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Keep The Park In Roland Park

POSTED AUGUST 20, 9:31 AM

I ran from North Avenue to Northern Parkway and back on Monday. That run takes you through some very rough areas and some wealthy areas. When I hit the southern part of Roland Park I started to notice signs planted in people's front yards. There are three versions I remember: "Keep the Park in Roland Park", "Save the Park in Roland Park", and "Keswick No". I ran up Roland Avenue toward Baltimore Country Club and the number of signs only increased.

So what has made the people of the Roland Park area so sign crazy? The Baltimore Country Club located off of Roland Avenue in the heart of Roland park wants to sell most of their 30-acre property (that is mostly open green space) to Keswick Multi-Care Center. Keswick wants to build a senior center there.

Before I give my opinion about this I would advise that you read these articles and opinion pieces:

- > [Keswick Multi-Care Center sets sights on city council approval for \\$195M project](#)
- > [Keswick: Roland Park project to generate 160 new jobs](#)
- > Various links to related articles can be found [here](#).
- > [The Greening of Roland Park](#)
- > [Open space fight roils Roland Park](#)
- > [Big senior center remains a bad fit](#)
- > [New York Times: Club's Plan to Sell Land Shatters a Baltimore Neighborhood's Serenity](#)

It is true that the land is privately owned and that Keswick has offered to pay a large sum of money for the land. It is also true that if Baltimore Country Club wanted to to build something on the scale that Keswick is proposing that they would have to receive a planned unit development ordinance from the mayor/city council. So the land is currently not meant to be used for what Keswick is proposing, they would have to get special permission. In Baltimore you can not just buy a piece of land and build a large building there, you need city approval. In order to get city approval you must get neighborhood approval or sneak it past the neighborhood. The neighbors clearly do not want this and the mayor and city council need to pay attention. Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton supports the community on this matter.

I think there are better places in Baltimore that this project could help develop. This project is not going to help develop Roland Park. Roland Park is pretty much a complete neighborhood that does not need any major tweaks. I think it would be great if Keswick offered the owners of the Madison-Park housing project on North Avenue that money and built the senior center in Reservoir Hill. Now that would help develop Reservoir Hill and the surrounding area.

I think it is great that residents of Roland Park are getting behind an issue that involves preservation of green space. I hope that no matter what happens that they become vocal proponents of park projects and activities all over Baltimore and especially at nearby Druid Hill Park.

If all else fails Roland Park should consider [threatening to secede](#).

For more info: [Roland Park](#).

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Linden Liquors Is Really Closed!

POSTED AUGUST 18, 5:39 PM

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The Charles Street Trolley Is A Bad Idea

POSTED AUGUST 17, 12:11 PM

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Homelessness In Baltimore

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The Padlock Hearing For Linden Bar And Liquors

POSTED AUGUST 15, 6:52 AM

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Another Jessamy Controversy

POSTED AUGUST 14, 12:45 PM

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Ed Reisinger Is Also Part Of The Family

POSTED AUGUST 14, 8:46 AM


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Prostitution in Baltimore

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