



Developer to build Alzheimer's center, not townhouses, on Marianist site

Facility would have 63 beds

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Developer Frank Harvey has scrapped plans to build townhouses on the old Marianists property in Roland Park and now plans to open a 63-bed Alzheimer's disease care facility.

The site, at 4301 Roland Ave., used to be a dormitory-style residence for priests and brothers in the Marianists, a Catholic religious order.

Harvey, who owns F.M. Harvey Construction in Hunt Valley, said he decided to drop his original plans to build 19 town houses about eight months ago.

"It's not a great time to sit on a large number of homes," Harvey said.

Harvey said that he would sell the land to Capital Funding Group, of Baltimore, and that his construction company would build the two-story Alzheimer's care facility.

The center would be run by the Capital Health Group, a subsidiary of Capital Funding, Harvey said.

The property's zoning allows for the proposed 47,000-square-foot building and parking for 31 cars, he said.

Harvey said he would like to break ground next spring.

He sought to allay any concerns the Roland Park community might have about the plan, given that the neighborhood is already battling an unrelated plan by the Keswick Multi-Care Center to build a 323-bed retirement community on Falls Road.

"It's not like the Keswick project," Harvey said.

News of the proposed Alzheimer's care facility is already posted on the Roland Park Civic League's Web site, www.rolandpark.org.

The league and the nearby Roland Springs Community Association have decided whether to support or oppose Harvey's plan.

The league's land use committee is reviewing the project. Roland Springs association members are scheduled to meet with Harvey on Dec. 9.

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