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Subject: [HOWARD-CITIZEN] Please Allow Public Testimony on the Substantive Amendments Regarding Downtown Columbia [2 Attachments]

Dear Council Members,

We, the Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA) would like serious consideration by our County Council Members to permit your constituents to testify on the **46** Downtown Columbia Amendments introduced yesterday, 4 November at the Work Session. See attachment – “Downtown Columbia Amendments Table 11-4-16.”

On 30 October, HCCA sent an email to the County Council, Executive, and posted it on the HCCA Listserve Members (see below) asking the Council to consider permitting the public to testify on “substantive” amendments. This was based on the Rules of Procedure under Rule 1.007 – Consideration of Bills where the Council is to conduct a Legislative Public Hearing on “substantive” amendments. When you consider what is at stake for Columbia and the future of Howard County the Council should undoubtedly permit testimony especially since there are now **46** amendments for consideration.

We would appreciate having the Council provide us with feedback as to whether you will allow your constituents the ability to testify on the amendments that were introduced regarding the Downtown Columbia proposal. This would be appreciated by those concerned as it is warranted when you consider the complexity of this case.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn

HCCA, President

From: HOWARD-CITIZEN@yahoogroups.com

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To: CouncilMail; akittleman@howardcountymd.gov; Diane Wilson; howard-citizen@yahoogroups.com

Subject: [HOWARD-CITIZEN] HCCA Requests Consideration for Additional Public Legislative Hearing Regarding Downtown Columbia for Substantive Amendments

To All Concerned Parties,

On Thursday, October 27, 2016 there was an article in the Howard County Times on page 10 titled, "Columbia Redevelopment Deal Could Be Revised." The sub-heading of the article (which I unfortunately cannot find on-line) states, "Council Members Hint They Plan to Amend Public Financing Plan." It suggests there could be several amendments introduced and as Council Chairman, Dr. Ball states, "There are going to be changes if it is going to pass." Councilman Fox states, "He plans to propose an amendment that would require the developer to turn over the pavilion within a certain period of time, if the TIF is approved by the Council." Councilwoman Mary Kay Sigaty states, "The Council should also consider earmarking projected revenues from the TIF for a new school in Columbia." In addition considering that Councilwoman Jen Terrasa is against the Howard Hughes / Administration legislative proposals one has to believe that she might introduce several amendments. If indeed numerous amendments are introduced the Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA) strongly recommends they need to be considered "substantive." Therefore, according to the Rules of Procedure under Rule 1.007 – Consideration of Bills the Council (see attachment and contents below) is to conduct a Legislative Public Hearing on "substantive" amendments. Given the gravity of this complex legislative package we believe a Public Legislative Hearing is appropriate for those wishing to testify on the amendments to be given the opportunity to voice their opinions.

Based on the number of Council Work Sessions and the extensive quantity of worthy questions anyone watching would conclude there will have to be extensive amendments introduced by Council members as the future of Downtown Columbia is in your hands.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn

HCCA, President