

NEXT GENERAL MEETING 1/24/07

- County presentation on Glebe Rd. pedestrian improvements
- SPRC meeting report
- Your input & concerns

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BCA MEETINGS AT A GLANCE...

NEXT GENERAL MEETING 1/24

- Tom Hutchings, Department of Environmental Services, Division of Transportation, will give a presentation on the Glebe Road Pedestrian Improvements Project. This project focuses on the intersections along Glebe from Carlin Springs Rd. to Fairfax Dr., including improvements to the Wakefield and Fairfax Dr. intersection.
- Recap and additional information on SPRC meeting. ■

SPRC Meeting Recap

On January 8, the County Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) met to discuss the General Land Use Plan (GLUP) and zoning history for the west Ballston area (the Bluemont side of Glebe Rd.) in order to determine a land-use and zoning "framework" to use for the review of the Peck-Staples block site plan application.

Briefly, the GLUP and zoning history for west Ballston clearly envisioned a transition of lower building heights tapering down from Glebe Rd. to the west. The reviewed GLUP and zoning history, however, was vague about the type of transition to use on the Peck-Staples block. Should it contain 12-story office buildings or tapered-down 6- to 9-story buildings like those envisioned for the blocks west of Glebe between

Wilson and Carlin Springs Rd.?

Although considerable progress was made, County staff was asked to provide additional research—including side-view building-height profiles and tapering methods used in other transition areas between Metro stations and the residential neighborhoods—for the next meeting. Staff was also asked to provide current and future traffic figures both for the proposed Peck-Staples site plan and for the final build-out of the entire west Ballston area. The BCA passed a resolution urging the SPRC to discuss the requested information and finish the land-use/zoning framework for west Ballston before reviewing the Peck-Staples site plan. The next SPRC meeting on this subject will be in late January/early February. ■

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- County Parks Division staff member Patrick Wegeng reviewed his sustainable landscaping plan that will provide a living green screen behind the Constitution Bell (at Wilson and Geo. Mason). The revised plan is designed to draw attention up toward the bell, rather than to the unsightly utility box that the County placed on the sidewalk. The membership voted to send a letter to the County Board and two departments protesting the box's placement and to request that the County relocate it. ■

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JANUARY

**Next General Meeting 1/24/07
7pm at ATS**

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Ellipse Arts Center

Next SPRC Meeting TBD
re: Peck/Staples site
(late January/early February)

FEBRUARY

Exec. Committee Meeting 2/13

U.S. Army Strolling Strings 2/22

Concert, Kenmore Middle
School, 7pm

February General Meeting 2/28

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Easing the NC Backlog

In order to ease project backlog and funding problems, the Neighborhood Conservation Action Committee (NCAC) has proposed removing paving projects from the NC process/budget and allowing neighborhoods to obtain curb and gutter without requiring the installation of sidewalks (when they are missing). To comment on these proposals, please visit the comments page for the Street Policy Revisions at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/CPHD/ons/conservation/CPHDOnsConservationPolicyDocs.aspx>. ■