

City of Takoma Park, Maryland **Takoma Junction Development Review Council- NDC-Staff Conference Call Notes** March 29, 2019

As part of the Takoma Junction redevelopment, Neighborhood Development Company, the partner for the City's project, submitted a combined preliminary plan/site plan application to Montgomery County. On March 1, 2019, Takoma Park City Council members, City staff, and NDC representatives began a weekly conference call to share updates and ask questions.

For more information, please check the City webpage for the Takoma Junction Redevelopment: https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/takoma-junction-redevelopment/

Participants on the conference call:

Mayor Kate Stewart and Council member Kacy Kostiuk; City staff Jason Damweber and Rosalind Grigsby; NDC representative Jingjing Liu.

1. NDC updates

Due to confusion during the submission process when the plan was replaced with the by-right project, and due to the SHA delay, NDC has determined that they will focus on working with the Tree Commission, the Historic Preservation Commission, and other meetings at this time. After those meetings, NDC will have a better understanding of the timing and next steps for revisions of the plans.

2. Staff updates

City staff have created an Information Sheet on the stormwater permit process. It is now posted on the web page for Takoma Junction Documents, FAQs & Correspondence: <u>https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/takoma-junction-redevelopment/takoma-junction-documents-faqs/</u>

3. Questions for Discussion

- Is NDC's May 7 meeting with the HPC public? The Historic Preservation Commission meetings are public. This meeting will be a preliminary consultation with no opportunity for public comment. There are no approvals involved at this time.
- Was NDC asked to move the stormwater pipe from the proposed location in the wooded lot?

NDC is trying to avoid any impact to two significant trees along Columbia Avenue, so the stormwater pipeline may be moved to accommodate them and not go across the

wooded area. NDC's civil engineer is working with the City Urban Forest manager on the best option for relocating it.

• Is there any new information or understandings from any of the reviewing agencies based on their discussions with staff since the DRC meeting? There is no new information at this time.

4. NDC call wrap-up

The group confirmed the call for next week on April 5, 2019.