

Roland Park E-letter

October 19, 2008

NEWS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday evening was incredible: hundreds of community members, neon T-shirts, super signs, stellar presentations, a five-star community video, standing ovations, penetrating questions, and cookies and lemonade!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Because of our community's unified determination and talent we made it very clear that we will not stand for a change in our historic zoning. We stand together on this issue for the good (and green) of Baltimore City.

On Tuesday night we witnessed the unwavering support of our City Council representative, Sharon Green Middleton, who was joined by a number of her city and state colleagues.

On the 15th, we received another important vote of confidence, as Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, the city council president, sent an e-mail to RP residents stating her support for Councilwoman Middleton and saying that she herself would not introduce the planned unit development (PUD) necessary to the BCC/Keswick plans.

The text of the council president's e-mail can be found at the Roland Park web site, at this URL: <http://rolandpark.org/documents/SRBtoRP101508.pdf>.

As we await the mayor's decision on the BCC/Keswick matter, we have one important task left. We must thank the representatives who are behind us, and send an appropriate signal to the mayor that the city's momentum to stop this PUD has reached critical acceleration.

We ask you today to do the following:

1. Send e-mails to thank the following City Council and state elected officials and/or staff for their support on Tuesday and "cc" the mayor. (Some of the elected officials sent a representative and that is noted.) Please be sure to "cc" the mayor.

CITY:

Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake:
(represented by Kaliope Parthemos, Esq., deputy chief of staff)
CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov

City Council District 6 Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov

City Council District 14 Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke
(represented by Cindy Leahy)
MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov

City Council District 11 Councilman Bernard Young
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STATE:

District 40

State Senator Lisa Gladden
lisa.gladden@senate.state.md.us

Delegate Sandy Rosenberg
samuel.rosenberg@house.state.md.us

Delegate Nathaniel Oaks
nathaniel.oaks@house.state.md.us

Delegate Jill Carter
(represented by Irma Parker)
jill.carter@house.state.md.us

District 41

State Senator Catherine Pugh
catherine.pugh@senate.state.md.us

Delegate Barbara Robinson
barbara.robinson@house.state.md.us

Delegate Shawn Tarrant
shawn.tarrant@house.state.md.us

2. E-mail Mayor Sheila Dixon, at mayor@baltimorecity.gov, noting that Roland Park is:

- Grateful for the unified support of the City Council and is behind her initiative for a cleaner, greener Baltimore.
- Ready to help other communities fulfill her vision for preserving and expanding urban green space.

- Point out to the mayor that Roland Park is clearly opposed to the Keswick/BBC proposal.
- Thank her for sending three representatives to our meeting.

Mayor Sheila Dixon:

(represented by Andrew Frank, first deputy mayor; Elaine Garven, assistant deputy mayor; and Kristy Taylor, neighborhood liaison)
mayor@baltimorecity.gov

Thank you, fellow Roland Parkers. We are the change!

OTHER ISSUES

1. Village at Home: Neighbors Helping Neighbors Meeting.

Village at Home, Inc. is a new Maryland corporation with the primary mission of networking volunteers with elderly people who wish to remain in their own homes. VAH's kick-off meeting will take place on Tue., Nov. 11, 2008 at the Clubhouse in the Village of Cross Keys. Anyone interested is invited. For more details, see:

- <http://www.villageathome.org>
- <http://rolandpark.org/civicleague/documents/VillageFlyer.pdf>

Or call Susan Newhouse at 410-235-3171.

2. Roland Park Beautification Committee: Coffee Wake Up and Island Getaway!

When: Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m. - noon.

Where: On the island at Longwood & Midvale Roads, down the street from the library.

Why: In celebration of the launch of the new Roland Park Civic League committee, Roland Park Beautification: Landscape, Infrastructure and Gardens.

Who: All Roland Park residents welcome, especially those interested in the islands, paths, plantings, lanes, lighting, curbing and other beautification needs and possibilities for Roland Park.

For more information, e-mail Louise Phipps Senft at mediate@starpower.net or see flier: <http://rolandpark.org/civicleague/documents/Oct25GetDaffy.pdf>.