

Background

The VECA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs met March 6th to hear an update on the strategic plan and to consider the recommendation to restructure committees. Participants will review the below notes from the meeting, mull it over/chat with others, and discuss it again at the next VECA Board Meeting.

Pros to Committee Restructuring:

- A simplified structure would allow greater understanding and thus greater access for neighbors looking to engage. Engaging more neighbors (as active members and future leaders) is essential to our work.
- More brains on a committee will allow greater synergy of ideas and thoughts.
- More bodies on a committee will spread the work load, while still allowing people to work on what they are interested in.
- A few of these committees are not very active, some are one person, and many share the same members.
- NOTE: The overall committees (see below) could meet bi-monthly or quarterly with the sub-committees meeting more frequently.

Cons to Committee (Major) Restructuring:

- Note: All present appear to agree that some committee restructuring should occur. The sticking point was how far to take it.
- People interested in only one of the committee issues will disengage.
- More people on a committee will lead to longer decision-making processes.
- More issues dealt with in one committee will lead to more work for people only previously working on one issue.

The Now and the (Potential) Future

Currently there are 15 committees:

1. Managing
2. Homes for Neighbors
3. Neighborhood Preservation
4. Welcome Center
5. Membership
6. Neighbor Networks
7. Business Districts
8. Events and Public Relations
9. Historic
10. Lick and Cypress Creeks
11. Safety and Security
12. Communications
13. Fundraising
14. Clean-Up
15. V&E Greenline

The recommendation is to restructure these committees so that there are fewer overall committees, with each committee having sub-committees/multi-issue areas:

- 1. Managing**
 - a. Welcome Center
 - b. Homes for Neighbors (rental homes)
- 2. Fundraising and Communications**
 - a. Membership
 - b. Events and Public Relations
 - c. Communications
- 3. Creating and Sustaining Neighbor Involvement**
 - a. Neighbor Networks
 - b. Safety and Security
- 4. Natural Environments**
 - a. Clean-Up
 - b. Cypress and Lick Creeks
- 5. Built Environments**
 - a. Neighborhood Preservation (Code Enforcement)
 - b. Business Districts (potential to transition to business lead business association)
 - c. Historic
- 6. V&E Greenline** (should remain as is due to separate charter, etc.)