



To: TJPD Commissioners
From: Ann Whitham, Planner
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Reference: UnJAM 2035 Public Participation Process Update

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to update the Commissioners on the public participation process underway for the long range plan update, UnJAM 2035.

Background: The Commission reviewed and approved the draft public participation process for UnJAM 2035 at the January 2008 meeting with the understanding that the process would have a significant web-enabled component and a nationally-recognized keynote speaker to draw residents from around the region. Since January, TJPDC staff has:

- Secured Dr. Reid Ewing, professor at the University of Maryland's National Center for Smart Growth and Urban Land Institute Fellow and co-author of *Growing Cooler* as a Summit keynote speaker.
- Set a date and place for the Regional Summit: Saturday, May 10th from 8:30am-12:30pm at Monticello High School
- Hired a graduate student intern, Tom Salaki, to assist with the planning and execution of the UnJAM 2035 Regional Summit
- Contracted with Neighborhood America for one year of service for their web-enabled public communications tools
- Been developing print and online survey tools to solicit information from residents
- Been creating an UnJAM.org website as a central place to find information about the Summit and overall UnJAM update process

Attachments:

1. UnJAM 2035 Regional Summit Overview and Draft Agenda
2. List of online survey questions
3. QuickPick printable survey form