

Work Session

Agenda Item #	7
Meeting Date	May 11, 2016
Prepared By	Jessie Carpenter City Clerk
Reviewed By	Suzanne R. Ludlow City Manager

Discussion Item	Report Out on the April 15 Bi-County Takoma/Langley Crossroads Walking Tour
Background	Councilmember Fred Schultz organized a walking tour of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads commercial area to familiarize elected and appointed officials with the issues and opportunities facing the area. Invitations were extended to property owners, officials, and others from Prince George’s County, Montgomery County, Takoma Park, and the State of Maryland. The tour took place on Friday, April 15. At the work session, Mr. Schultz and Melanie Isis, Executive Director of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, will report out on the tour.
Policy	Advance Economic Development
Fiscal Impact	N/A
Attachments	Brief Tour Summary, Tour Itinerary, List of Attendees
Recommendation	Hear the report.
Special Consideration	

Crossroads Bi-County Walking Tour

The Bi-County Crossroads Walking Tour took place on April 15, 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The "Crossroads" was defined for this event as the 8 major landholdings nearest the NH Ave and University Blvd intersection.

- 1) 7676 Crossroads Professional Building
- 2) EconoLodge/Quality Inn/IHOP property (7411 NH Ave)
- 3) Hampshire Place 7505 NH Ave
- 4) The JBG holdings of 9.8 acres including Aldi's, Walgreens and the future Taco Bell location
- 5) Langley Park Plaza (northeast corner of the intersection) including CVS, McDonalds, Atlantic Supermarket, Regency Furniture
- 6) Langley Park Center (northwest corner of the intersection) including Woodlands Restaurant & Bank of America
- 7) Takoma -Langley Crossroads Transit Center
- 8) Hampshire-Langley S.C, including Sardi's Restaurant, Chuck E Cheese, Starbucks

The purpose of the walking tour was two-fold:

First, to bring together officials from the State Planning Department, Montgomery County, Prince George's County and Takoma Park along with other interested parties, and various elected officials to see for themselves the reality on the ground of the unique character of the Crossroads

Second, to be the first step in getting "buy-in" to create the so-called Bi-County Crossroads Coordinating Commission. It's purpose will be in the light of the impending construction of the Purple Line to help the business community organize itself into a true business community so that ALL stakeholders (including residents) can have a say in the future changes that are already starting to occur in the Crossroads.

Melanie Isis and myself worked together to make this event happen. A list of attendees is attached.

At several of 10 stops on the tour, vested persons spoke in regard to the subject real estate, as shown on the attached.

We expect to convene this group plus others again in June in a forum-like setting where we can get down into issues of most concern. The agenda and the logistics haven't been formulated yet.



**Bi-County Walking Tour of Takoma/Langley Crossroads
Friday, April 15, 1-3pm**

1:00pm Assemble at 7676 NH Ave, #303, Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority (CDA) conference room

Introductions, overview – Takoma Park Councilmember Fred Schultz

GUEST: G. Neel Teague, Stout & Teague, owner, 7676 NH Ave. Background, history

STOPS

#1 (1:10pm) NH Ave & Holton Lane corner, site of new Taco Bell
Holton Lane Vision, TP Streetscape Standards
GUEST: Rosalind Grigsby, Community Development Coordinator, City of Takoma Park

#2 (1:20pm) Quality Inn/Econolodge, 7411 NH Ave
Large commercial property next to residential area
Nearby assets: Sligo Creek Park, TP Rec Ctr, mf housing Takoma Overlook & Hampshire Tower
GUEST: Bob Patel, Manager, Econolodge/Quality Inn

#3 (1:30pm) Hampshire Place, 7505 NH Ave, parking lot behind
Hampshire Place, Carole Highlands n'hood, Holton Lane access, sf, parking

#4 (1:40pm) ALDI, 7609 NH Ave, parking lot north side
Overview of University Blvd corridor/Langley Park, Unilang Ctr, CentroNia

#5 (1:50pm) Walgreen's parking lot (1329 Univ Blvd)
Univ Blvd strip from Carroll Ave past Riggs Rd
County line between Pollo Campero & La Union

#6 (2:00pm) Langley Park Plaza, 8011 NH Ave (in front of CVS)
GUEST: Bob Hall, Property Manager

#7 (2:10pm) Parking lot behind Heritage Furniture

#8 (2:20pm) Langley Park Center, 7900 NH Ave & Takoma/Langley Crossroads Transit Center
GUESTS: Darla Feeheley, Takoma/Langley Crossroads Transit Center Project Manager & Wayne Morris, Deputy Director of Community Relations

#9 (2:30pm) Woodlands Restaurant, 8046 NH Ave, Langley Park Shopping Center

Cross Univ Blvd at signal next to Transit Center to Hampshire-Langley Shopping Center.

#10 (2:40pm): Sardi's Pollo a la Brasa, 1159 Univ Blvd. Cold drinks, wrap up, next steps
GUEST: David Bouchard, Property Manager, Hampshire-Langley Shopping Center

Walking Tour 4/14 Bi-county Crossroads

Name	Agency
Melanie Isis	Executive Director, Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority
Susan Hartmann	M-NCPPC - Prince George's County
Ivy Lewis	Division Chief, Community Planning, M-NCPPC Prince Georges
Valecia Wilson	Senior Planner, M-NCPPC - Prince George's County
Melissa Williams	Senior Planner, M-NCPPC - Montgomery County
Peter Kovar	Takoma Park Councilmember, Ward 1
Terry Seamans, wife Joyce	Takoma Park Councilmember, Ward 4
Fred Schultz	Takoma Park Councilmember, Ward 5
Deni Taveras	Prince George's Councilmember, District 2
Wanika B. Fisher, Esq	Policy and Community Coordinator for Councilmember Taveras
Kristen Mitchell	Manager, Infrastructure & Dvpt, MD Dept. of Planning
Steve Allan	Smart Growth Program, MD Dept. of Planning
Ralph Bennett	President, Purple Line Now
Judy Stephenson	Small Business Navigator, MoCo Dept of Economic Dvpt
Bob Hall	Property Manager, Langley Park Plaza
Darla Feeheley	Construction Community Liaison, T/LC Transit Center, MTA
Wayne Davis	MTA, Deputy Director Customer and Community Relations
Kathleen Stubbs	Reporter, Montgomery County Sentinel
Eric C. Brown	Director, Housing & Community Dvpt, Prince George's County
Anthony RD Franks	Hillwood Manor resident
Vineda Myers	Director of Housing Programs, CHEER
Bruce Baker	Executive Director, CHEER

GUESTS

Neel Teague	Principal, Stout & Teague
Bobby Patel	Manager, Econolodge/Quality Inn
Bob Hall	Property Manager, Langley Park Plaza
Darla Feeheley, Wayne Morris,	Construction Community Liaison, Takoma/Langley Cds Transit Ctr
Juan Torrico	
David Bouchard	Property Manager, Hampshire/Langley Shopping Center