MCPB Item No. X Date: 11-19-15

Westbard Sector Plan, Work Session #2

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Westbard Sector Plan, Work Session #2 Summary

Work session #2 will provide an overview of the recommendations regarding zoning and land use in the Westbard Sector Plan. It will review the proposed zoning and the associated height and density recommendations for each property in the Sector Plan. Staff will highlight the priorities in each district, and present requested changes to these recommendations made by property owners and the impact they will have on the potential unit count, affordable housing and student generation rates.

The Sector Plan has made several recommendations regarding future amenities to be provide by both the private and public sectors. The landowners along Westbard Avenue have made requests regarding the number and quality of these requested amenities as they relate to the zoning proposed for their respective properties.

Discussion

Zoning

This work session will review the proposed CRT zoning for each property in the Sector Plan and the densities (Floor Area Ratio, or FAR) and heights associated with each proposed zone. Several of the property owners in the Westbard Sector Plan area have requested either a floating zone or greater height and densities. Those who have requested a different zone have specifically requested that floating zones be applied to allow them the flexibility to respond to changing market conditions in the future. Those property owners who have requested greater heights and densities are responding to the Plan recommendations indicating that certain site conditions are limiting their ability to develop their properties, or amenities requested by the Sector Plan that make development at the heights and densities recommended in the Planning Board draft difficult to achieve. Planning staff will review these concerns for each property.

Affordable Housing

The draft Plan makes general recommendations regarding affordable housing throughout the Plan and specifically in Chapter 3.1, Westbard Avenue District, Section 3.1.4. The Plan recommends affordable housing on the HOC owned property on Westbard Avenue. In addition to the required 12.5% MPDUs the site could potentially yield 20 to 30 new units that would serve those renters who currently earn between 20 and 50 percent of the area median income.

However, at the Public Hearing held on September 24th, many residents testified about the need for more specific recommendations regarding affordable housing and senior housing in the Sector Plan. Since then both the Housing Opportunity Commission, lease holders off the Westwood Towers on Westbard Avenue, and the owner of Park Bethesda have brought forward new proposals for additional affordable housing and potential senior housing on their properties. More detail on these new proposals will be provided during the work session.

Amenities

Staff has heard from Equity One, the owner of Westwood Shopping Center, the Westwood II Shopping Center, the Bowlmor and the Westwood Towers, presently leased by HOC regarding recommended amenities. They are concerned about the following recommendations:

- The re-alignment of Westbard Avenue through the site of the Westwood II Shopping Center
- Undergrounding of utilities on Westbard Avenue
- Naturalization of the portions of Willett Branch presently on their property
- A new private road connection between Westbard Avenue and River Road that would traverse the American Plant Food Company and Roof Center Properties
- A minimum 1/2 Acre open space fronting Westbard Avenue
- A Bus Transit Center
- A local shuttle between the Bethesda and Friendship Heights Metro stations
- Participation in Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs

Conclusion

Staff will focus the work session on the land use and zoning of specific properties in the Plan, requested changes to proposed zoning by property owners for specific properties, and the priorities associated with specific properties and with the districts in general, such as affordable housing, transportation improvements and the green network.

Attachments: Chart outlining Public Hearing Zoning request changes; Correspondence

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DISTRICT	MAP LOCATOR	PROPERTY OWNER/DEVELOPER/ATTORNEY	PROPERTY LOCATION/ADDRESS	PARCEL NUMBER	CURRENT ZONING	SECTOR PLAN ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS	PROPERTY OWNER REQUESTED ZONING
Westbard		Equity One		235			
Avenue	Α	ATTY: Barbara Sears	5400 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816	255	NR-0.75, H-45'	CRT2.0, C75, R-1.25, H-50', 75'	CRT2.0, C-1.25. R-1.25, H-60'
	_	Equity One	5400 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816		INN-U.73, H-43	CK12.0, C/3, K-1.23, H-30, /3	CR12.0, C-1.25. R-1.25, H-00
	В	ATTY: Barbara Sears	5330 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816	360	R-60	CRT2.0, C75, R-1.25, H-50', 75'	CRT2.0, C-1.25. R-1.25, H-60
	С	Equity One ATTY: Barbara Sears	5101 Ridgefield Road. Bethesda, MD 20816	А	R-60	CRT 1.5, C25, R-1.5, H-50'	CRT 1.5, C25, R-1.5, H-55'
	С	Equity One ATTY: Barbara Sears	5110 Ridgefield Road. Bethesda, MD 20816	0	CRT - 0.75, R-0.25, H-35'	CRT 1.5, C50, R-1.5, H-50'	CRT 1.5, C50, R-1.5, H-125
		Equity One	3110 Mageriela Noau. Betriesua, IND 20010	0	CK1 - 0.73, K-0.23, 11-33	CKT 1.3, C30, K-1.3, TI-30	CKT 1.3, C30, K-1.3, TI-123
	D	ATTY: Barbara Sears	5471 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816	128	CRT - 0.75, R-0.25, H-35'	CRT 1.5, C50, R-1.5, H-50'	CRT 1.5, C50, R-1.5, H-125
	D	Equity One ATTY: Barbara Sears	5370 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816	143 B	R-10	CRT 2.5, C50, R-2.0, H-75'	
	E	Equity One ATTY: Barbara Sears	5401 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816	238 240	R-10	CRT 2.5, C50, R-2.0, H-75'	
	F	Equity One ATTY: Barbara Sears	5411 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816	175	R-10	CRT 2.5, C50, R-2.0, H-75'	
	F	Equity One ATTY: Barbara Sears	5353 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816	303, 357	CRT - 0.75, R-0.25, H-45'	CRT 2.5, C50, R-2.0, H-75'	CRT 2.5, C50, R-2.0, H-150
	н	Capital Properties		466, 465			
		ATTY: Robby Brewer	5325 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816	Part of parcel 519	EOF - 1.5, H-45'	CRT 2.0, C25, R-2.0, H-50'	CRT 2.5, C25, R-2.5, H-150
	н	Capital Properties		510, 576			
	_	ATTY: Robby Brewer Capital Properties	5325 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816	Part of parcel 519	EOF - 1.5, H-45'	CRT 2.0, C25, R-2.0, H-50'	CRT 2.5, C25, R-2.0, H-90'
	Н	ATTY: Robby Brewer	5325 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816	576	EOF - 1.5, H-45'	CRT 2.0, C25, R-2.0, H-50'	CRT 1.5, C25, R-1.5, H-35'
		Landy Ln Limited Partnership/Landy Lane Mgmt Corp.		160			CDT 2.0. C. 25. D. 2.75. H. 75
North River Road	K	ATTY: Stacy Silber	5521 Landy Lane, Bethesda, MD 20816	100	IM-1.5, H45	CRT 3.0, C25, R-2.75, H-75'	CRT 3.0, C25, R-2.75, H-75 With Floating IM 1.5, H45'
		Landy Ln Limited Partnership/Landy Lane Mgmt Corp.		166			CRT 3.0, C25, R-2.75, H-75
		ATTY: Stacy Silber	5500 Dorsey Lane, Bethesda, MD 20816		IM-1.5, H45	CRT 3.0, C25, R-2.75, H-75'	With Floating IM 1.5, H45'
	M	Landy Ln Limited Partnership/Landy Lane Mgmt Corp. ATTY: Stacy Silber	5510 Dorsey Lane, Bethesda, MD 20816	168	IM-1.5, H45	IM-1.5, H45	CRT 3.0, C25, R-2.75, H-75 With Floating IM 1.5, H45'
		ATTT. Stacy Silber	3310 Dolsey Lane, Detriesua, IVID 20010		HVI-1.3, 1143	IIVI-1.5, 1145	
South Westbard District	К	Montgomery County Department of Government Services Greg Ossont	5501 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816	691	R-60	R-60	R-60/ With Floating CRT 2.0, .25, R-2.0, H-75'
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From:

Antonio Santos < Amshautos@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2015 5:44 AM

Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

To:

Oppose Westbard Master Plan

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Regards,
Antonio Santos
5500 Jordan Rd
Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Sent:

To:

FRANCES MAANE <franmaane@aol.com>

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 8:59 PM

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Regards, FRANCES MAANE 7806 Honeybee Ct Bethesda, MD 20817

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From:

Sent:

To:

Saturday, October 24, 2015 5:33 AM

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Annette Santos < Palsanfarms@aol.com >

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Regards, Annette Santos 5500 Jordan Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Andrea Roure <andyroure@verizon.net>

Sent:

Monday, October 26, 2015 4:14 PM

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

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Regards,
Andrea Roure
5107 Sentinel Dr
Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Derek Koenig <derekkoenig@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 26, 2015 5:02 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards,
Derek Koenig
4704 Fort Sumner Dr
Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Barbara Ingersoll

barbara Ingersoll barbara.ingersoll.phd@gmail.com

Sent:

Monday, October 26, 2015 5:10 PM

To:

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Regards,
Barbara Ingersoll
4838 Park Ave
Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Stanley Wiggins <spwiggins@verizon.net>

Sent:

Monday, October 26, 2015 5:18 PM

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

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Dear Mr. Norman Dreyfuss,

While I agree with the following prepared text, I add to it in order to emphasize my deep irritation at the process. The methods followed to this point starkly resemble the low-profile, stealth tactics used in the mid-1980s to advance a surreal proposal for the redevelopment of Silver Spring at utterly insupportable densities, that included a warped traffic assessment violative of the planning process requirements. Marc Eldridge performed an independent analysis, and I expect the concerned Westbard residents will need to hire an independent traffic consultant as a start. Give some thought to how that fiasco affected the political fate of its council supporters before you go down this road.

