Themes from the Fifeville Neighborhood Quick Build Walkthrough & Next Steps
November 15, 2025

1. Desire for Clarity and Transparency:
   Residents expressed a strong desire to understand the intent behind proposed street direction changes and traffic calming measures. Many felt previous feedback had not been acknowledged or made public and requested a summary of all community input.
2. Concerns About Cut-Through Traffic:
   There was widespread concern that changes, especially directional shifts, might increase cut-through traffic on residential streets. Residents questioned whether the changes were designed for the benefit of the broader neighborhood or primarily to accommodate the 501 Cherry Avenue development.
3. Desire for Slower, Safer Streets:
   Many residents supported the idea of slowing traffic but were skeptical that one-way conversions would achieve this. Some feared these changes might actually increase speeds due to reduced friction from opposing traffic.
4. Parking and Accessibility Issues:
   Residents raised concerns about losing parking spaces, especially in areas with limited off-street parking. There were also questions about how changes would affect handicap parking and access for emergency vehicles.

Key Intersection and Street-Specific Feedback

5th Street & Oak Street

- Lack of crosswalks and ADA compliance.
- Concerns about emergency vehicle turning radius.
- Request for a 3-way stop (not just one stop sign).
- Visibility issues due to the hill on Oak Street.

4th Street & Dice Street

- Narrow intersection with low visibility.
- ADA ramp leads directly into a utility pole.
- Request for mirrors to improve visibility when turning.

5th Street & Dice Street

- City staff noted the intersection does not meet criteria for a 4-way stop due to traffic volume imbalance.
- Speed tables were discussed but deemed ineffective on narrow one-way streets.

6 ½ Street

- No sidewalks and very narrow.
- Proposed chicanes and alternating parking.
- History of large vehicle incidents (e.g., truck hitting utilities, bus getting stuck).

7th Street & Dice Street

- Concerns about shifting congestion to other streets.
- “No truck” signs are not effective; enforcement is lacking.
- Signage visibility is poor.

King Street

- Most complaints about wrong-way drivers are from King Street.
- Blind hill poses a danger if direction is reversed.
- Support for chicanes and on-street parking as a buffer for pedestrian safety.

Nalle Street

- Concerns that directional changes will turn it into a cut-through route to UVA Hospital.
- Parking is already limited; residents fear losing more spaces.
- Request to place alternating parking on the side with fewer driveways.

7 ½ Street

- Dangerous crossing at Cherry Avenue.
- Children play in the street; safety is a major concern.
- Suggestion to convert part of the street to one-way to allow for safer parking and traffic flow.

Additional Community Concerns

- Airbnb and Hospital Staff Parking:
  Residents noted that non-residents are taking up limited street parking. Permit parking was suggested as a potential solution.
- Desire for Data and Evaluation updates.

Potential Next Steps

1. Improve Communication and Transparency
   - Post a public summary of community feedback and responses.
   - Update the City's website with:
     - A valid link to presentations
     - Updated designs
     - Maps showing directional and parking changes.
     - FAQs and timelines.
     - Contact info for submitting additional feedback.
2. Refine the Plan Based on Feedback