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BCC Approves Land Sale to Keswick

Friends,

This evening I received a press release from the Keswick Multi-Care Center (KMCC) announcing that the Baltimore Country Club (BCC) had earlier “overwhelmingly” voted to sell 17 acres of green space in Roland Park for development as a continuing-care retirement community. This comes as no surprise but it is a disappointment nonetheless.

Please visit this Internet page: <http://rolandpark.org/BCC1.html>.

Here, you will find all the latest information, including a summary of the BCC vote, a link to a July 14 Keswick press release, a link to an artist’s rendition of the would-be new retirement community, and a response from RP Civic League President Phil Spevak.

Please remember that there will be a community meeting outside the Roland Park library — 5108 Roland Avenue — at 7pm tomorrow (Tue., July 15) to discuss next steps. There will be free ice cream for children.

In closing, I ask you to remember that about a decade ago our neighbors in Evergreen beat back a proposal to build a retirement community over the old BGE right-of-way between Wilmslow Road and Stoney Run. The BGE site was composed of about three acres of open land plus a decrepit storage building. After a fierce fight, plucky Evergreen fended off the plan. Instead, the unobtrusive Bolton Street Synagogue was built on the site of the storage building and the open land was bought for public recreational purposes with state Program Open Space funds.

Best regards,

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