

CAC Meeting, April 1, 2025

Members attending:

Ken Niles, Chair

Evan Smith, Vice Chair

Bill Corey, Cameron Moody, Ethel Pacheco, David Churchill, Sandra Schwarzbart, Paul Brown, Al Muller

Cheryl Tyler, Council Liaison.

Members Absent:

Stephanie Clipper

Bill Lewis

Nonmembers attending:

Roy Schaeffer, Council Treasurer

John Conlow

**Topic One:** Ad Hoc Development Committee meeting of March 27: With approximately 60 residents in attendance, a summary of main points were made by Atara Margolies, Montgomery County Lead Planner for the Friendship Heights Sector Plan. She reviewed the present status of the Sector Plan, including: the unlikely historic designation of the GEICO building and the timeline for major planning elements, including the 'visionary period' (where inclusion of amenities will be developed); she stated that she currently welcomes new ideas regarding amenities from our community—the amenities period will proceed for several months. A brief discussion of the CAC plan, previously approved unanimously, followed.

**Topic Two:** Discussion of the 8 proposals for redevelopment of Chevy Chase Commons on Connecticut Avenue, including modernization of the current library and increased high rise residential buildings. These proposals offer examples of what redevelopment could look like at the GEICO site.

**Topic Three:** Roundtable update from the buildings: It was noted that the Montgomery County Council considered this Tuesday afternoon a proposed modification of the Bethesda Sector Plan to allow greater density in certain areas. The modification also includes certain provisions to encourage the inclusion of possible new amenities, explicitly noting a possible new recreation center. Also noted was an HVAC Project controversy in 4620; new boilers and a new Manager in the Elizabeth; the major renovation at Willard Towers is on hold; a desire for a community theatre; and an unknown completion date for Page Park.

Resident John Conlow presented his suggestions for a five year more detailed Capital Budget.

The next and last meeting of the current CAC: **May 6 at 5 pm.**