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Regards, Stanley Wiggins 5332 Westpath Way Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Suzanne FitzGerald <fitzkorn@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 26, 2015 5:26 PM

To:

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Regards,
Suzanne FitzGerald
4901 Jamestown Rd
Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Penelope Catterall <pencat5564@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 26, 2015 6:04 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards,
Penelope Catterall
5005 Baltimore Ave
Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Martha Fleury <mfleury@verizon.net>

Sent:

Monday, October 26, 2015 7:04 PM

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

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Regards, Martha Fleury 5604 Jordan Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Darryl Trupp < DarrylT27@gmail.com>

Sent:

To:

Monday, October 26, 2015 9:05 PM Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

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Regards,
Darryl Trupp
5448 Westbard Ave
Bethesda, MD 20816

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From:

Elizabeth Levy < liz@bluelizardkids.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 8:44 AM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards, Elizabeth Levy 5013 Nahant St Bethesda, MD 20816

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From:

Margot Brooks <margotfiala@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 3:46 PM

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

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Regards,
Margot Brooks
5620 Ogden Rd
Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Sent:

To:

Amy Egan amyegan8@gmail.com> Wednesday, October 28, 2015 8:04 AM

Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

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Amy Egan
6408 Garnett Dr
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

From:

Sent:

Brenda Murray < Murraybp1@gmail.com > Wednesday, October 28, 2015 9:18 AM

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Regards,
Brenda Murray
5415 Dorset Ave
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Sent:

From: Carroll Duni

Carroll Dunn <sepcd13@gmail.com>
Wednesday, October 28, 2015 9:48 AM

To: Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject: Oppose Westbard Master Plan

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Regards, Carroll Dunn 6201 Elmwood Rd Chevy Chase, MD 20815

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From:

Sheri O'Connell <morgandesign@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 11:17 AM

To: Subject: Dreyfuss, Norman
Oppose Westbard Master Plan

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Currently the roads in Bethesda are not being maintained, the medians and sidewalks are not mowed, overgrown with weeds, are not edged and have dead trees shrubs and plants.

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Sheri O'Connell
8021 Rising Ridge Rd
Bethesda, MD 20817

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From:

beret moyer

 beretmoyer@gmail.com> Wednesday, October 28, 2015 2:26 PM

Sent: To:

Anderson, Casey

Subject:

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Regards, beret moyer 5101 Dorset Ave Chevy Chase, MD 20815

From:

Sent:

Caroline Russel <cs.russel@verizon.net> Thursday, October 29, 2015 4:30 AM

To: Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject: Oppose Westbard Master Plan

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Regards,
Caroline Russel
4824 Fort Sumner Dr
Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Katie Leasure < katieleasure@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 26, 2015 10:27 PM

To: Subject: Wells-Harley, Marye

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Regards, Katie Leasure 5309 Elliott Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Mary Morrissey <maryeileenm@aol.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 26, 2015 11:06 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards,
Mary Morrissey
6212 Kennedy Dr
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

From:

Cindy Amrine <cindya164@aol.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 10:32 AM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards, Cindy Amrine 5621 Ogden Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Francine Collins <fpccpa@aol.com>
Tuesday, October 27, 2015 10:39 AM

Sent:

To:

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Regards,
Francine Collins
5208 Augusta St
Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Betsy Mandel bpmandel@aol.com Wednesday, October 28, 2015 8:03 AM

Sent:

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards,
Betsy Mandel
5310 Woodlawn Ave
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

From:

Edward Mandel < nedmandel@aol.com >

Sent:

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 9:50 AM

To:

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Regards, Edward Mandel 5310 Woodlawn Ave Chevy Chase, MD 20815

From:

Barbara Libbey < Baclib@aol.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 2:59 PM

To:

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Regards,
Barbara Libbey
5305 Kenwood Ave
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

From:

Sent:

To:

Wendy Lachman < wendylachman@gmail.com>

Sunday, November 01, 2015 7:46 PM

Anderson, Casey

Subject: Oppose Westbard Master Plan

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Regards, Wendy Lachman 5618 Newington Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Sara Cooperrider <saracoop@comcast.net>

Sent:

Sunday, November 01, 2015 7:47 PM

To:

Anderson, Casey

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Regards, Sara Cooperrider 5708 Overlea Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Liz Levy < liz@bluelizardkids.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 01, 2015 7:48 PM

To:

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Subject:

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Regards, Liz Levy 5013 Nahant St Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Daniel richards <danieladamrichards@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 01, 2015 7:53 PM

To:

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Regards, Daniel richards 6712 Landon Ln Bethesda, MD 20817

From:

Suzanne Rand <srand@ici.org>

Sent:

Sunday, November 01, 2015 8:10 PM

To:

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Regards, Suzanne Rand 5902 Madawaska Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Sara Sigrist <sarasigrist@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 01, 2015 8:57 PM

To:

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Regards, Sara Sigrist 5606 Knollwood Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Pam Gelfand <pgelfand23@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 01, 2015 9:02 PM

To:

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Regards, Pam Gelfand 7300 Honeywell Ln Bethesda, MD 20814

From: Sent: Eileen Rice <eileenmrice@gmail.com> Sunday, November 01, 2015 9:26 PM

To:

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Regards, Eileen Rice 5012 Wyandot Ct Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Marta Castello-Branco < mcastellobranco 56@omail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 01, 2015 9:31 PM

To:

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Patricia Branson < patricia.branson@gmail.com>

Sent:

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To:

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Regards, Patricia Branson 5013 Scarsdale Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Eric Lohr <elohr@american.edu>

Sent:

Sunday, November 01, 2015 9:57 PM

To:

Anderson, Casey

Subject:

Oppose Westbard Master Plan

Dear Mr. Casey Anderson,

I'm sure you have received many form letter emails. I was asked to send one, and refuse because I believe the opposite. I strongly support the development plan for Westbard, as do many silent progressives in our community. We are not Trump style opponents of immigrants into our world. Opponents want to push people further out into soul crushing and environmentally irresponsible long commutes. I do not, and nor to many of my neighbors. Stop Nimbyism. We want to be urban. Eric Lohr

Regards, Eric Lohr 5914 Namakagan Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Doritt Carroll <dorittcarroll@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 01, 2015 10:00 PM

To:

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Regards, Doritt Carroll 6104 Overlea Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Christopher Lent <maofthecross@verizon.net>

Sent:

Sunday, November 01, 2015 10:03 PM

To:

Anderson, Casey

Subject:

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Regards, Christopher Lent 6113 Cromwell Dr Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Lynn Pivik <Lynn,C.Pivik@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 01, 2015 11:48 PM

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

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We already have to contend with too much traffic and congestion.

We could actually use a car wash in our area vs more residents!

Regards, Lynn Pivik 5108 Baltan Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Suzanne FitzGerald <fitzkorn@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 12:09 AM

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

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Regards, Suzanne FitzGerald 4901 Jamestown Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Katherine Jahnig <kdelanoj@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 5:36 AM

To:

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Regards, Katherine Jahnig 6101 Kennedy Dr Chevy Chase, MD 20815

From:

Stuart Reiter <strhmm@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 6:20 AM

To:

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Regards, Stuart Reiter 5220 Westpath Way Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Laurie Yang <laurie.roberge.yang@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 7:52 AM

To:

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Regards, Laurie Yang 6212 Wiscasset Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From: sarah watson <spwatson0820@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 8:42 AM

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Regards, sarah watson 5007 Nahant St Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

martha fleury <mfleury@verizon.net>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 9:00 AM

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

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Regards, martha fleury 5604 Jordan Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

William Frank < whfrank@comcast.net>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 9:07 AM

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

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Regards, William Frank 7509 Westfield Dr Bethesda, MD 20817

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From:

Ann Peel <alpeel@aol.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 10:10 AM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards, Ann Peel 6109 Wynnwood Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Mary Owen <laniowen@aol.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 11:41 AM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

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Regards, Mary Owen 5952 Searl Ter Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

James Barter <aibarter@aol.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 1:49 PM

To:

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Regards, James Barter 5968 Searl Ter Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Colleen Daniel <cddesign@erols.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 1:49 PM

To:

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Regards, Colleen Daniel 7515 Arden Rd Cabin John, MD 20818

From:

Joan golden <dmjgolden@aol.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 1:56 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

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Regards, Joan golden 5805 Devonshire Dr Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Joseph McGowan <josephfmcgowan@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 2:13 PM

To:

Anderson, Casey

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Regards, Joseph McGowan 5209 Nahant St Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

pamela gallagher <jpjgallagjer@aol.com>

Sent:

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Regards, pamela gallagher 5117 Westridge Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Jeanne Wolfe <dj5wolfies@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 2:37 PM

To:

Anderson, Casey

Subject:

Oppose Westbard Master Plan

Dear Mr. Casey Anderson,

We live a 1/4 mile from westbard!! I implore you to reconsider your Plan for our neighborhood shopping center!!! The traffic going into and coming from the center is ALREADY BAD. We have children/teens walking to and from the center all the time. It is a neighborhood set of shops, NOT made to be an URBAN area as White Flint and downtown Bethesda are.

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Regards, Jeanne Wolfe 5603 Parkston Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Mary McGowan <mb.mcgowan@yahoo.com>

Sent:

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To:

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From:

JoAnn Lang <langjat@gmail.com>

Sent:

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Regards, JoAnn Lang 5609 Pioneer Ln Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Kenneth Chaletzky <ken@copygeneral.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 3:43 PM

To:

Anderson, Casey

Subject:

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Dear Mr. Casey Anderson,

Instead of the boilerplate I'm supposed to send, here's why I think increased density in the Westbard II area makes no sense.

- 1. Increased density makes sense when there's a Metro station within walking distance. No Metro station here.
- 2. Increased density makes sense when there is available road capacity. River Road and Massachusetts Avenue are already very busy. More residential and commercial traffic would totally clog things.
- 3. The schools are already quite full. Adding several hundred or more new students would overwhelm the schools and there's no place for new schools, nor does the Montgomery County government seem to have a desire to build any more new ones in this area.

Regards, Kenneth Chaletzky 6801 Whittier Blvd Bethesda, MD 20817

From:

Linda Chaletzky <ken@copygeneral.com>

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Thomas Applin <manzana5201@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 3:51 PM

To:

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Fram:

Lawrence Bou < lkbou@comcast.net>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 5:01 PM

To:

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Jay Sommerkamp < jsommerkamp@gmail.com240-463-6541>

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Regards, Jay Sommerkamp 4813 Fort Sumner Dr Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Dr. Sheldon <sheldon@gwu.edu>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 6:24 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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From:

Anne McGowan <annemariemcgowan1@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 6:38 PM

To:

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Regards, Anne McGowan 5009 Nahant St Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Susan Barnett <sue@telecommstrategies.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 8:35 PM

To:

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Regards, Susan Barnett 5311 Crown St Bethesda, MD 20816

From: Laura Baron < laura@laurabaronmusic.com>

Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 8:49 PM

To: Wells-Harley, Marye

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Regards, Laura Baron 6007 Corbin Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Carol Parrish <csp1cmp1@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 9:01 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

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Regards, Carol Parrish 6007 Milo Dr Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Cynthia Wallace <arcini@mac.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 02, 2015 9:42 PM

To:

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Regards, Cynthia Wallace 5105 Brookeway Dr Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Bonnie Norman <bonnie.l.norman@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 03, 2015 6:48 AM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards, Bonnie Norman 5209 Cammack Dr Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Michael Rosenberg <mrosen4@verizon.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 03, 2015 7:19 AM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

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Regards, Michael Rosenberg 5604 Overlea Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Molly Pisula <mpisula@mac.com>

Sent:

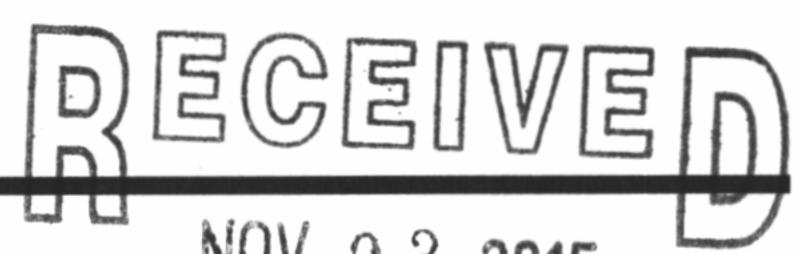
Tuesday, November 03, 2015 1:27 PM

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

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Regards,
Molly Pisula
5118 Wapakoneta Rd
Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Diane Torre <diane.seltzer@verizon.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 03, 2015 1:31 PM

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

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Diane Torre
6107 Ramsgate Rd
Bethesda, MD 20816

From: Linda Manning <Lsmanning@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 1:32 PM

To: Dreyfuss, Norman

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Regards, Linda Manning 5611 Harwick Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Mary Ruocco <ruoccofamily@msn.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 03, 2015 2:47 PM

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

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Regards,
Mary Ruocco
6300 Avalon Dr
Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Joseph Ruocco <joseph.ruocco@som.com>

Sent:

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Joseph Ruocco
6300 Avalon Dr
Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Gary Ender <gary_ender@concast.net>
Tuesday, November 03, 2015 3:25 PM

Sent:

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

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Regards, Gary Ender 5913 Cromwell Dr Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Rob Sandler <rjsandler@verizon.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 03, 2015 3:30 PM

To:

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Regards, Rob Sandler 6121 Maiden Ln Bethesda, MD 20817

From: jessica bavinger < jbavinger@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 3:32 PM

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Regards, jessica bavinger 5500 Newington Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Sent:

Tracy Puglisi <tracypuglisi@gmail.com> Tuesday, November 03, 2015 4:26 PM

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

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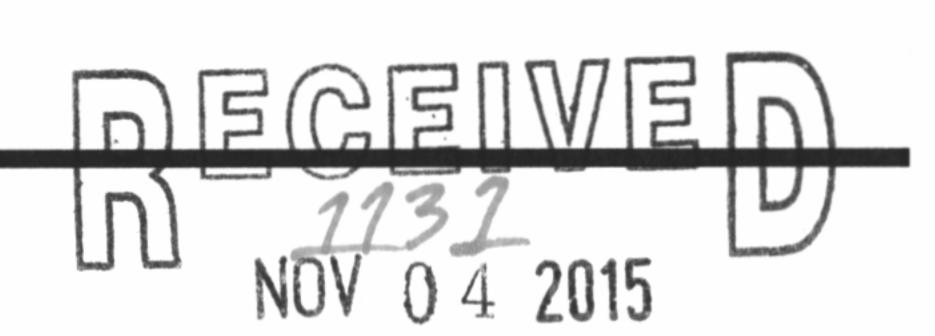
Regards,
Tracy Puglisi
2 Ardmore Ct
Bethesda, MD 20816

From: Barbara Hughes <barbarafhughes@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 6:47 PM

To: Anderson, Casey

Subject: Oppose Westbard Master Plan



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From:

Cindy Bertaut < cindybertaut@gmail.com>

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Regards, Cindy Bertaut 5604 Gloster Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From: Michelle Hughes <mhughes301@verizon.net>

Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 9:54 PM

To: Dreyfuss, Norman

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From:

Christopher Heim <heim.cr@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 03, 2015 9:56 PM

To:

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Regards, Christopher Heim 6105 Cromwell Dr Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Daniel Lewis <danlewis45@hotmaii.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:30 PM

To:

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Daniel Lewis

Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Sent:

Jessica Beaugez < jcbeaugez@gmail.com>

To:

Wednesday, November 04, 2015 3:57 PM councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.elrich@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.hucker@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.leventhal@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.riemer@montgomerycountymd.gov;

councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov;

county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov; MCP-Chair; Wells-Harley, Marye; Presley, Amy; Dreyfuss, Norman; Anderson, Casey; Natali.Fani-Gonzales@mncppc-mc.org;

Wright, Gwen

Subject:

Please support a Westbard plan that favors redevelopment

Sent from: jcbeaugez@gmail.com

Date: 11-04-2015

To:

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Additional Message:

Our community is in need of a revamped community space with modern amenities and transportation. Right now, the old shopping center is a sea of a parking lot with no gathering spaces, walkability, or neighborhood cohesiveness. The New Westwood plan would help to tie the area together and bring in a warm neighborhood feel.

Name: Jessica Beaugez

Address: 5301 Westbard Circle Apt. 320

From: Dorothy Coleman < colemandb2015@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 3:51 PM

To: councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov;

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Additional Message:

Dear County Council--as a resident of the Springfield area for almost 40 years I know first hand that the Westwood Shopping Center is ripe for redevelopment. I think the revised Westbard Sector Plan is terrific and will improve the area tremendously. Thank you.

Name: Dorothy Coleman Address: 5700 Marenog Road

From: Jos < jverbeek62@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 4:01 PM

To: councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov;

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Additional Message:

I am all in favor of the redevelopment of Westbard and support the Westbard Sector Plan. The current situation of Westbard is awkward and horribly last century.

Name: Jos

Address: Verbeek City: Bethesda Zip: 20819

To:

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From: Carol Arango <arango20@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 3:56 PM

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Additional Message:

Please don\'t listen to the small \"loud\" minority who will email you to death. These are not the people who will ultimately support financially the success of the redevelopment. This shopping center is ultimately going to change regardless or their loud voices, the sooner the better. I for one, can\'t wait till this is redeveloped.

Name: Carol Arango

Address: 4508 Cortland Road

City: Chevy Chase

Zip: 20815

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PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

From: Fran Spaeder < spaederfran@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 4:26 PM

To: councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov;

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Additional Message:

I wholeheartedly support the revised Westwood Shopping Center Plan and surrounding properties. As a new resident of Bethesda, it is disappointing to discover the lack of restaurants/cafes in the Westbard area. We have to to travel to Friendship Heights and Downtown Bethesda for dining and shopping when we\'d much rather patronize local establishments. A significant update to the area would greatly enhance the community, environment and commerce.

Name: Fran Spaeder

Address: 5208 Willet Bridge Court

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THE MATYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

From: Sent: To:

Erica Burns <erica.g.burns@gmail.com> Wednesday, November 04, 2015 4:33 PM

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Sent from: erica.g.burns@gmail.com

Date: 11-04-2015

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Additional Message:

I support the new Westwood! We really need better restaurants and retail closer to home, and family places to gather. It's the one drawback of the neighborhood to have such few options, and the space is not being utilized as it should be. My family and I look forward to a new redevelopment!

Name: Erica Burns

Address: 6001 Osceola Road

From: Joe K < jwkantakevich@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 4:34 PM

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Additional Message:

The Westbard plan would be such an amazing addition to the community. We have a 2 year old and 6 week old and it would be amazing for our family to have a nice place to go that is close by and doesn't require the hassle of parking in friendship heights or Bethesda. It would bring so much new business to the area and a welcomed increase to quality of living.

This plan is a MUST and should begin as soon as possible.

Name: Joe K

Address: 6008 Onondaga Road

From:

Elizabeth Haile <Elizabeth_haile@hotmail.com> Wednesday, November 04, 2015 4:56 PM

Sent: To:

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Sent from: Elizabeth haile@hotmail.com

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Additional Message:

The neighborhood is desperate for a revitalized space here, w green community gathering space. Please allow this redesign to go forward.

Name: Elizabeth Haile

Address: 6116 shady oak lane

From:

Joe Martin < joseph.l.martin@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, November 04, 2015 5:03 PM

To:

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Sent from: joseph.l.martin@gmail.com

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Additional Message:

I support redeveloping the Westbard Shopping Center. I only live two blocks from the shopping center and it needs a major overhaul. With that in mind, we need to make sure the number of new residential units do not overwhelm the schools and the neighboring streets.

Name: Joe Martin

Address: 5604 Newington Road

From: Sent: Justin Cressall <justincressall@gmail.com> Wednesday, November 04, 2015 5:06 PM

To:

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Additional Message:

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support for the redevelopment of the Westwood Shopping Center. We live in the Sumner neighborhood and have to drive past the shopping center on a daily basis. The current site is in dire need of redevelopment. Having access to more retail, restaurants and multi use space would be a significant improvement and enhancement to the community. Thank you for considering the redevelopment.

Name: Justin Cressall

Address: 4807 Fort Sumner Drive

From:

Denise DeRosa <madone1514@comcast.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, November 04, 2015 5:13 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

Oppose Westbard Master Plan

Dear Ms. Marye Wells-Harley,

The Proposed Westbard Sector Master Plan being developed by the Montgomery County Planning Department is based on flawed assumptions about population projections, traffic patterns and the "need" for dramatic growth of residential and commercial units. I support improvements but oppose the plan you will consider in November to triple the density of the Westbard area, double commercial use, and to designate Westbard as an Urban area for purposes of roads and transportation planning.

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You can protect our community and earn my support by limiting the heights of all buildings in the Westbard sector to a MAXIMUM height 45 feet, and limiting the number of permitted residential units to the current allowable capacity.

Please oppose this plan, its data and assumptions. They do not represent my views or that of my community. You do, however, represent the voice of the people who live, work and pay for this area and I need your support and your vote.

Regards, Denise DeRosa 6019 Woodacres Dr Bethesda, MD 20816

From: Sent: bill edwards <bill.edwards@gmail.com> Wednesday, November 04, 2015 5:42 PM

To:

councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.elrich@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.hucker@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.leventhal@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.riemer@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov;

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Subject:

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Sent from: bill.edwards@gmail.com

Date: 11-04-2015

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Additional Message:

Name: bill edwards

Address: 5602 newington rd.

From:

Eleanor <Hillegeiste@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, November 04, 2015 5:53 PM

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Additional Message:

The sooner the community has an updated 50 year old shopping center with green space and interesting places to gather the better we been stuck with acres of asp hate heating up our community since 30 years now. Start digging add some affordable housing and fun shopping soon. Eleanor hillegeist

Name: Eleanor

Address: 5305 Augusta st

From:

Pamela Khinda <bludvl88@gmail.com> Wednesday, November 04, 2015 5:50 PM

Sent: To:

councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.elrich@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.hucker@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.leventhal@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.riemer@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov;

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Sent from: bludv188@gmail.com

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Additional Message:

YES, We want the area brought into the 21st century! It is outdated, unsafe and unsightly. The plan proposal looks excellent though do be cognizant of traffic due to increased residential population. I am in support!

Name: Pamela Khinda

Address: 5214 Willet Bridge Court

From:

Carol rhees <Carhees@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, November 04, 2015 7:22 PM

To:

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Sent from: Carhees@gmail.com

Date: 11-05-2015

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Additional Message:

Please be aware that the opposing voices in the community are far better organized. My husband and I are long-time Springfield residents and we as well as many of our friends are enthusiastic supporters of the westward redevelopment and anxious for it to get started!

Name: Carol rhees

Address: 5801 searl terrace

From:

Mayur <Patema@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, November 04, 2015 7:55 PM

To:

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Additional Message:

I support this planned redevelopment

Name: Mayur

Address: 5115 Willet Bridge Rd

From: Sent: John S. Myseros, MD <jmyseros@gmail.com>

To:

Wednesday, November 04, 2015 8:55 PM councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov;

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Sent from: jmyseros@gmail.com

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Additional Message:

Great idea. Must be pursued for the future of this area.

Name: John S. Myseros, MD Address: 5126 Willet Bridge Road

From: Sent: Jennifer taylor <Jennyliebler@gmail.com> Wednesday, November 04, 2015 9:11 PM

Ta:

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Sent from: Jennyliebler@gmail.com

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Additional Message:

I absolutely support the redevelopment of westbard. Our neighborhood needs this kind of revitalization

Name: Jennifer taylor Address: 5608 Lamar rd

From:

Augusto tono <Architono@verizon.net> Thursday, November 05, 2015 8:24 AM

Sent: To:

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Additional Message:

IVm in support of the Westbard sector plan and the development of the area.

Name: Augusto tono

Address: 5301 Westbard circle suite 147

From:

Ellen Mundell '<ellenmundell@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, November 05, 2015 10:43 AM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Dear Ms. Marye Wells-Harley,

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Regards, Ellen Mundell 6010 Cobalt Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

MCP-Chair

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From: Joe Coleman < coleman.joe.m@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 3:28 PM

councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.elrich@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.hucker@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.leventhal@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.riemer@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov;

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Please support a Westbard plan that favors redevelopment

Subject:

Sent from: coleman.joe.m@gmail.com

Date: 11-05-2015

To:

Chair Casey Anderson and Planning Board members Montgomery County Planning Department

Dear County Council and Planning Board,

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Additional Message:

Our family, residents of Springfield for 28 years, strongly supports the redevelopment plan as presented. Its long overdue.

Name: Joe Coleman

Address: 5700 Marengo Rd

City: Bethesda Zip: 20816

From:

John Lowe < johnlowe@johhlowepc.com>
Thursday, November 05, 2015, 2:25, DM

Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 2:35 PM

To: Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject: Oppose Westbard Master Plan

Dear Mr. Norman Dreyfuss,

I do not understand how any person who has taken the time to actually think about development of Westbard after seeing daily traffic clogging of River Road, Mass. Avenue, Clara Barton Parkway, and other arteries in the Westbard community can even consider enlarging the number of residential units by more than perhaps 40% instead of the idiotic suggestion of 3300 total -- a 200% increase of residential units.

It is not lost on Westbar4d resident that no one who has been involved in this insane suggestion of 3300 units lives in our community.. Those proposing this 200% overgrowth will not have to content with it, drive in it, or live in it.

A report just came out about how our schools are already overcrowded. A 200% increase in residential units will explode that already untenable situation.

This crazy over development of 200% of residential units, if undertaken, would drop our property values because we would no longer be the beautiful residential community we all bought here to be a part of. Property values will drop and contrary to what some planners have suggested, the new influx of residents to fill the 3300 units will be a lot of young people with children -- because property values will have dropped to where they can afford the 3300 properties in our community. They will need even more schools proportionately than the current population of our community.

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Regards,
John Lowe
5920 Searl Ter
Bethesda, MD 20816

MCP-Chair

From:

Marjan ossanlou <Marjan2910@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, November 05, 2015 4:26 PM

To:

councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.elrich@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.hucker@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.leventhal@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.riemer@montgomerycountymd.gov;

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Subject:

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Sent from: Marjan2910@gmail.com

Date: 11-05-2015

To:

Chair Casey Anderson and Planning Board members Montgomery County Planning Department

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Additional Message:

Name: Marjan ossanlou

Address: 5212 ridge field road

City: Bethesda Zip: 20816

From:

Betty Croft <bjcroft4@me.com>

Sent:

Thursday, November 05, 2015 3:56 PM

To:

Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

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Regards,
Betty Croft
6014 Overlea Rd
Bethesda, MD 20816

From: Sent:

To:

Saira Sultan <ssultan04@yahoo.com> Monday, November 02, 2015 10:13 PM

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

Oppose Westbard Master Plan

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OFFICE OF THE CHAFMAN
THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Regards, Saira Sultan 6005 Gloster Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Anne Spratt <anspratt@aol.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 03, 2015 1:58 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards, Anne Spratt 5905 Woodacres Dr Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Elizabeth Bowser <smbtrade@aol.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 03, 2015 8:17 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards, Elizabeth Bowser 5807 Devonshire Dr Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Patricia Kalla <patty_kalla@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:37 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards, Patricia Kalla 5708 Gloster Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From: Massa Cressall < Massabcressall@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 4:27 PM

To: councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov;

councilmember.elrich@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.hucker@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.leventhal@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.riemer@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov;

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Wright, Gwen

Subject: Please support a Westbard plan that favors redevelopment

Sent from: Massabcressall@yahoo.com

Date: 11-04-2015

To:

Chair Casey Anderson and Planning Board members Montgomery County Planning Department

Dear County Council and Planning Board,

I support a revised Westbard Sector Plan that includes the envisioned redevelopment of Westwood Shopping Center and surrounding properties. The Westbard community will benefit from the modern retail, numerous community gathering and open spaces, enhanced environmental design, and improved connectivity this redevelopment will provide.

Additional Message:

I live in the Sumner neighborhood and I strongly support the redevelopment of the Westbard Shopping Center.

Name: Massa Cressall

Address: 4807 Fort Sumner Drive

City: Bethesda Zip: 20816

From: Sent: Deb Warsaw <Marylanddeb@yahoo.com> Wednesday, November 04, 2015 5:11 PM

To:

councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.elrich@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.hucker@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.leventhal@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.riemer@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov;

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Wright, Gwen

Subject:

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Sent from: Marylanddeb@yahoo.com

Date: 11-04-2015

To:

Chair Casey Anderson and Planning Board members Montgomery County Planning Department

Dear County Council and Planning Board,

I support a revised Westbard Sector Plan that includes the envisioned redevelopment of Westwood Shopping Center and surrounding properties. The Westbard community will benefit from the modern retail, numerous community gathering and open spaces, enhanced environmental design, and improved connectivity this redevelopment will provide.

Additional Message:

We are looking forward to a revitalized Westwood Shopping Center! It is so needed in this part of Bethesda. How wonderful would a nice living, restaurant, green space and restaurant would be! We are looking forward to this getting approved quickly!

Name: Deb Warsaw

Address: 7104 Radnor Road

City: Bethesda Zip: 20817

From: Sent: dvora gainsburg <dgainsburg@aol.com> Wednesday, November 04, 2015 7:12 PM

To:

councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.elrich@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.hucker@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.leventhal@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.riemer@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov;

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Wright, Gwen

Subject:

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Sent from: dgainsburg@aol.com

Date: 11-05-2015

To:

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Additional Message:

Westbard Center is old and tired. It is time to redo the whole center and bring it into the 21st century. There is nothing negative about updating the area, only positives. It will certainly be pleasant to shop in a modern, updated center, with more stores and a more inviting environment.

Name: dvora gainsburg Address: 6516 80th street

City: cabin john Zip: 20818

From:

Mark <mark.leas@verizon.net>

Sent:

Thursday, November 05, 2015 4:33 PM

To:

councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.elrich@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.hucker@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.leventhal@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.riemer@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov;

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Wright, Gwen

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Sent from: mark.leas@verizon.net

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Additional Message:

My family and I live near the Westbard Center and enthusiastically support the proposed improvements. We have needed a new center for years!

It would be a terrible shame if the County Council were to be swayed by the very vocal but always negative antiimprovement crowd.

Name: Mark

Address: 6215 Dahlonega Road

City: Bethesda Zip: 20816

From:

Paul Bremer < Bremerlpb@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, November 05, 2015 5:45 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards, Paul Bremer 5208 Dorset Ave Chevy Chase, MD 20815

From:

Matt kuipers < Kuipersmj@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, November 05, 2015 5:59 PM

To:

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Sent from: Kuipersmj@gmail.com

Date: 11-05-2015

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Additional Message:

I support redevelopment. It can\'t happen soon enough.

Name: Matt kuipers

Address: 6115 wynnwood rd

City: Bethesda Zip: 20816

From: Leslie George <lgeorge@stalbansschool.org>

Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 11:44 PM

To: councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov;

councilmember.elrich@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.hucker@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.leventhal@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.riemer@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov;

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Wright, Gwen

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Sent from: Igeorge@stalbansschool.org

Date: 11-06-2015

To: Montgomery County Council and Planning Board

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Additional Message:

I continue to endorce the plan to update Westbard shopping center. It is currently an eyesore and has too much underutilized space.

Name: Leslie George

Address: 5301 Westbard Cir #229

City: Bethesda Zip: 20816

From:

Gwen Porcaro <gwenporcaro@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, November 06, 2015 8:45 AM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards, Gwen Porcaro 6107 Massachusetts Ave Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Mollie Schmitz <mollie.schmitz@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, November 06, 2015 9:30 AM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards, Mollie Schmitz 5502 Parkston Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Sean Gormley <sgormley@fbr.com>

Sent:

Friday, November 06, 2015 9:56 AM

To:

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Regards, Sean Gormley 5500 Parkston Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From: Sears, Barbara A. - BAS <BSears@linowes-law.com>

Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 10:19 AM

To:MCP-Chair; Wells-Harley, Marye; Fani-Gonzalez, Natali; Dreyfuss, Norman; Presley, AmyCc:Wright, Gwen; Kronenberg, Robert; DeOcampo, Marc; Marcolin, John; Garcia, Michael;

Michael Berfield (mberfield@equityone.net); Paul, Susanne; Girard, Erin E. - EEG; Sears,

Barbara A. - BAS

Subject: Westbard - Equity One -November 6, 2015 Letter - SENT ON BEHALF OF BARBARA A.

SEARS

Attachments: 201511060934.pdf

On behalf of Equity One, attached please find a letter dated November 6, 2015 in conjunction with the upcoming Westbard work sessions. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Barbara A. Sears Linowes and Blocher LLP 7200 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 800 Bethesda, MD 20814-4842

Direct: 301.961.5157 Main: 301.654.0504 Fax: 301.654.2801

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EQUITY ONE INC.

410 Park Avenue, Suite 1220 New York, NY 10022 (212) 796-1742

November 6, 2015

Mr. Casey Anderson, Chair, and
Members of the Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re:

Outline of Equity One, Inc.'s Requests for Revisions to the August 2015 Public Hearing Draft ("Hearing Draft") of the Westbard Sector Plan ("Sector Plan") for Planning Board Review at November 19, 2015 Worksession

Dear Chairman Anderson and Members of the Planning Board:

On behalf of Equity One, I want to thank the Board and staff for the attention and effort that have gone into the Sector Pfan review process to date. We recognize that there is a diversity of opinion regarding development in Westbard and believe the draft plan makes significant progress in crafting a vision that best accommodates these opinions while promoting the public interest. We recognize (as do many of the stakeholders involved) that Equity One's properties¹ represent the majority of the land area most likely to be redeveloped in the immediate future and provide the greatest opportunity to realize significant elements of the Sector Plan's vision. Specifically, redevelopment of the Equity One properties provides the best opportunity to produce substantial affordable housing, new civic space, green parks and public plazas, improvements to transportation via a direct shuttle to Metro and/or road modifications, vital enhancements to storm-water management, and outstanding design elements that will create a vibrant pedestrian experience. We are excited to partner with the County in helping to realize these benefits.

