

# Town of University Park

## Report of Meeting Development Overview Committee

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

7:30 p.m.

Conference Room

University Park Town Hall

6724 Baltimore Avenue

**In Attendance:** Martha Wells, Council Member, Ward 6 and Committee Chair, Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney, Joe Schultz, Council Member, Ward 2 and Committee Member, Joe Thompson, Council Member, Ward 1 and Committee Member, John Tabori, Committee Member, Brad Hess, Council Member, Ward 3 and Committee Member (arrived at 8:20 p.m.), Len Carey, Mayor and *ex officio* Committee Member

**Absent:** David Brosch, Committee Member, Colin Phillips, Committee Member, David Caskey, Council Member, Ward 5 and Committee Member, Sarah Starrett, Committee Member

1. **Approval of agenda** by acclamation.

2. **Approval of Meeting Notes:**

- a. **January 17, 2018**
- b. **December 20, 2017**
- c. **December 6, 2017**
- d. **November 15, 2017**

**Motion:** To approve Meeting Notes for January 17, 2018, December 20, 2017, December 6, 2017 and November 15, 2017.

**Moved by:** Mr. Thompson  
**Approved Unanimously**

**Seconded by:** Mr. Schultz

3. **Old Business**

a. **Landy Property**

Ms. Wells distributed a memo *Points for Comments to County Planning Board* (Feb. 20, 2018) that summarizes discussion from the December 2017/January 2018 meetings. She also distributed a copy of a letter, from Charles P. Johnson & Association, Inc., Civil Engineer (Feb. 16, 2018) regarding the Landy Property Development Concept.

Ms. Ferguson said that before a recommendation letter is written to the Planning Board she would like to see the Staff Report, which is not yet available. The Planning Board hearing is scheduled for March 1, 2018.

Mayor Carey said that a recommendation should be made to the Council that they request a letter from the Town to the local municipalities (College Park, Riverdale Park and Hyattsville) raising concerns about school capacity and suggest that the municipalities work together to see that this issue gets addressed by the County.

Mayor Carey agreed to contact Mr. Brandon Freeman, to ask for a better understanding of the stormwater management at the Landy Property. Ms. Wells will call the County to ask for the Staff Report. Mayor Carey will arrange a meeting with Dr. Maxwell, Superintendent, with the local municipalities to discuss the school concerns.

### **Concerns/Comments with the Landy Property**

- If the Landy Project manages their own stormwater, they will not contribute anything to a regional solution, this is a missed opportunity.
- Where will the County put the needed schools in Northern Prince George's County? Schools are at full capacity. This needs to be addressed with the School Board.
- Show support with the bike/pedestrian trails and the back access to Northwestern High School.
- Concerned about no bike access East/West to Northwest Branch Trail.

**Motion:** The Development Overview Committee approve as sentiments to include in a forthcoming letter that right now we know that we can continue to stress: 1) concern over a piecemeal approach to stormwater management; 2) continued concern with East West pedestrian and bicycle access for connection to the Northwest Branch Trail; 3) the pressure on the schools is of great concern to University Park because the students will be coming to University Park Elementary School and this issue will be taken up with the School Board; 4) welcome wider streets and a North South pedestrian path to the back of Northwestern High school.

**Moved by:** Mr. Hess      **Seconded by:** Mr. Tabori  
**Approved Unanimously**

### **b. Zoning Ordinance: Case Studies**

Ms. Wells reported that there is nothing specific to do with the Zoning Cases at this time. A date has not been announced and there has been no discussion.

A meeting will be arranged with Dannielle Glaros to discuss the Zoning Ordinance: Case Studies. The Committee agreed to go through the Case Studies (available on the Dropbox) and link them with the list of concerns that were pointed out previously.

- 3. Next meeting date and time:**
- 4. Adjourn** by consent at 9:20 p.m.