

# Town of University Park

## Report of Meeting Development Overview Committee

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Conference Room

University Park Town Hall

6724 Baltimore Avenue

**In Attendance:** Corey Tucker, Committee Member, Arlene Christiansen, Committee Member; John Tabori, Committee Member; Brad Hess, Council Member, Ward 3 and Committee Member; Len Carey, Mayor and *ex officio* Committee Member; Joe Thompson, Council Member, Ward 1 and Committee Member (Temporary Chair); Sarah Starrett, Committee Member; Roy Alvarez, Council Member, Ward 7 and Committee Chair (arrived at 8:15 PM)

**Absent:** Colin Phillips, Committee Member (excused)

### 1. Discussion of DOC Report to the Town Residents

How to share information that comes through the Development Overview Committee and to share it with interested residents in tracking what is going on.

- Having a forum or an informal gathering for residents to attend and catch up on what is going on with various projects.
- A possible piece in the newsletter or on the website on various projects.
- Provide a timeline of all the developments.
- Scan documents and have them available.
- Include in the newsletter a synopsis of what goes on at the monthly DOC meeting.
- A bulleted list of the projects within a mile of University Park with a link to show where detailed information can be found.
- A map showing where projects are located which will include the name of the project and the link to the developers' webpage.

Mr. Hess agreed to create a map with a list of projects that are taking place within a one mile radius of University Park. Mr. Thompson will add the necessary language to the list. This information will be placed in the newsletter and/or the town website.

### 2. Discussion of Hyattsville Library Design Meeting held on June 15, 2015

Mr. Tabori and Ms. Christensen attended this meeting.

- The basic design that is being proposed is 39,000 square feet.
- Parking garage will be under the structure.
- Designed to provide safe access for pedestrians, bicyclists and automobiles.
- The library will remain at the present site, there is no longer any further consideration about moving to another location.
- Expected to begin construction in the spring of 2016.

- Looking for a transition space during construction which is expected to take 18 months.
- Concern that the developer did not understand stormwater requirements.
- Issues need to be raised now during the design phase.

The committee agreed that the concerns for this project are: stormwater management and safe pedestrian access from University Park. The Committee members will make a list of other concerns and plan to discuss them at the presentation that Mayor Carey will arrange with the developers at a Council Meeting.

### **3. Discussion of Kiplinger Project Staff Report Received June 10, 2015**

- They have received their DSP approval for phase 1.
- All requirements from Hyattsville were met.
- They did not memorialize that they would put a bicycle lane on Toledo Terrace.
- Need to be informed of all hearings.

### **4. Discussion of Status of 7-Eleven and Meeting at Riverdale Park on June 10, 2015**

Mayor Carey, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Hess attended this meeting.

- There are still some outstanding issues that do not satisfy the MUTC requirements.
- The revised application goes before the Riverdale Park Council for a vote.
- Research the interpretation of “adjacent”.
- Concerns are entering/exiting the site and that it is entirely auto oriented, not pedestrian.
- Planning Board meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2015.
- Prepare to write a letter in support of Riverdale Park’s effort to recommend that the Planning Board not approve the special permit.

The Committee will come up with some recommendations for what the position of the Town ought to be. This should be presented at the July 16 Council meeting.

### **5. Discussion of Prince George’s County Zoning Rewrite and Plan Prince George’s 2035**

- It appears that the consultants got the message about the concerns: at what stage is public input given and the call up to the County Council.
- Still a lot of time to weigh in.

The committee agreed to monitor and engage this project.

### **6. Other Business**

None.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.**

*The next meeting is scheduled for, July 15, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall*