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Roland Park Residents Hear Details Of New Development Plan

Keswick Multi-Care Attempting To Build New Senior Living Center

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BALTIMORE -- The battle over a proposed development in Roland Park raged again Tuesday night as residents rallied against a senior living facility.

The row began last summer when the Baltimore Country Club agreed to sell 17 acres of its old golf course.

At a meeting at Roland Park Elementary, the Keswick Multi-Care company finally got to present its plan to residents.

Many in the capacity crowd of hundreds seemed to already have their minds made up about the plan.

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majority.

He also helped coordinate the meeting Tuesday night where Keswick could present its plan.

"It will create jobs, bring revenue to the city at a time when economy is tough. I am confident politicians and others will support this project," Keswick CEO Libbey Bowerman said.

Bowerman, along with architects and traffic and zoning specialists presented the plan.

The 17-acre project would consist of five acres of development with buildings no taller than three and a half stories. Five acres would be landscaped gardens and seven acres would be untouched open green space.

More than 400 parking spaces would be located underground.

"The footprint of it is the size of Ravens Stadium so [we] imagine it wouldn't fit in Roland Park. It isn't something anybody thinks is a good idea," Spevak said.

Keswick has to get the City Council to approve a planned unit development. For that to happen, a council member has to introduce it.

So far, no members have said whether they would support it.

"Certainly seems like an uphill battle? I think this is just the beginning of a long process," Bowerman said.

One of the details that came out of the meeting was that there are already four completed P.U.D. projects in Roland Park. It took all of them many years just to get a plan together.

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