However, we remain concerned that certain components of the Sector Plan as currently drafted will present significant obstacles to our ability to redevelop these properties as necessary to provide the accompanying benefits, either by adding significant layers of regulatory approvals, limiting our ability to respond to market demands, or requiring off-site investments above and beyond the benefits outlined above that are more than the project could bear. We have outlined the majority of these concerns in detail in our prior letters dated July 2, September 3 and October 1, 2015. Accordingly, in anticipation of the November and December worksessions, we are summarizing these issues and again asking that they be addressed as requested to ensure that we are able to move forward so that significant portions of the Sector Plan may become reality.

Equity's properties are located along Westbard Avenue and Ridgefield Road within District 1 and includes Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. See Figure 3.1.1 on page 63 of the Hearing Draft.

Mr. Casey Anderson, Chair, and Members of the Montgomery Co. Planning Board November 6, 2015 Page 2 of 4

Height and Density

- Equalizing the commercial and residential density caps for the Westwood Shopping
 Center property (Parcels 1 and 2 in District 1) at 1.25 FAR while retaining the total FAR at 2.0 to provide sufficient commercial FAR within the overall FAR cap of 2.0.
- . Modify the maximum heights for select Equity properties as detailed below:
 - Increase the maximum height for the residential area on Parcel 1 to 60 feet (as opposed to the 50 feet shown in the Hearing Draft).
 - Adjust the height limitation for the commercial areas located on Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 to 60 feet across the entire site (as opposed to the 75 feet on the southern edge of the property and 50 feet on the remainder shown in the Hearing Draft).
 - Increase the maximum height for Parcel 3 (Manor Care) to 55 feet (as opposed to the 50 feet shown in the Hearing Draft).
 - Increase the maximum height for Parcel 4 (Westwood II) to 125 feet (as opposed to the 50 feet shown in the Hearing Draft).
 - Increase the maximum height for Parcel 7 (Bowlmor) to 150 feet (as opposed to the 75 feet shown in the Hearing Draft).

Clarification of Plan Priorities and Public Benefits

 Clearly list the potential public benefit choices for an optional method project, including any recommended priorities and site-specific requirements. For Equity's properties, specify these as provided in <u>Exhibit 1</u> (previously submitted and attached) and conform the priorities outlined on pages 8, 10-12, 63-66, and 88-89, 93 of the Hearing Draft accordingly.

Transportation

- Ensure that the proposed improvements to Westbard Avenue allow for the existing
 utilities to stay in their current locations. The proposed cross-section shown in Figure
 2.3.3 would require complete relocation of utilities at a cost of over nine million dollars
 for this work alone. As an illustration, a possible alternative cross-section leaving
 utilities in place and providing all other desired improvements was previously submitted
 and is attached for your consideration as Exhibit 2.
- Allow for more flexibility as it related to the dimensions of internal streets on Equity.
 One's property allowing these dimensions to be determined at time of plan review,

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rather than providing in the Sector Plan that the width from building face to building face should be 65 feet. See pages 34, 63.

- Eliminate the reference to a possible vehicular connection through the parking lot controlled by HOC and Equity One which is currently envisioned to be developed by HOC and to significantly increase the supply of affordable housing in the Sector Plan area. See page 34.
- Modify the language regarding Transportation Demand Management on pages 25-26 and 39
 of the Draft to make clear that measures would be approved as part of plan review and not as
 separate agreements with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation.
 Accordingly, we suggest that the language on pages 25-26 be modified as follows:

"...this Plan recommends that developments participate in Transportation Demand Management (TOM) programs, to be selected and implemented through the Development Plan Review process, which will increase efficiency within the transportation network by reducing reliance on single-occupancy vehicles during the most congested periods. While selected programs may be coordinated with MCDOT, it is intended that the programs be incorporated in the approved preliminary or site plan and applicants would not be required to execute separate transportation demand management agreements."

Willett Branch

- Do not recommend the daylighting of Willett Branch across the Westwood II property (Parcel 4 in District 1).
- Ensure flexibility regarding the imposition of any stream valley buffers on the
 Westwood II property and HOC property (Parcel 5 in District 1). It is very important
 that language be added to the Sector Plan to clearly provide that stream valley buffers
 will be modified at the time of plan review to accommodate the anticipated
 redevelopment of the Westwood II and HOC properties and limitations to the buffers
 created by existing development be recognized.
- Realistically describe and illustrate the anticipated renovation of Willett Branch to allow the continued use of concrete channel across the Westwood II property and the use and creative treatment of existing and future engineered channels along the HOC property while also providing accessible, attractive and connecting walkable greenways.
- Allow for the grant of public use easements for improvements within the stream buffer.

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Open Spaces

 Modify the language relating to the size of the Westbard Civic Green and Springfield Neighborhood Green Urban Park on pages 41, 46, 64, 88 and 90 to read that these spaces are recommended to be "approximately 0.5 acre in size, or such lesser area as is determined appropriate by the Planning Board at the time of plan review, considering the quality of the spaces provided".

Thank you for your attention to these requests. I look forward to discussing them with you further at your November 19th worksession. In the meantime, if you have any questions, or would like any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerety,

Wichael Berfield

Executive Vice President

Attachments

cc:

Gwen Wright
Robert Kronenberg
Marc DeOcampo
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Mike Garcia
Barbara Sears, Esq.
Erin Girard, Esq.

Westbard Sector Plan Improvements and Optional Method Public Benefits For Equity One Properties 1

Required for Sketch Plan Approval for Equity One Properties ²	Desired Public Benefits*	Public Sector Improvements
Central Civic Green on Westwood Shopping Center site (Parcels 1 and 2)	Realign Westbard Avenue and Ridgefield Road*	Realign Westbard Avenue and Ridgefield Road (see footnote 3)
 Springfield urban park at intersection of realigned Westbard Avenue and Ridgefield Road⁵ (Parcel 1) 	Restore Willet Branch as an amenity on those parcels adjacent to the stream	Restore Willet Branch as a stream amenity and provide pedestrian trail connector to Westbard
 Westbard Avenue streetscape frontage improvements, per Equity One's cross-section 	Provide a private shuttle between Westbard and Metro	Undergrounding of public utilities
	Provide a civic space in the Westwood Shopping Center redevelopment	• Transit hub on or near Parcels 1 and 2
	Provide a pedestrian/bicycle	

The listing of public benefits below does not prevent an applicant for an optional method project from obtaining public benefits otherwise available pursuant to Sections 59.A.4.7.2 and 59.A.4.7.3 of the Zoning Ordinance. ² These improvements are required to be included in an overall sketch plan for the Equity One properties. Public benefit points will be permitted for their inclusion in the project.

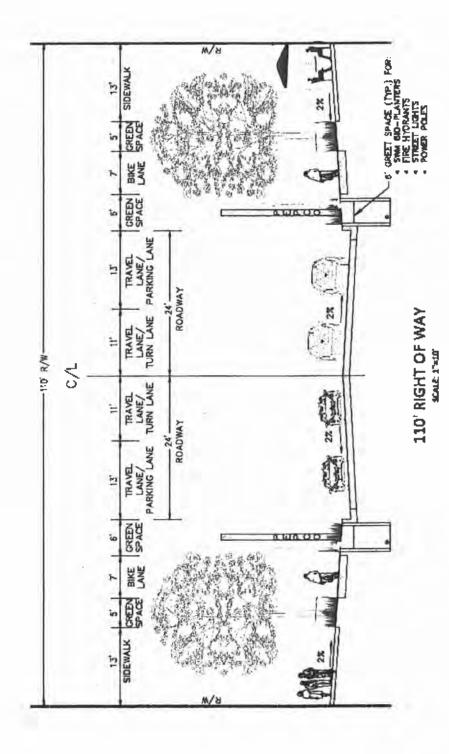
Recommended as options for inclusion in a sketch plan for public benefit points.

This is a public sector project that may be constructed by an applicant as part of a project. Construction by an applicant or the county *Development of Parcels 3 and 4, or other Equity One properties, is not contingent upon the construction of the road realignment. is not required for development to proceed on the Equity One properties.

⁵ Final area of Springfield urban park will be affected by whether Westbard Avenue and Ridgefield Road are realigned and, accordingly, the existing right-of-way area at Ridgefield Road and Westbard Avenue included in the park.

link to connect future development on American Plant Food/ Roof Center properties	(Parcel 5)	 Provide bikeshare facilities 	 Provide small business 	opportunities in the retail areas	Include moderately priced	dwelling units in excess of	12.5%. Consider other	affordable housing opportunities	 Remove and reforest linear 	parking area on Manor Care site	(Parcel 3) adjacent to River	Road

ALTERNATE 110 FEET RIGHT-OF-WAY SECTION



From:

Sent:

Terry Radigan <mrr5508@yahoo.com> Thursday, November 05, 2015 8:33 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

Oppose Westbard Master Plan



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Regards,
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Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 9:28 PM

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Wright, Gwen

Subject: Please support a Westbard plan that favors redevelopment

Sent from: rbgarside@yahoo.com

Date: 11-06-2015

To: Montgomery County Council and Planning Board

Dear County Council and Planning Board,

I support a revised Westbard Sector Plan that includes the envisioned redevelopment of Westwood Shopping Center and surrounding properties. The Westbard community will benefit from the modern retail, numerous community gathering and open spaces, enhanced environmental design, and improved connectivity this redevelopment will provide.

