

Date: 17 September 2018

Subject: HCCA Testimony on CB69-2018

My name is Stu Kohn and I am the Howard County Citizens Association President. I am testifying on behalf of HCCA. We are unequivocally in favor of this Bill and appreciate the majority of the Council members who are partners in introducing this proposed Bill. They are Councilpersons Terrasa, Ball and Fox. Once again I want to highlight Councilwoman Terrasa's continuous efforts for pursuing our suggestions for improvement.

This Act to amend provisions for the posting of notices to require specified information and uniform signs is definitely a sign in the right direction. The reason for this is the recent proposed development located on the Milk Producers property in Scaggsville. The proposed language regarding the sign notification amendment states, "IF AN ADDITIONAL PRESUBMISSION MEETING IS HELD, THE NOTIFICATION SIGN SHALL BE MARKED BY THE DEVELOPER WITH A CONTRASTING COLORED "UPDATED" ATTACHMENT PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING IS BEING HELD ON AN ALTERED PROPOSAL."

We suggest the language be slightly altered to the following change: After the word "Attachment" state "and to include the word UPDATED."

As you know the posting of notices is required three weeks prior to the pre-submission meeting, and the petitioner shall properly maintain the posters for at least three weeks following the initial pre-submission community meeting. We would like to see an amendment to this which states, "After the three week period the Petitioner is required to remove the signs." We leave it up to you to suggest if a violation occurs what the penalty is to the Petitioner. The case in point is the notification signs announcing the second pre-submission meeting of the Milk Producers referencing 20 June still remains standing after almost 3 months. Just so you know the entire area is extremely unkempt as the weeds are as high as 2 ½ feet or greater. This site needs to be mowed. There is nothing scenic about this situation. One other request how about removing signs which are history because they have been standing for a lengthy period of time. For example, since early May a Design Advisory Panel sign on Scaggsville Road when the meeting was held on 13 June. This request includes all pre-submission and conditional use notices.

In conclusion, lets be more cognizant of attention to detail so all can benefit.

Thank you,

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