

## Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights

Minutes of the Meeting of February 15, 2017: Next Meeting: March 15, 2017

### ATTENDEES:

Brookdale	Bob Cope, Mariel Goetz, Mikel Moore
Chevy Chase West	Lloyd Guerci
Chevy Chase Village	
Drummond	
Friendship Heights	Melanie White, John Mertens Mike Dorsey, Norman Knopf
Glen Echo Heights	Harry Pfohl
Green Acres-Glen Cove	
Kenwood (the subdivision)	Jenny Sue Dunner, Pat Johnson
Kenwood House Coop	Judy Throckmorton, Jean Iker
Kenwood Condominium	Sue Schumacher
Kenwood Place Condo	
Somerset	Marnie Shaul, John Frink, Jeffrey Slavin
Springfield	Phyllis Edelman
Sumner	Sid Clemans, Diane Schwager
Sumner Village Condo	
Westmoreland Hills	
Westbard Mews	Lynne Battle
Westwood Mews	Frank Anderson
Wood Acres	Eric Fedowitz,

Guests: Jennifer O'Keefe (Website), Laurene Sherlock (Sumner Square)

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Mr. Guerci called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. The Agenda for the Meeting was approved with the addition of the membership of Friendship Heights Village. The Minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 2017 were approved.

ADMISSION OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS: Mr. Knopf

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Friendship Heights Village was involved in the formation of CCCFH in 1972, but withdrew during the 1980's, but now wishes to rejoin. Its admission was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

**BETHESDA DOWNTOWN PLAN:** Mr. Guerci

Information is becoming available on Marriott's planned move to Bethesda. Marriott is expecting numerous employees to commute using vehicles. The County would lease the County's Woodmont Corner garage to Marriott on weekdays. In addition, residents have a vision on parking lots. Residents from East Bethesda and the Town of Chevy Chase hope to see parking lots on the east side of the Bethesda plan area become parks.

The draft Bethesda downtown plan and associated Bethesda overlay ZTA are before the County Council. The Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee has held one session. The draft plan would map heights but would not provide for density beyond that allowed in the existing plan. It would provide for an owner/developer to obtain additional density through several mechanisms. There would be a cap on total new density, which was not debated by the PHED Committee. But who gets density and how is controversial. The Committee did not appear to be receptive to a mechanism involving priority sending sites and receiving sites. It did seem receptive to the concept of the developer buying density from the county which could then use the funds for parks. There were also concerns that development, which would occur where a developer is ready to proceed, would not occur in preferred locations. Height restrictions would be important and the plan has higher heights near the Metro. The next session of the PHED Committee will be on transportation on February 27, 2017.

**WESTBARD:** Mr. Guerci

The Planning Board will hold a hearing on Equity One's revised sketch plan on February 23, 2017. Various issues of interest to CCCFH and its members were discussed for inclusion in CCCFH's forthcoming letter to the Planning Board and in testimony, as well as who might address those issues. Among the issues are the square footage ceiling that should be

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generally approved in light of the planning staff's recommended carve out of the HOC/Westwood Towers site, residential units in buildings on the Westwood I site (other than the townhouses), building heights in light of MPDUs above 12.5%, distribution of MPDUs, and amenities. As to amenities, there were discussions on the stream valley buffer, work proposed for the Westwood II site and the significant and problematic reduction of the buffer behind the Bowlmor site. Also, the civic green is too small and the connectivity is lacking between Westwood I and the Capital Crescent Trail.

ROOFTOP TERRACES: Mr. Knopf

On March 27, 2017, the PHED Committee will take up the ZTA concerning rooftop terraces. Mr. Knopf, Ms. Battle and Ms. Johnson will discuss addressing the issue.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Schumacher

The report was received.

MCCF: Ms. Schumacher

The last meeting involved a review of the Public School Board of Education Budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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