

Russell County Master Plan

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PHENIX CITY, AL (WTVM) - Russell County Commissioners were all ears as they heard from their local citizens about plans to improve the county. Thursday night two town hall meetings were held in two separate locations, where residents could voice their concerns.

Anyone interested in seeing some positive changes happen in Russell County had their chance to speak out. Pediatrician Dr. Ritu Chandra is one of those residents who would like to see future healthcare projects expand in Russell County.

"I'm very interested in finding out how many people are moving into the area especially Russell County and Fort Mitchell. I know with new people coming in the area they are going to have lots of children," says Chandra.

With people flocking to the area because of BRAC, Chandra wants to fill any gaps that need to be filled in regards to family practice.

"The people are moving into Fort Mitchell and Phenix City, which is a good 12 or 13 miles from there so I think it'd be really awesome to set up a family practice in the Fort Mitchell area and improve access," says Chandra.

Director of Community Planning, Larry Watts says he wants to hear the citizens before they start drawing maps and making recommendations.

"We are dealing with a day to day issue or a day to day problem. this is an opportunity to hear what people's vision is for the county and their long term goals," says Watts.

Topping that list of goals, is to improve the city's sewage system.

"Infrastructure is a really important issue in the county, making sure water and sewer that kind of facility is where their needed and that's important to support growth," says Watts.

If you missed the meetings on June 10th, Russell County Commission will have another set of meetings on June 24th at 6 pm at the Fort Mitchell Senior Activity Center and the Ladonia Elementary School.

Members of the Russell County Commission would love to hear your thoughts.