

Date: 18 Aug 16

Subject: Planning Board Testimony on SDP-15-068 Crescent

Good evening my name is Stu Kohn and I reside at 8709 Yellow Bird Court Laurel, Maryland, 20723. I am the President of the Howard County Citizens Association and testifying as an individual. I want to thank Jervis Dorton for testifying for HCCA. I have a few comments that I have the following questions and concerns to the Planning Board members regarding the Technical Staff Report.

Please refer to page 4 under Stormwater Management – who will maintain this and what will be the role of the County regarding ensuring that this is continually maintained?

Refer to Page 9, Section F – The development satisfies the Downtown Public Art Program approved with the Final Development Plan – The question before this Board and I previously asked the Council during my testimony of CB54-2016 what is the definition of “public art?” Why is the builder only required to have one percent of the construction allocated to “public art” or he can buy his way out of it. Is the definition of “art” in the eye of the beholder? If the County takes any pride the fee and lieu should be eliminated. I read this section and when the TSR was finalized there are some unknowns that should be answered now rather than later. Read in (yellow).

Will the Design Advisory Panel’s recommendation dated 9 March 2016 on attachment B be executed by the Petitioner? This should be discussed at this meeting especially since Mr. Engelke proposed a recommendation which is very sound.

As a side note I have a very concerning matter that needs to be articulated that is the Planning Board member’s attendance during the last year as displayed on the web. It shows there were 25 meetings during this time of which 4 were continuations. Of the 21 meetings only 8 times or 38 percent of the time did the Planning Board have a full complement in attendance. The question is why and what can be done to have a better attendance record?

Thank You,

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