

**Shady Grove Sector Plan
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Summary

The second meeting of the Shady Grove Implementation Advisory Committee was held on November 28, 2006 at the M-NCPPC Training Facility at 16641 Crabbs Branch Way in Shady Grove.

Advisory Committee members in attendance were: George Donovan, Diana Heller, Joe Parello, Brad Botwin, Brian Pierce, Pam Lindstrom, Adam Brand, and John Compton. Michael McInerney and Pat Labuda were not present.

Guests were: Pat Rados (Old Derwood) and Nancy Hislop, Community Liaison of the UpCounty Regional Center. N'kosi Yearwood was M-NCPPC staff representative.

Derwood Bible/Linden Grove Presentation

The evening began with a presentation from Winchester Homes representatives for the Derwood Bible property. This development will have 42 units including six single-family units and 36 townhouses. The approximate size of single-family dwellings is 2600 square feet and 1800 square feet for townhouses.

The Advisory Group questioned the size of the play area, why the stormwater management facility could not be consolidated with the adjacent County facility, and discussed parking issues within the development and along Yellowstone Way. Below is a summary of the Committee's comments on the preliminary plan:

1. Parking should be allowed on Yellowstone and Chieftain, with restrictions to prevent all-day Metro parking. This would give a place to park for visitors of the new residents, and would slow traffic on the streets.
2. The Committee is concerned about traffic speed and pedestrian safety on Yellowstone Way. A traffic circle at the intersection with Chieftain would slow traffic, but the design would need to provide for safe and easy pedestrian crossing. A necked intersection with a raised crosswalk could slow traffic and provide a comfortable crossing for pedestrians.
3. A traffic light is needed at Yellowstone Way and Redland Road, especially for pedestrian traffic to the Metro station.

4. The Committee wanted to know the height of buildings in the development, especially those that face the single-family houses. Building height is an important factor in compatibility of new development with the existing neighborhood.
5. Consider moving the stormwater management pond to parcel 790 between Chieftain and Redland Road, and using it also for stormwater from the adjacent Summerville property.

Pat Rados, a resident of Old Derwood, has concerns that parking along Yellowstone Way and Chieftain Avenue would encourage Metro riders to park on these streets. She is also concern about using the County owned facility for stormwater management

Elementary School

The Committee reviewed the County Council Resolution regarding the Casey at Mill Creek/Piedmont Crossing school site. Montgomery County Board of Education President wrote the Council seeking guidance on whether to acquire the Casey @ Mill Creek for approximately \$8-10 million dollars. Council Member Leventhal introduced a resolution that would have allowed the reservation for the school site to expire without MCPS purchasing the school site.

John Compton stated the following points regarding the elementary school:

- The school site is needed with development from Metro Neighborhoods and Casey 6 and 7 even if the County Service Park (CSP) does not move.
- Purchasing the school gives the County additional leverage in the negotiations of the CSP.
- Giving up the school site will hamstring the Shady Grove Plan at the beginning of the built-out of the Plan.
- Good long-term investment since the County's future budget is projected to be limited.

He also stated the new council's action on the school site will reveal the council's commitment to the Shady Grove Plan.

Pam Lindstrom will coordinate with other committee members to write a letter to the County Council and other County Agencies expressing why it is essential that the school site must be acquired.

Other issues

The Committee received updates on the next ICC hearing at the Planning Board, December 7, 2006; proposed expansion of the Liquor Control facility along Crabbs Branch Way; and the tentative planning board hearing date, January 11,2007, for the Solid Waste Transfer Facility Mandatory Referral. Pam Lindstrom requested a briefing on the MD 355/I-270 Project.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Shady Grove Advisory Committee will take on December 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the M-NCPPC Training Facility along Crabbs Branch Way. Issues of the agenda will include a presentation by EYA for Casey 6 and 7 and representatives from MD State Highway Administration (SHA).