Additional Message:

I strongly support a revised Westbard Sector plan!!!! Fingers crossed that the plan will move forward. We, and all our neighbors in Sumner, are strongly in support of the project successfully coming to fruition!

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Address: 4800 Fort Sumner Drive

City: Bethesda Zip: 20816

From:

najwa bayrakdar <najoie@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Friday, November 06, 2015 9:17 PM

To:

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Sent from: najoie@yahoo.com

Date: 11-07-2015

To: Montgomery County Council and Planning Board

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Additional Message: I support it full heatedly

Name: najwa bayrakdar Address: 5108 52nd st nw

City: washington dc

Zip: 20016

From: Patricia Fisher <psfisher1019@cs.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 2:07 PM

To: Wells-Harley, Marye

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Regards,
Patricia Fisher
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Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Cynda Wilcox < cyndawilcox@comcast.net >

Sent:

Saturday, November 07, 2015 4:58 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

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Regards, Cynda Wilcox 5129 Baltan Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Carolyn Gwadz <cgwadz@4thpres.org>

Sent:

Saturday, November 07, 2015 8:20 PM

To:

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Regards, Carolyn Gwadz 5101 River Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Liesl Nottingham < lk.nottingham@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 08, 2015 8:49 AM

To:

Subject:

Wells-Harley, Marye
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Regards, Liesl Nottingham 5101 River Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

From:

Pamela Griffin <pjtmcape@aol.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 08, 2015 12:46 PM

To:

Wells-Harley, Marye

Subject:

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Regards,
Pamela Griffin
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From:

Aliandra Starre <aliandrakstarre@verizon.net>

Sent:

Sunday, November 08, 2015 6:56 PM

To:

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Regards,
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From: mickie Simpson <mickie.extra@verizon.net>

Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 9:44 PM

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Wright, Gwen

Subject: Please support a Westbard plan that favors redevelopment

Sent from: mickie.extra@verizon.net

Date: 11-09-2015

To: Montgomery County Council and Planning Board

Dear County Council and Planning Board,

I support a revised Westbard Sector Plan that includes the envisioned redevelopment of Westwood Shopping Center and surrounding properties. The Westbard community will benefit from the modern retail, numerous community gathering and open spaces, enhanced environmental design, and improved connectivity this redevelopment will provide.

Additional Message:

We need to support smart growth, and clustering development and housing is the right way to do it. Plus, the current shopping center is such and eyesore and so useless and covered with so much impermeable surface that it\'s doing more harm than good as it is - if anyplace ever needed redevelopment, it\'s that Westbard area.

Name: mickie Simpson Address: 22 Wellesley Circle

City: Glen Echo Zip: 20812

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THEMARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
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From:

Emily Best <mybeste92@gmail.com> Monday, November 09, 2015 9:46 AM

To:

Sent:

Dreyfuss, Norman

Subject:

Oppose Westbard Master Plan

Dear Mr. Norman Dreyfuss,

I am very concerned about the Proposed Westbard Sector Master Plan being developed by the Montgomery County Planning Department. I would like to make sure that pedestrian safety is a high priority in my area's development. I watched the new townhouses go up on Little Falls Parkway, but noticed there was no compensating infrastructure by the developer for sidewalks or traffic changes. I feel a great opportunity for financing pedestrian safety was lost.

Yes, change is coming, so help those of us who love our neighborhoods feel that our needs are being assessed and looked after. The developer for Westward should be held responsible for the financing of as many necessary changes due to their plans for such a dramatic increase in residential and commercial units.

Please limit the plan to protect all of the people who will live here, downsizing the height of the buildings and the numbers of residential units allowed. Do we really need to designate Westward as an Urban area? I voted for you to represent my voice and those of the people who live, work and pay for this area. I rely on your best assessments for the interests of my community and hope to see your actions protect all of us who live in the area.

Regards, Emily Best 5317 Wakefield Rd Bethesda, MD 20816

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL

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From:

Sent:

Tiago Soromenho < tiago.soromenho@gmail.com>

Monday, November 09, 2015 10:04 PM

To:

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Wright, Gwen

Subject:

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Sent from: tiago.soromenho@gmail.com

Date: 11-10-2015

To: Montgomery County Council and Planning Board

Dear County Council and Planning Board,

I support a revised Westbard Sector Plan that includes the envisioned redevelopment of Westwood Shopping Center and surrounding properties. The Westbard community will benefit from the modern retail, numerous community gathering and open spaces, enhanced environmental design, and improved connectivity this redevelopment will provide.

Additional Message:

The current Westwood center is a blight in our community. It makes the neighborhood look cheap and ghetto-like. A new, updated, Westwood center would increase Housing value, by adding entertainment and eating out options that are less chaotic than downtown Bethesda. The additional revenues would help our schools and roads. This redevelopment is highly needed!

Name: Tiago Soromenho Address: 6000 Lenox Rd

City: Bethesda Zip: 20817

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From:

Joe Kelly <joekelly@royco-wb.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 10:28 AM

To:

MCP-Chair

Subject:

Marcolin, John Westbard Sector Plan Comments

Attachments:

planning commission letter 11-10-15.pdf

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL.
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Dear Chairman Anderson,

Attached is a letter which highlights important concerns that we have regarding the current draft of the Westbard Sector Plan and our property, the Whole Foods site. We thank you in advance for your consideration of the points raised in our letter and are available at any time to discuss our concerns and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Joe Kelly

Joseph J. Kelly, President Royco, Inc. 8121 Georgia Ave. Suite 500 Silver Spring, MD 20910 301-608-2212 301-608-2214(Fax)

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8121 Georgia Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-608-2212

November 10, 2015 Mr. Casey Anderson, Chairman Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD. 20910

RE: Westbard Sector Plan Comments

Dear Chairman Anderson:

We appreciate the efforts of the Planning Staff and thank them for a professional approach to tackle a difficult task. We understand the need to have comprehensive guidelines to ensure the successful growth and changes that will occur to this portion of Montgomery County in the future.

Royco and its founder have owned the Kenwood Station (Whole Foods) property since 1934. We are concerned about the future of Westbard and the new plans effect on our property. Our business plan is to own this property as a single income producing asset far into the future. We are concerned that sometime in the next twenty years we may contemplate improvements to the property that require Planning Commission approval and that request could trigger performance requirements that will make the improvements otherwise unachievable.

The plan as drafted in Section 3.2, "River Road Corridor", contemplates that there will be a consolidation of ownership of the various parcels. This key assumption may never occur. Accordingly, we recommend that the opening language in this

section include wording to make it clear to all that the recommendations in this section are intended to apply when assemblages occur and not to individual land parcels that may come before the Planning Board. Further, it is most important that the Board consider language in the Plan that embraces flexibility and accommodation on a site-by-site basis when individual development scenarios do occur as—every site is different, and specific requirements for *all* sites may prove to be a disincentive to owners' redevelopment activity.

Section 3.2.2 of the Sector Plan calls for very deliberate and specific public open space to be located on the Whole Foods parking lot.

From the Draft Sector Plan:

Much of the Whole Foods parking lot is within the 100-foot stream and flood plain buffer for the Willett Branch Stream. Since future development cannot take place within such a buffer, a community open space is recommended with the following features:

- Level, open grassy areas for a variety of informal recreational activities
- A minimum of 10,000 square feet, with 60 feet of width.

The Public Space requirement takes up a minimum of 8.5% of the total site area of Whole Foods site. The Sector Plan draws a conclusion that any area in the flood plain should immediately be considered for park space. However, it is unclear without a true survey how much property *is* within the flood plain. Additionally, as a small and irregularly shaped site, development scenarios might be better served by considering flood plain areas for support spaces - circulation, driveway entries, or even structured parking. We therefore request that language relating to the Open Space be modified and that it recognizes the needs of the land owner in addition to other uses such as open grassy areas etc.

The illustration for the River Road Corridor, embedded in the Sector Plan, shows a reasonable-looking development plan and open space, ONLY IF lot consolidation and property assembly occurs on adjacent sites. If the Whole Foods site is developed on its own, the open space becomes a much more considerable factor in determining future plausible development scenarios.

We recommend re-consideration of the location and size of this open space. The minimum of 10,000 square feet should be changed to a range of 5,000 to 10,000 square feet. The area directly north of the triangular-shaped parcel has immediate access to Lawn Way, the Capital Crescent Trail and has a shape that is not development friendly. A space in that area could provide a more accessible and community-oriented open space away from River Road. Further, consider that the entirety of Willetts Creek exists on private residential property on much of its course through this portion of the River Road Corridor. It is unreasonable to assume that properties that are *outside* the creek's boundaries, like the Whole Foods site, should bear the burden of easements, buffers or other restrictions when *other* properties that include the entire creek width, do not.

