

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2013-47

SUPPORTING ADOPTION OF THE LONG BRANCH SECTOR PLAN

WHEREAS, the Long Branch Sector Plan is a plan developed by Montgomery County's Planning Department, to enhance the community character and provide for transit-oriented development around planned transit facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Long Branch Sector Plan contains policies, objectives and recommendations that will guide future growth and development around proposed Purple Line light rail stations in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, the Long Branch Sector Plan includes strong recommendations that support the continued diversity of residents, businesses, and incomes within the area and promote equitable business and housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council supports the development of the Long Branch area and the upper Flower Avenue corridor as a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly, multi-cultural community that enhances the quality of life of area residents; and

WHEREAS, the City is coordinating design and engineering of the Flower Avenue Green Street Project, intended to enhance pedestrian facilities, access to bus transit, stormwater mitigation, and the natural environment between Piney Branch Road and Carroll Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council passed Resolution 2013-6 on the Long Branch Sector Plan and provided testimony during a public hearing on January 31, 2013, at the Montgomery County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Council is holding a public hearing on July 9, 2013, to hear testimony on the draft Long Branch Sector Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park strongly recommends adoption and approval of the Long Branch Sector Plan by Montgomery County Council;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council recognizes the concerns that adding the connection on Domer Avenue could have an impact on City residents along Flower Avenue and the City is concerned about that impact;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council is concerned that affordable housing be maintained for the residents in the Long Branch area and strongly urges the County Executive and County Council to allocate funding for affordable housing preservation and development in the Long Branch area.

Adopted this 15th day of July, 2013.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk