

Tuesday, February 7th, 2023

Mr. Evan Glass, President
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Reference: North Stonestreet corridor redevelopment-Materials management Building Relocation/ Invitation to tour N. Stonestreet avenue.

Good evening, Council President Glass and Councilmembers:

I am Dr. Dace Denito, President of the Lincoln Park Civic Association in the Historic African American neighborhood in Rockville. I am also a member of the Stonestreet Coalition which is a growing group of community members, non-profits and private sector partners advocating for the implementation of the adopted Stonestreet 2040 Master Plan. The civic association has been working on this master plan for years.

We had hope when Councilmember Katz and councilmember Albornoz came to our neighborhood to tour the street and the "trailer park" last year. Councilmember katz ascertained his support to us; indeed, he has been a fierce advocate for change on Stonestreet avenue for about 17 years. We also had a visit from the previous Executive, Mr. Ike Leggett, accompanied by our previous governor Mr. Larry Hogan, when it was time for reelection 5 years ago.

Unfortunately, it seems that for the past 20 years, the community leaders had to deal with the same phenomenon: reintroducing the problem to the newly elected civil servants, without success.

Now, in the Fiscal Year 24 budget, we came to realize that the \$2.5M requested by the agency (MCPS-Materials management) have been removed from consideration.

We come therefore once more, to request consideration from our new council, and advocate for the budget item # P652305 to be funded in FY24.

We extend our invitation to all councilmembers to visit our neighborhood, the "trailer park" and the MCPS Materials Management building on North Stonestreet avenue, at your earliest convenience, preferably before the budget is finally adopted.

We are looking forward to meeting with you in person at 595 N. Stonestreet avenue in Rockville.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Dace Denito, PhD
President, Lincoln Park Civic Association, Inc.