



SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

September 10, 2013

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RE: SSCAB Advice on United Therapeutics Redevelopment Proposal

To County Executive, County Council President Navarro, Councilmember Valerie Ervin

At its July 8, 2013 board meeting, the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board received a presentation by United Therapeutics (Unither) about its plan for a net zero development of the Spring Street Garage property (garage 21).

The planned building on a prominent corner in downtown Silver Spring would be visually dramatic and would greatly enhance the intersection near the entrance to downtown Silver Spring. Most notably, the building would be constructed with on-site renewable energy generation (including solar panels over many of the windows) and aim for greatly reduced energy usage. It would be constructed as a net zero building – i.e. “ZNE” for zero net energy for energy consumption and carbon emissions. Unither would like to begin construction in 2015 and asked for the SSCAB’s support.

The Board was excited that this Silver Spring project is likely among the first net zero corporate office buildings in the DC Metro area and was impressed at the plan for the new building. Thus, we are writing to communicate this Board’s support for the plan.

Sincerely,

Evan Glass

Chair, Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board

cc: County Council

Francoise Carrier, Chair, M-NCPPC