

## **Route 1 South Housing Affordability Strategy**

*Pop Up #2 - January 18, 2018 at*

*Roundhouse at Old Town Village*

### **Community Comments**

#### **What Works Well in the Neighborhood?**

- While very congested w/Rt 1 entrance to City, we still enjoy how walkable the neighborhood is.
- Walkability or accessibility to DMV area
- Lee Center: Seniors across Route 1 go to Nannie Lee for the Seniors programs
- Keep gas stations please + 1
- New housing developments replacing old commercial buildings

#### **Thoughts on Housing Affordability**

- Need more - and a balance and transition for all the income ranges
- Housing affordability is a losing battle
- Losing diversity
- Hate to see all go!
- It's OK to go up in height, to preserve affordable housing.
- Definitely want to preserve, but match the general appearance of rest of community.

#### **Thoughts on Pedestrian and Bike Safety**

- Bicycles that cut through on private property - don't like cut through bicyclists - better programs to educate cyclists.
- Difficult to cross Duke from one side to the other. DITTO!
- Payne and Duke cyclists hit by people turning right
- Wilkes light! timing to get across – but new cross walk/curb is great. Agreed.
- Treacherous from Duke to Franklin because of blind corners and people not following speed limit.
- Cars should not always have the right of way.

#### **Other Thoughts**

- Would like to see general aesthetics of entrance to Old Town more beautiful.
- Trigger issues to the community up front
- Convince people the plan is not pre-cooked.
- People living in the affordable housing is afraid to speak up.
- Residents have very little ways to get from point A to B because of "rules" (one ways, timing turn constraints) and private held road control – gates at West St.
- How do you build the SW Quadrant brand?! It's a hodge podge and Rt 1 is the true divide. Agreed.