

Coalition of Kensington Communities (CKC) Minutes

May 25, 2005
Holy Redeemer
7:30 PM

Host: Joe McMahon

Meeting was called to order by Joe McMahon and introductions were made. Those attending were as follows:

Joe MaMahon, Byeford
Natalie Goldberg, Garrett Park Estates/ White Flint Park
Liz Brennan, Parkwood Resident's Association
Pete Fosselman, Kensington View
Donna Savage, Kensington Heights
Ruta Kadonoff, Capital View

The Minutes of the March meeting was approved.

Brennan gave an update on the WSSC pipeline plans. There are two alternatives and both affect the Rock Creek area.

MaMahon introduced Fred Boyd, of Montgomery County CDD who spoke for the second time about updating the Kensington Sector Plan. Mr. Boyd requested the CKC submit a list of issues and concerns to him for consideration. In terms of priorities, areas on the inventory list are addressed first. The current zones in place allow more flexibility. The old Pizza Hut site was discussed amongst the group. It is to be a Chevy Chase Bank with 2 drive thrus. The Kensington Shopping Center (Hardware City) was noted as a key redevelopment site. Mr. Boyd stated that the codes are form based and customized by street name and type. Goldberg suggested the CKC categorize their issues before formally presenting them to the CDD. The only member of the CKC to be directly affected by the new sector plan will be Ken Gar. It was noted that military base closings will also affect traffic. The meeting schedule is as follows: Shady Grove Sector is before the Council now, Woodmont Triangle goes in July, Damascus will be reviewed by the Council in the fall, Twinbrook Metro in 2006, Gaithersburg after the 2006 elections and the Kensington. The CKC designated Savage as the issues coordinator – all comments should be emailed to her.

Savage reported on the Westfield Shopping Center expansion. The center owns 2 lots adjacent to Kensington Heights and discussed their plans with the KHCA:

220 rental units, 4-5 stories with a 62.8 density figure. Westfield has offered up land to the KHCA in return for a favorable opinion.

Goldberg reported on the White Flint Crossing project: 453 residential units, 208K sq.ft. of retail and a 24 story "pointed building". Turning areas are poor as well as the layout of the Plaza.

Next meeting will be hosted by Liz Brennan of Parkwood (location TBA) and will be on September 29, Kensington Park Library at 7:30 PM.

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