

## Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights

Minutes of the Meeting of October 19, 2016: Next Meeting: November 16, 2016

### ATTENDEES:

Brookdale	Bob Cope, Amy Rispin
Chevy Chase West	Lloyd Guerci, Naomi Spinrad
Chevy Chase Village	
Drummond	
Glen Echo Heights	Harry Pfohl
Green Acres-Glen Cove	Danuta Wilson
Kenwood (the subdivision)	Jenny Sue Dunner, Pat Johnson, Tara Primis, Bob Shaffer
Kenwood House Coop	Jean Iker, Judy Throckmorton
Kenwood Condominium	Sue Schumacher
Kenwood Place Condo	
Mohican Hills Comm. Ass.	
Somerset	Marnie Shawl, Jack Frink, Barbara Zaughouser
Springfield	Pete Salinger, Phyllis Edelman
Sumner	Jennifer O'Keefe, Sid Clemans
Sumner Village Condo	
Westmoreland Hills	
Westbard Mews	Lynne Battle
Westwood Mews	Frank Anderson
Wood Acres	Eric Fedowitz, June Gardner, John McLaughlin
Individual Members	Norman Knopf

Guests: Melanie White (Friendship Hgts), John Mertons (Friendship Hgts.), Mike Dorsey (Friendship Hgts.)

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Mr. Guerci called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. The Agenda for the Meeting was approved. The Minutes of the Meeting of September 21, 2016 were approved.

WESTBARD: Mr. Guerci

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The Planning Board and County Council process has been delayed, due to the fact that the Sectional Map Amendment has been on hold. The December 8, 2016 date which was to be a Planning Board hearing on the Equity One Resubmitted Sketch Plan will probably be delayed.

Ms Shaul summarized a meeting with Planning Board staff. The available options for dealing with the inadequacy of the Resubmitted Sketch Plan are: 1. Deny the Sketch Plan; 2. Accept the Sketch Plan with conditions; or 3. Request an additional Resubmitted Sketch Plan addressing the remaining inadequacies. Legally, a hearing must be held by the Planning Board within 90 days of a Sketch Plan Application. That 90 days has expired and Ms. Wright gave Equity One a 30 day extension which will expire in about 2 weeks. Any further extension must come from the Planning Board itself (rather than staff). Ms. Shaul also reported on other updates. WSSC is still unsure of where the sewer line near the Willett Branch is located. It appears that the HOC garage would only work if the stream were moved. The Parks Department reports that the flood plain will expand when the concrete is removed. Mr. Cope said that the consideration of the Sketch Plan has to be extended because the Sectional Map Amendment has not been approved.

The Sketch Plan is the first stage of 3 in the process followed by the Subdivision stage during which land dedication occurs. The final stage of Site Plans may well be a year away. There may be as many as 5 site plans filed for the Equity One properties. The buffer around the Willett Branch should be set before the site plan stage. Equity One is considering moving the culvert (at America Plant Food) towards River Road.

A draft letter to Gwen Wright and Mike Riley was reviewed. The substantive points contained in the draft were approved to be sent, with appropriate revisions. The letter should be sent to the County Council members as well as the Planning Board and staff.

WASHINGTON EPISCOPAL SCHOOL: Mr. Knopf

Mr. Knopf, with help from a number of CCCFH members who testified, was successful in getting the Planning Board to order that the gate into

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Washington Episcopal School be opened for a minimum of 4 hours a day (1 and 1/2 hours in the morning and 2 and 1/2 hours in the afternoon).

### **COUNTY BILL 41: Mr. Cope**

County Bill 41 which has been introduced by Roger Berliner would create a Community Zoning and Land Use Resource Officer to advise the public on how to get its views heard on land use matters and on how the planning process works. A public hearing will be held on November 1, 2016. A vote was taken and it was approved for CCCFH to support passage of County Bill 41.

### **WILLARD AVENUE: Mr. Knopf**

Some years ago, the county purchased 1.07 acres along Willard Avenue across from the Irene to be used as a park. Some 21 years later, there is still no park. After a previous unsuccessful effort, Planning Board Chair Casey will set up a meeting with Friendship Heights, Brookdale, and other interested neighborhoods to resolve this issue.

### **BETHESDA DOWNTOWN PLAN: Mr. Guerci**

There probably will be little progress on the Bethesda Downtown Plan until a decision is made on where Marriott will be relocating.

### **SUBDIVISION STAGING POLICY: Mr. Guerci**

County Council Chair Floreen wants to get rid of the TPAR and LATR tests previously used after recognition that they generate very little in financial contributions from developers.

### **CCCFH WEBSITE: Ms. O'Keefe**

The CCCFHMD.org website is ready to launch. It was decided to proceed immediately to launch it and to retain the blog.

### **ISSUES DEFERRED:**

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Reports on Flight Paths and the MCCF were deferred until the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Schumacher

The report was received. Members for whom no dues , which were due on October 1, have been received are: Drummond, Glen Echo Heights, and Mohican Hills.

OTHER MATTERS:

Ms. Dunner said the LFWA has put together excellent comments and papers concerning Westbard and CCCFH should encourage its members to include citations to the LFWA materials on their websites and to encourage their members to contact the Planning Board and County Council in support of LFWA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.