown contact said:

"Elected city officials should be barred from accepting donations from developers."

Unknown contact said:

"Address the absence of the flood bond referendum requirements. "

Unknown contact said:

"I believe that All major projects should be fully related to the public and that there should be referendums on them so that the people can decide"

Unknown contact said:

"City Council and Planning Commission members should be required to disclose any "contributions" from a developer, with the data available to the public prior to all public meetings. That might lessen the "Virginia Beach Owned and Operated by Developers" idea."

Unknown contact said:

"Do not allow building on wetlands"

Unknown contact said:

"Please STOP allowing filling and development of wetlands. It is unfair to unsuspecting future buyers and horrible for our ecosystem. Unacceptable!"

Unknown contact said:

"Please respect our Mother Earth and stop approving these new developments in already busy urban areas! We need all the trees, grass and nature we can get. Why isn't there stronger regulation preventing this from happening, especially on wetlands??? I just don't understand. Seems like pure, ugly greed. "

Unknown contact said:

"Wetlands Rules have to be changed to protect them "

Unknown contact said:

"Any person running or active on the City Council of Va. Beach should not accept any campaign donations or gifts this is a definite conflict of interest and promotes bias in voting. This we see currently with the present Council."

Unknown contact said:

"The City of VB needs to do better. Quit ignoring citizens and Civic Leagues. "

██████████ said:

"Some of this depends on scope. If someone is building two houses on two vacant lots in an existing neighborhood and according to zoning laws, above likely not necessary at all or to degree suggested above but a larger development on vacant land s/require more of what is listed above. Should definitely require council member to reveal if any \$ went to their campaign from that developer over a defined period of time. That funding is a conflict of interest for making public decisions and council member s/ also abstain from voting on that matter. Watch how decisions would change! And they wouldn't be so inclined to change existing zoning regs to accomodate a developer.

Plus, if developer says project includes affordable housing, they must apply and be approved before they build. (Or any other condition similar to that). Can't just take their word for it....."

Unknown contact said:

"We need a better overall strategy for development of land usage and land reservation. Urban planning in such a piecemeal way has given us a helter skelter flow and presented not only environmental concerns but logistic issues such as limited parking, difficult beach access, and monstrous traffic congestion. "

██████████ said:

"Nice job on these questions. The City survey builders could learn something about survey question construction,"

██████████ said:

"There is a cost in time and money but from past experience surprises are not fun."

Unknown contact said:

"I was very disappointed in the favoritism shown to Bishard Homes on 4/16/24. The city attorney should be reprimanded!"

said:

"Stop the development of new projects. Redevelop the existing eye sores of vacant shopping centers, apartment complexes, older neighborhoods like Aragona, abandoned buildings. Over population destroys our quality of life in favor of greedy developers and corrupt city officials profiting from the builders in terms of kickbacks and campaign contributions from builders. "

aid:

"community awareness and understanding of building in THEIR community as the project is being developed and throughout the approval and building would provide as better acceptance & support by the community. "

Unknown contact said:

"Stop allowing self storage building, apartments, and car wash"

Unknown contact said:

"Community outreach is important. Often it's a waste of time but still important to try. Civility needs to be improved on the part of the citizens. There needs to be some way to refute the misinformation campaigns. For example, with Wycliffe, people were spreading that the pond was going to be filled and wetlands were going to be destroyed which of course wasn't true. Maybe the City staff report can be posted on a website so that people can see the truth and not what they read on a sign

Also, the stormwater regulations need to be changed so that trees do not have to be removed. It should be easier to add green space and keep trees"

Unknown contact said:

"Vote after vote by the City Council in approving land use applications has shown that the citizen viewpoint is often ignored. The debacle on Tues, Apr 16, re the Wycliffe application is why changes such as are listed on this survey are needed. The citizens were duped, and it appears that even CC members did not know what they were voting o. (Hint to the Presiding Officer (Mayor) - that's what happens when a motion is voted on that is never verbally stated before the vote.) Even the CC member who made that substitute motion didn't know what the wording was and she was voting on! "

Unknown contact said:

