

## **Shady Grove Sector Plan Advisory Committee**

April 26, 2017

Summary Notes

Town of Washington Grove, Grove Avenue

**Members Present:** John Compton, Pat Labuda, Joe Parello, and Pamela Lindstrom

**Members Absent:** Connie McKenna, Michael McInerney, Jeff Reznick and Brian Pierce

**Guests:** McLean Quinn (EYA), Shelly Winkler and Ben Schnider

### **Shady Grove Station Update**

The implementation of Shady Grove Station Westside (Phase 1) continues to move forward. Here are highlights of the development:

- 58 townhouses have been sold and 44 units are occupied.
- The first multifamily building (The Daley/Building A) will be delivered this Summer.
- Crabbs Branch Way reconstruction will be completed by this Summer.
- A new 19 dock Capital Bikeshare station has been installed at the Metro Station. Two additional Capital Bikeshare stations will be installed at Shady Grove Station later this year.
- The new sidewalk connection to the Metro Station is complete.
- The Trail around the stormwater management pond should be implemented later this year.

### **MCPS School Bus Depot**

The Committee discussed the Department of General Services (DGS) decision to study the parking needs for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), rather than pursue relocating the MCPS bus depot at the County Service Park (CSP) to other sites in the County.

Committee members, including Pat Labuda expressed disappointment in DGS's decision to step back from relocating the MCPS buses, rather than pursuing the redevelopment of Jeremiah Park to implement the public park, school site and additional development as recommended in the Sector Plan. Ms. Labuda said that retention of MCPS school buses will continue to promote industrial type uses in the area and undermine the smart growth opportunities that the Sector Plan recommends.

### **Proposed Shady Grove Station Preliminary Plan Amendment**

McLean Quinn of EYA described the proposed preliminary plan amendment that removes the approved office development at Shady Grove Road and Crabbs Branch Way with a retail/commercial development, likely a grocery store. The approved preliminary plan has an office building and community garden at this location, which will be amended. Mr. Quinn indicated that the community garden will be retained but reconfigured into a north-south orientation. A future site plan would provide more design details for the commercial/retail space.

### **Committee Decision**

John Compton recommended, and other Committee members agreed, to send a letter to the County Executive, County Council and Planning Board Chair expressing its position that more aggressive efforts should be made to implement the Sector Plan's recommendation to redevelop all of the Jeremiah Park, rather than to retain MCPS school buses.