



February 28, 2009

The Honorable Sheila Dixon
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
100 N. Holiday St., Room 250
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mayor Dixon:

You asked in your letter of November 24, 2008 for more dialogue when you rejected the Keswick project as then conceived. It is extraordinary that Keswick took until last week to provide a revised plan to the Roland Park community.

We honored your request. Several times I wrote to Keswick CEO, Libby Bowerman, asking for a revised plan. I offered to present one to our Land Use Committee, Civic League and community.

You set a March 15 deadline for constructive dialogue between our community and Keswick. Keswick took three months to present their plan so now your deadline is but two weeks away. Of course their delay is a deliberate attempt to shorten the time for a community response.

As the President of the Civic League, I will not pre-judge their revised plan and have promptly referred it to our Land Use Committee and Civic League. I have invited Ms. Bowerman to meet with these groups. I have asked our webmaster to post the plan on our web site so all of our community can judge it.

As an individual, I find the revision appalling since they took this long to present something with so minimal a change. They removed the four smallest buildings while everything else is essentially the same. This hardly represents a good faith attempt to address the serious concerns raised by the Roland Park community or the concerns about density and loss of open space you articulated in your letter.

I would ask two things. First, allow our community time to evaluate the revised plan fairly. You are attentive to process. We must be allowed ours. Second, please support our community. We are fortunate to have received the support of our Council representatives and their President as well as the backing of our State representatives. We very much hope that you will join us in our efforts to

reach our goals. We remain united in our opposition to the original Keswick plan and we have the interest and capacity to do something better.

My best wishes and sincerely,

Philip J. Spevak
President, Roland Park Civic League

Cc: Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton
Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke
Councilman James B. Kraft
Councilman Nicholas D'Adamo, Jr.
Councilman Robert Curran
Councilman Bill Henry
Councilwoman Rochelle "Rikki" Spector
Councilwoman Belinda Conway
Councilwoman Helen Horton
Councilwoman Agnes Welch
Councilman Edward Reisinger
Councilman William H. Cole, IV
Councilman Bernard "Jack" Young
Councilman Warren Branch
Planning Commission Chairman Wilbur Cunningham
Senator Lisa A. Gladden
Senator Catherine E. Pugh
Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg
Delegate Nathaniel T. Oakes
Delegate Jill P. Carter
Delegate Frank M. Conaway, Jr.
Delegate Barbara A. Robinson
Delegate Shawn Z. Tarrant