

January 4 Community Advisory Committee meeting

Attendees: David Lewis, Al Muller, Barbara Turlington, Eleanor Neiman, Hal Morrison, David Cohen, Karin Liva, Sheila Footer, Michael Mezey, Bob Parker, Mike Dorsey, Nadja Ruzica, Peg Downey, Melanie White, Clara Lovett, Sean Moaadel, Alex Kielty, Marcia Kozub

- Old Business
 - Trees at 5550: Julian has reported that the property manager for 5550 Friendship Blvd indicated that trees removed from the property have been replaced, but the manager is confirming this fact.
 - Al: Trees do not appear to have been replaced
 - Clump of 3 trees on slope from N park to front door
 - Clump of 2-3 trees near patio
 - Peg: 5550 seemed to have staff looking at trees outside their property. It would be good to learn if they discovered any issues in this review.
 - Pedestrian Crosswalk signs
 - Staff is looking at alternatives, not total removal
 - Parking signs
 - Current signs include language that describes the zone rules clearly
 - Peg: It could be useful for the Village to share with businesses parking information on our website, including parking lots within walking distance
 - Draft of strategic vision
- Discussion
 - Brighton Gardens: Some concern was expressed to the representatives from Brighton Gardens about trash disposal practices at the building
 - Karen: there is also trash discarded behind Brighton Gardens on the side close to Somerset, some of which may be discarded by parkers in the area.
 - Fedex / UPS trucks parked in no-parking areas on Willard
 - David Cohen: Perhaps parking spaces could be set aside for them (discuss with County?)
 - Parcel 6
 - Are there any updates?
 - Development plans on Wisconsin N. of Bradley:
 - Impacts on our neighborhood
 - Could this be a precursor on development plans in Parcel 6 or GEICO?
 - Clara Lovett: Intends to request that a Council member review and explain the Bethesda plan to the community at a future meeting
 - Interested in requesting that county staff attend a future meeting of Council
 - Mike Dorsey: Westbard development is another significant change, and clearly there is a possibility of greater development coming to our area
 - Bob Parker
 - The trend is that developers have significant power, government bodies such as the Council could have more influence with the planning board than individual citizens

- Sibley Hospital - Aging in Place expo lists participating Maryland villages; Friendship Heights was not included. Why not?
 - The “villages” listed is a list of “Villages concept” villages, not Villages such as Friendship Heights
 - Thank you to the Mayor and Council for the invitation to the Staff/Volunteer Appreciation dinner.
 - Sean Moadel
 - 9/10 commercial condo units committed in the condo on the corner of Shoemaker and N Park
 - 4 sold
 - 5 contingent contract
 - Pink house—leaves not raked; shed needs to be locked to secure doors
- Next Meeting
 - Council meeting: 2/13/2017
 - CAC meeting 2/8/2017 @ 5:30 PM