

Community Design & Land Use Notes

June 26, 2003

Attending: Carla Haskell, Ted Koffman, Marla Major, Sydney Roberts, Rockefeller, Julia Schloss

The group discussed status of CD & LU efforts/goals, which included encouraging our towns to craft zoning ordinances that allow for more densely developed downtowns, and more "clustered" developments; and educating local citizens and leaders about advantages of such development goals, e.g. walking to school healthier (or can be, if safe), less expensive to build on existing services/infrastructure, clustering can preserve vital open space and natural resources, etc.

Ted will present the CD & LU update at the July 9 project update meeting, which will include following items:

- CD & LU roadshow, COA's "cost of development" report from spring 2003
- CommunityViz (& other software) demonstrations, finding and promoting opportunities to evaluate the effects of certain planning, development, and conservation decisions with this new tool
- Increasing area- and island-wide participation - alternative "grassroots" outreach efforts

Next steps:

- Carla Haskell agreed to write a "Letter to the Editor" (which was printed in the local papers on July 3) encouraging residents to join the July 9 meeting, and to make their voices heard through the MDI Tomorrow process.
- Ted and Isabel will follow up with CommunityViz partners to schedule a demonstration, perhaps for the Housing Summit in September.
- Identify presenters and modify the roadshow, perhaps to focus on community housing goals, and then follow up with the towns to schedule a CD & LU/Housing roadshow.

The next meeting to be scheduled.