

September 18th, 2024

Re: Disposition of PLD Lots 44 and 25 Montgomery County Council Meeting - September 24th

Council President Friedson and Members of the County Council:

The East Bethesda Citizens Association was very involved during the drafting and adoption of the 2017 Bethesda Downtown Plan ("the Plan") and has continued to be involved with supporting the implementation of the Plan through representation on the Bethesda Implementation Advisory Committee and neighbor participation in community meetings regarding development projects, infrastructure, and amenities. In particular, neighbors have closely followed the proposals for development projects along the east side of Wisconsin Avenue that include delivery of the Eastern Greenway described in the Plan.

As a neighborhood association, we support the zoning and amenities outlined in the Plan. The disposition and redevelopment of PLD 44 (and 4702 West Virginia Ave) and Lot 25 is consistent with the Plan goals of providing additional housing, providing additional affordable and family sized housing, replacement of surface public parking, improved streetscapes, and the delivery of a portions of the Greenway, which are all important.

We understand that there will be further opportunity for community input regarding the design and delivery of improvements to Chase Ave Park and the future Eastern Greenway. We therefore support this disposition and look forward to continuing to participate in the development review process going forward as it pertains to lots and projects in this vicinity.

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