

Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights

Agenda for the November 16, 2016 meeting

Possible Next Meeting: Dec. 21, 2016 at 8:00 PM Somerset Town Hall (4510 Cumberland Ave.)

Introductions

Approval of agenda

Approval of October 19, 2016 meeting minutes

Reports:

- Westbard: County District Council voted in favor of Sectional Map Amendment with one amendment on 11/8/16; comments on Equity One's resubmitted sketch plan by CCCFH (10/21) and others; Council response to comments on the sketch plan (the Council has no jurisdiction over the approval of this plan) (11/1); status of sketch plan; proposal by three members (attached); future activities; Willett Branch coordination meeting in December; Planning Board consideration of sketch plan (in 2017, date TBD) (numerous people).
- Bethesda downtown plan – County Council public hearing in October. CCCFH submitted comments (10/26). PHED committee work session to be scheduled later.
- Willard Ave. Park (Norman Knopf).
- Subdivision Staging Policy – Council sessions. Council expected (as of preparation of this agenda) to approve a resolution on the 2016 – 2020 policy on 11/15/16.
- Townhouse rooftop terraces (Harry Pfohl; Norman Knopf).
- FAA flightpaths for National Airport (Danuta Wilson).
- Will CCCFH have a meeting on December 21?
- Treasurer's Report (Sue Schumacher).
- MCCF Report (Sue Schumacher).

New business/Miscellaneous

Adjournment

Representing the Citizens Associations of Brookdale, Chevy Chase Village, Chevy Chase West, Drummond, Glen Echo Heights, Green Acres-Glen Cove, Kenwood, Kenwood Condominium, Kenwood House Cooperative, Kenwood Place Condominium, Mohican Hills, Somerset, Springfield, Sumner, Sumner Village Condominium, Westmoreland, Westbard Mews, Westwood Mews, and Wood Acres

Proposal for consideration

Re: Support of the Naturalization of the Willett Branch in the Westbard Redevelopment Process

The Westbard Sector Plan included the naturalization of the Willett Branch and the creation of an urban greenway with a hard surface trail as the primary public benefit and amenity. (Westbard Sector Plan, page 19) CCCFH actively supports this goal as the only major public benefit in the Westbard Plan for residents of the area. Toward that end, we urge all CCCFH members to communicate with their residents through their listserves and websites asking residents to contact the Montgomery County Planning Board at www.montgomeryplanningboard.org expressing their support for this goal. The Little Falls Watershed Alliance has been actively working to achieve this naturalization and has prepared excellent written materials which have been submitted to the Planning Board. Residents can view these materials at http://www.lfwa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/lfwa_comments_on_equity_one_sketch_plan_august_18_2016_0.pdf and at http://www.lfwa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/sketch_plan_handout.pdf. CCCFH hopes that all member association residents will support the Little Falls Watershed Alliance on this issue.

Timing is critical because Equity One has submitted a Sketch Plan to the Planning Department which fails to respect the importance of the Willett Branch naturalization and the vision of a greenway corridor. The Planning Board needs to hear NOW from the public on their views of this issue.