



Neighbors Versus Developers



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It's been several months but neighbors in Roland Park have not given up the fight. In fact, they're even more organized draping several signs outside of Roland Park Elementary-Middle School Tuesday night. One read: 'Keep the Unity in the Community'.

Inside, they passed out bright yellow t-shirts that read 'neighborhoods matter' and in the auditorium they packed the house. More than 500 residents gathered to listen to the plan they've been opposing for so long. When the *Baltimore Country Club* board chair tried to explain their position, residents booed. BCC wants to sell 17 acres of its land to *Keswick Multi-Care Center* for an assisted living facility. The plan includes 225 independent living units and 40 special care beds. The facility will employ 150 people - 80% of them city residents. "500 construction jobs to think

about that happening in a couple of years it's pretty exciting in today's economy," says Keswick CEO Libby Bowerman. Bowerman said they'll only build on 5 acres, landscape another 5 and leave 7 as open space.

However, Roland Park Civic League President Phil Spevak said, "Do we want a building that is like Ravens Stadium for a tiny bit of green space? We absolutely don't." "There's a lot of ugly concrete right up Falls Road they ought to dig that up," added another resident Dr. Sally Rixey. Residents said they're all for housing the elderly, but they wonder why in their own backyard.

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