"Developers Attorney Eddie Bourdon should not dictate substitute motions changes from the speakers podium to City Attorney as he did during Wycliffe hearing. Its disrespectful his chummy first name treatment by Mayor and Vice Mayor makes Taxpayer's wonder why he gets to submit material changes to application on the Friday before Tuesday Council hearing? This hides the information from Taxpayers and Council which gave Developer multiple deferrals would NOT provide 1 week to Citizens to learn what was being pushed through? It was so confusing for Councilmember Berlucchi he sent email stating Lake Conrad2 was protected but it was NOT! Because City Attorney Stiles rewrote Council Ross Hammonds motion? If the City has multi-millions for Stormwater enhancements at Bow Creek and Lake Chubb and Lake Bradford they should have Taxpayers funds for Impoundment Lake Conrad2? Oh but District 8 with likely highest taxpayer contribution is ignored while funding for Resort Festivals takes multi millions. Shame on Council discrimination of District 8 wetlands. "

Unknown contact said:

"The protection of land values and quality of life in existing established residential neighborhoods should be a primary objective of the Planning Department, Planning Commission, and City Council."

Unknown contact said:

"The citizens of Virginia Beach should be involved in any and all processes about any developments happening anywhere in the city. "

Unknown contact said:

"I am severely disappointed in city council and their lack of judicious use of city land outside of additional development. They are not being good stewards of our environmental needs and taking short term profit over lasting sustainability needs. Wycliffe was just one of many decisions made lately that have significant impact with very little thought. Council members have a conflict of interest when funded by developers and it is not clearly documented. I do not plan to reelect my council member or the mayor specifically because of these decisions. "

█ said:

"Is it possible to require developers to be financially responsible to fix unexpected issues that arise during or within a specified amount of time after the development is completed? Recent examples that I am thinking about are the flooding in Ashville Park, the arsenic in the water at the wave park and the closure of the golf course and subsequent issues with the non-maintenance of that property in West Neck."

█ said:

"These a good process recommendations that make sense. I would like the City of Virginia Beach to honor the Green Line and the Transition Area rules for development instead of ignoring them for the sake of Developer influence (including cash donations). If the City Council can not honor the Green Line then they owe it to the City's residents to clarify their position and how they intend to negate the current rules for development. Then let the voters decide if they are the type of Council Members they'd like to represent their District."

Unknown contact said:

"Planning commissions should be comprised of actual PLANNERS with degrees in urban planning or related fields and NOT developers or businessmembers benefiting from development or relations with developers. All of the backroom dealing needs to end and we need to have the time to react to the unwise development happening all around us at breakneck pace. It's clear that citizens across the city share the same feelings, but council and planning are able to push through projects that go against the majority of citizens' wishes. "

█ said:

"Staff reports assembled by the Planning Department should contain a fixed list of other major departments related to land use. Next to each department name it should indicate the date that department was asked for comments & the date they replied -- if they weren't contacted or they didn't reply those facts should also be shown. Those individual departmental comment sheets should be linked to the staff report. Planning should not be permitted to ignore, mis-state, or not even ask other key departments for comments."

Unknown contact said:

"Stop with the bait and switch tactics. Project Wayne should have been a non starter. The development right on the line on Princess Anne smells like a forced through development. "

█ said:

"Virginia Beach belongs to its residents, NOT those who wish to exploit it for financial or political gain."

Unknown contact said:

"Outstanding survey. Thanks to the Wycliffe debacle citizens are becoming enlightened to needs for measures such as those listed here. Thank you. "

Unknown contact said:

"On April 16th, 2024 VB City Council members and the city attorney allowed a vote to occur to benefit a developer.

The Wycliffe project should have been deferred or denied based on a lack of information provided to the community and VB Planning Department.

Mayor Bobby Dyer and Vice Mayor Rosemary Wilson should be removed from serving the citizens of VB in my opinion.

It appears that a majority of VBCC are catering to their special developer donors.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said:

"Sadly we currently have a City Council that caters to the developers instead of listening and voting on what their constituents want."

Unknown contact said:

"Too often we learn of meetings as they are happening and not in enough time to attend. Busy families need more than one chance to attend meetings important to their areas."