We are available at any time to discuss these comments and welcome the opportunity to do so

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Kelly

President

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL

PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

From:

Pamela Bailey <pamela.bailey39@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 3:02 PM

To:

MCP-Chair

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Subject:

Fwd: Kenwood Citizens Association

Attachments:

Kenwood Nov 5 Letter 111015.pdf

The Kenwood Citizens Association submits these supplemental comments to its prior oral and written testimony on the Westbard Sector Plan.

Kenwood Citizens Association

November 10, 2015

MCP-Chair@MNCPPC-mc.org

Chair Casey Anderson and Members of the Board Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

RE: Westbard Sector Plan

Dear Chair Anderson and Members of the Board:

The Kenwood Citizens Association ("KCA") submits these supplemental comments to its prior oral and written testimony. This letter focuses on a few of KCA's many concerns addressed previously. Through these comments, we hope the Board will make changes to the draft plan to mitigate our concerns so that KCA can support the plan rather than oppose it in contentious and drawn-out proceedings before the Council.

1. Incompatibility of Proposed Development at the "edges", near existing single <u>family</u> detached home and townhouse communities

Good land use planning and long-standing County policy require compatibility of new commercial development next to established residential communities. Accordingly, the draft plan adopts as a basic concept "preserving compatibility with adjacent residential uses". Draft Plan 18. However, the draft plan proposes incompatible development. For example:

- a. Manor Care Site This site is located within the single family detached home Springfield community, zoned R-60, and across the River Road from the single family detached home Kenwood community. The proposed development calls for townhouses 50 feet tall (with the Equity One asking for even greater height) which is incompatible with the 35 foot R-60 height limit. Further, the 50 foot height limit of the CRT zone can be raised 8 feet in height as a matter of right merely by constructing a roof top deck and structure. Section 4.1.7.C.3.c. Exacerbating this incompatibility is the extraordinary proposal that commercial uses be expanded to cross the Ridgefield Road dividing line and be located within the heretofore solely residential Springfield community. Thus, the CRT zone for Manor Care permits a commercial FAR of .25. If the commercial use proposed is due to the CRT zone requiring at least a commercial .25 FAR, a townhouse zone should be adopted rather than CRT or a footnote added to the Sector Plan stating clearly that any commercial use is to be precluded and the height of townhouses lowered to 35 feet.
- b. Parcel 002 (draft plan p.73) The site protrudes directly into the Kenwood community at Lawn Way. The site was developed under a zone with a 42 foot height limit and contains a very large storage building totally incompatible with the Kenwood homes. The draft plan proposes to raise the height to 50 feet and provides for townhouses with .25 commercial FAR. Again, the height should be lowered to 35 feet and any commercial use precluded which can be accomplished by a townhouse zone rather than CRT.

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- c. <u>Kenwood Shopping Center (Whole Foods)</u> This shopping center is located adjacent to single-family detached homes in Kenwood on one side and townhouses on another side. It was developed under zoning which permitted a maximum height of 40 feet. Even the 40 foot height creates an unaesthetically, incompatible effect. Nevertheless, the draft plan proposes a height of 75 feet. The height should be reduced to a maximum of 40 feet.
- d. <u>Westbard Avenue Site Near Existing Townhouses</u> The draft plan recommends the CRT zone with a 50 foot height limit near the existing townhouse communities on Westbard Avenue and Crown Street. Park Bethesda is seeking greater height. Again, compatibility requires a maximum height of 35 feet.

2. The Proposed Development and uses are incompatible with the Plan's purpose of a Neighborhood Shopping Center

The purpose of the proposed plan – as requested by area residents and required by good planning – is for Westbard to continue to serve, and be redeveloped, as a suburban neighborhood shopping center, i.e., to serve the needs of the neighborhood. It is <u>not</u> intended as a "downtown" or regional center, i.e., a destination point for persons from a wide geographic area. Two nearby "downtown" or regional centers, Friendship Heights and Bethesda, are close by and another destination center is not needed or wanted. Therefore, the Plan states:

- "Currently the Westbard Sector Plan area is a retail activity center for neighborhood goods and services." Draft Plan 18.
- "...small locally owned businesses add local flavor to the area and promote community identity." Draft Plan 18.
- "The neighborhood scale and amenities of Westbard are retained...." Draft Plan 67.
- "The ... Plan recommends that new development should (Draft Plan 18):

Reserve space for small independent retailers in 500 square foot to 1,000 square foot range"

"Encourage independent retailers through optional development methods in the CR and ... CRT zones...."

The implementation provisions of the Plan are inconsistent with and defeat the Plan's basic purpose of a neighborhood shopping center.

- a. The proposed height and density permitted will create an urban downtown environment. For example, the 3.0 FAR and 75 foot height buildings lining River Road have a "canyon" effect typical of a downtown, not a suburban, neighborhood center. Both height and density need to be lowered.
- b. Although the Plan recognizes that an essential feature of a neighborhood shopping center is small independent retail stores and service providers, there is absent any provision to assure the continuation of such establishments. A low limit on the square footage of stores (with some exceptions, e.g., grocery store, drug store, health club) is necessary to prevent the Westbard area from becoming another regional center with large chain stores, etc. The square footage should be limited by such means as express language in the Plan governing optional

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method of development and if this is insufficient, by a Zoning Text Amendment providing for such limitations. We note that the very successful Kenwood Shopping Center has a 5,000 sq. foot limit on retail stores (other than a grocery store – Whole Foods). Similarly, to assure uses to service the neighborhood, e.g., cleaners, barber shops, deli, bakery, etc., provisions must be added that will require the developer to implement specified uses.

c. We recognize that permitting development of a larger scale than appropriate for a neighborhood shopping center may be less profitable for a developer so a developer is less likely to be able to fund a large public amenity. However, the concept that larger sized development results in major public amenities is a theoretical only. All too frequently, the developer gets to build on a greater scale, but the proposed amenity never materializes. Already at this early stage, for example, Equity One is seeking buildings of greater height while simultaneously opposing implementation of the daylighting of Willett Branch Creek. At a minimum any proposal to permit development of a property in the Westbard Sector Plan area to a scale beyond what is appropriate for a neighborhood shopping center, which KCA opposes, must be conditioned in a binding manner upon the developer's providing the proffered public amenities.

3. Gas Stations

The existing gas stations in the Westbard Sector Plan area meet a need not only for the Westbard neighborhood, but a large portion of the down county area. This need has become more critical with the closure of most (soon to be all?) gas stations in the Bethesda CBD. Requiring residents to commute long distances to get gas is not only inconvenient, but adds needless trips to the already congested roads as well as pollution. The Plan contains no zone or other provision which will require a continuation of at least several of the existing gas stations.

4. New Road

We strongly endorse the plan's recommendation for a new road connecting Westbard Avenue and River Road. Draft Plan, e.g. 34, 73. This is essential as access from River Road to the existing Westbard shopping center via Ridgefield Road is currently inadequate and very congested. With the greatly increased amount of development, a relief roadway is necessary.

5. Cost of Realignment of Ridgefield Road

Equity One has requested, and the Plan provides for the realignment of Ridgefield Road. This realignment provides a "grand entrance" to Equity One's redeveloped shopping center, and permits Equity One to have much more development on the Manor Care site. KCA is strongly opposed to and is outraged that the developer is calling for, and the Plan does not reject, the taxpayers to pay for this expensive realignment for Equity One's benefit.

6. Impact on Adjacent Residential Areas

The draft plan does not evaluate (or even mention) the potential impact of the new development on the adjacent residential areas, such as cut through traffic aesthetics, noise, light, etc. As a planning document, the impacts on the adjacent neighborhoods should be analyzed prior to any decision on the amount of development, zoning and uses.

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7. Impact on Schools

We find the "analysis "of the impact on schools to be totally deficient as to actual capacity to satisfy the demand. The formula used by the planning staff claims that the 910 new residential units to be built at Westbard within the next five years will only yield a total of 162 students from grades K-12. If you consider the reality that a substantial number of these units will be moderately priced housing and that it is unclear as to whether these are 1, 2 or 3 bedroom units, we find that formula seriously unrealistic and highly flawed. The MCPS system is not prepared for, nor does it have the capacity or budgeted money for this added demand.

Kenwood Citizens Association thanks the Board members for their consideration of its views.

Respectfully submitted,

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However, my support is conditioned on the following: that the new Westbard Sector Plan limit building heights to 50 feet and keep the total number of residential units at the existing limitation of 1,684. Allocate to Equity One the entire budget of 580 new residential units that may constructed under the current plan for the Westbard Sector.

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