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Senior Facility Sparks Outrage In Roland Park



Reporting
Kai Jackson

ROLAND PARK, Md. (WJZ) — Outrage and opposition erupt as plans are laid out for a new senior facility in Roland Park.

Kai Jackson reports hundreds of neighbors are speaking out saying don't take our land.

Residents say they flat out reject to any kind of zoning changes in their neighborhood.

The land is 17 acres of prime real estate owned by the Baltimore Country Club.

The plan by Keswick Multi Care is to buy that land and build houses for seniors. But residents in one of Baltimore's most politically active neighborhoods are putting up major opposition.

Out of many voices there was one clear message.

"It's about the size of the Ravens stadium, and they're planning on asking the community if we would like this in Roland Park. It doesn't fit here at all," said Dr. Phillip Spedak.

Opponents say the plan will eliminate precious green space and change zoning.

"The developers have not made a compelling argument to reverse existing zoning," said John Seagal.

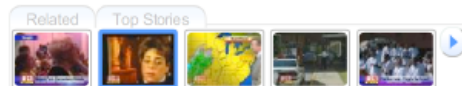
"That's one of the things that we considered very early on in our thinking was how we could minimize the structures, how we could create bargains," said Libby Bowerman, Keswick Mult Care CEO.

Town officials say they will block any zoning changes, but the Baltimore Country Club still has the ability to build houses on the property without changing the zoning.
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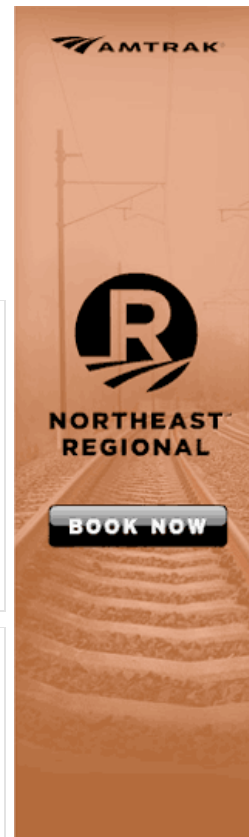
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