



Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 6th, 2023 @8 am (Virtual Meeting)

Notes to be Taken by: Matt Gordon

1) **Update on Veterans Park; Amanda Farber** (20 minutes)

- The developer for 7820 Wisconsin Avenue presented a Concept Plan to the Design Advisory Panel in November.
- In the course of the DAP presentation, the developer identified that it is in contract negotiations with the Parks Department to acquire the Goldberg Trust property (7800 Wisconsin Avenue) for fair market value.
- While Parks Department originally acquire the Goldberg Trust property with the goal of converting it a public park/civic space, it's current thinking is that an expansion to Veterans Park is more practical and effective on the west side of Woodmont Avenue.
- The developer of 7820 Wisconsin Avenue is not currently proposing a public park as part of its redevelopment.
- Questions from the IAC were asked about public notice from the Parks Department on this change in plans and whether the consideration received would be transferred to the Park Impact Payment. Additional questions concerning the Sector Plan recommendations for public park space on the Goldberg Trust property were raised.
- Henry Coppola from Parks Department advised that he and others from Parks Department would come back to an IAC meeting to present additional details.

2) **Election of new co-chairs for 2023** (10 minutes)

- Amanda Farber (residential community) and Matt Gordon (property owner/business community) were elected as co-chairs for 2023.

3) **NEW BUSINESS** (10 minutes)

- Discussion concerning the return to in-person meetings at the B-CC regional services center occurred. The committee agreed that it would attempt to meet in person on February 3rd, with a hybrid option for attendees to participate via Microsoft Teams.

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