

June 29 Community Advisory Committee

Attendees: Al Muller, David Lewis, Mike Dorsey, Melanie White, Sheila Footer, Karin Liva, Ron Sallerson, Mary McMahon, Michael Mezy, Robert Parker, David Cohen, Stephanie Chak, Chris Mullaney, G. Vike Vicente, Bob Schwarzbart

Discussion:

- Parcel 6
 - The need to establish a desired vision for the parcel prior to developer acquisition completion was discussed
 - Options discussed included:
 - Removal of single-family houses, preservation of greenspace on North Park and encouragement of development along Willard. This would limit the maximum building height, the base elevation of which is established from the front of a building.
 - A general focus on low-rise development and park space
 - The potential that the Estrada property could receive protection as a historical property was discussed. A councilmember indicated that council has been informed that it would not be beneficial for the council to seek such designation.
- Villages concept
 - Currently reviewing results of survey
 - 65-85 age bracket contains the greatest number of those who identified as being willing to volunteer
- Pedestrian safety
 - Better lighting on Willard
 - Lighting for dangerous crosswalks
 - Possibilities include a lit sign by the crosswalk or in-street lighting along the crosswalk
- Communication
 - Newsletter should have site prominently displayed
- Strategic Planning Subcommittee
 - Meeting to be held in July to winnow down SWOT list. This will help develop a mission statement draft.

Motions carried:

- Request that council cause the village website URL to be displayed on the front page of the village newsletter. Example text could read: "Visit us at www.friendshipheightsmd.gov"
- Request that council preserve the fish tanks in the Village Center reading room.

Upcoming meetings:

- The next meeting will be held on September 21 at 6 PM
- The Strategic planning subcommittee will meet on July 19th at 5PM in 4601 Willard Avenue