

SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOP #6 SUMMARY

KENT NARROWS COMMUNITY PLAN



PlanQAC's sixth Special Topic Workshop was held virtually on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 9:00am via WebEx and telephone call-in. The purpose was to solicit community input on topics related to the Comprehensive Plan, more specifically the Kent Narrows Community Plan. Below is a summary of the Workshop's discussions and participant questions.



Discussion Topic: Community Assets: Do you agree or disagree? What's Missing from this list?

- A sense of place – some sort of boundary signage would be good. You do not know when you're in Kent Narrows or when you're leaving.

Discussion Topic: Priority Issues: Are these still relevant? What's Missing?

- We have underutilized properties and it would be great to have them cleaned up
- There is a need for a conference/community center
- Kent Narrows should be viewed/treated/developed as a prime destination
- The Jamal property should be addressed – wasted space/opportunity
- Potential for a traffic circle

Discussion Topic: Community Preferences: Still applicable? What should change?

- Shuttle service around the Narrows; would help with reducing traffic congestion
- Different methods of getting around would require investment in the Narrows and its sidewalks/bikeways. Would like to see the County push towards investing in this area in a planned manner so that some progress is made
- Environmental protections should be put in place before we start looking at other factors. Kent Narrows is the primary destination of the eastern shore and should be treated that way.
- Taxes generated by businesses do not seem to be going back into the Kent Narrows area. The funding for the visitor amenities is not there and it's very important that we have that available.

Discussion Topic: Development Objectives: Are they still relevant? What should change?

- Bonus density provision is complicated and hard to work through. In general, a lot of the zoning needs to be looked at, and a lot of it is outdated.
- Need to be proactive and keep the ball rolling on the old outlets and re-purposing them
- How is Kent Narrows going to be implemented into the Plan? Will we have our own plan?
- Both State and County owned maintenance and landscaping and ongoing collection of trash should be a focus throughout the four quadrants
- The Kent Narrows Community Plan itself stays it will serve as the official comprehensive plan for the Kent Narrows growth area. The Kent Narrows plan is very different than the other plans – we have a major highway coming through and we are very different than some of the other places and deserve our own community plan that continues to be managed through the Kent Narrows Development Foundation.

All comments and questions will be considered during the development of PlanQAC. Additional comments or questions can be submitted through the project website: <https://www.qacplan2021.com/>