

Exxon Merrifield VA Campus Future __Avi Request Fairfax County Civic Associations ++ __Conversation on Quality Neighborhood Topics 10_03_2013

Topic -01: In Search of Wisdom Anchor for Fairfax VA Community Vitality

Conversation__Philosophy of Economic Transition: First, relating to the "Exxon Merrifield Campus" topic that puts needs of all the citizens and residents of Fairfax County Virginia at the top (all 2 million+ ethnic voices would be most valuable per priorities set by our elected Fairfax County Supervisors.

The top 3 priorities as given in the Fairfax County government website. (01) Strengthen Education (Approx 60% of County Budget) (02) Strengthen Community Safety (03) Healthier Community.

Fairfax County is the largest and most prosperous county in Virginia. But among the "wealth", Fairfax County and Richmond, VA have the "largest" number of poor people (according to the recently updated statistics after 10 years for all States in the nation, all communities (by DOLGOV ETA Sub agency) a few months ago that I have reviewed for all urban areas of Virginia. This topic is briefly discussed at Avi's Ted.org profile forum page on left side. The needs of the young people and poor, can be addressed better than the County leadership has been able to do in the decade left behind when the "construction driven" economy was necessary as we still now have, creating "construction jobs" and "low wage retail clerk jobs" during economic recovery of past decade or so.

Now transitions to knowledge jobs with longer cycles are needed as the economy has recovered somewhat in 2013 going forward.

Topic 02: Exxon Merrifield VA Campus Future Development

Conversation: Located adjacent to INOVA Fairfax Hospital was put up for sale on April 11, 2013. If this property is sold to large scale developer that destroys the 93 Acres of woods, one of the last remaining in Fairfax County, then traffic congestion can only increase in a negative way, far more than any of us want.

But "purposeful" planning that preserves the "Woods" for posterity with a "Healing Garden" for those who are recovering from surgery at INOVA and other medical facilities in nearby communities such as Vienna, and Fairfax City, can benefit us all and is proposed by a Citizen's Committee working with county ++.

The buildings can possibly be redeployed for graduate education in science and technology with support for technology development anchored with 2 leading research universities. A Recent "success model" in Southwestern Virginia exist with collaboration of Virginia Tech and Wake Forest Med School cross border focusing on graduate education with medical technology development.

Merrifield Campus Citizens Committee Proposal can be oriented to our Fairfax VA Metro DC Tech Hub Community needs, priorities and opportunities as

appropriate. The request County Planning Conversations would ensure quality

<u>Life science & Engineering Medicine</u>

<u>Labs</u> rather than massive large scale office and intensive condo development that can have adverse traffic congestion & possible adverse effect on existing neighborhood residential property owners.

Approximately 10 of 20 or so HOA that I contacted via email back in July, 2013 from Fairfax County Civic Association list sent

email indicating interest and requested further conversation.

EXXON Merrifield Campus is located in Providence District of Fairfax County, Supervisor is Lynda Q. Smyth

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