

**Greater Shady Grove
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
November 2, 2016**

**Johns Hopkins University
Montgomery County Campus
9601 Medical Center Dr., Rockville MD 20850
Gilchrist Hall / Room 227**

Voting

John Brandt / Universities at Shady Grove
Steven Kelley / NIH-National Cancer Institute
Ellen Poltilove / Johns Hopkins University
McClellan Quinn / EYA

Non-Voting

Joseph Allen / Neighborhood Representative – Gaithersburg

Ex Officio

Sandra Brecher / Representing Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation (MCDOT) Director
Catherine Matthews / Upcounty Regional Services Center

Staff

Nakengi Byrd / Montgomery County Commuter Services
Jim Carlson / Montgomery County Commuter Services

Absent

Ed Axler / M-NCPPC
Dr. Antoine Banks / Westside Neighborhood
Capt. Thomas Didone / Montgomery County Police
Randy Scritchfield / Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber
Jordan Snow / 1788 Holdings

Guests

Benjamin Garcia / Westside Neighborhood
Gehmelle Johnson / NIH – National Cancer Institute
Melissa DiMercurio / Van Eperen & Company – TMD Outreach
Maria Sofia / Germantown Resident
Angela Taylor / FINRA
Ronnie Warner / Montgomery County Dept. of General Services

Item 1 – Welcome & Introductions: The meeting was called to order. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes: Members reviewed and approved meeting minutes for September and October.

Item 2 – TMD Redevelopment Update: Ronnie Warner, Montgomery County Department of General Services (DGS) Regional Manager, briefed the Committee on the County Service Park redevelopment plan. The purpose is to move County facilities and redevelop land near the Shady Grove Metro station bordered by Crabbs Branch Way, Shady Grove Road and Redland Road.

- EYA is developer of Westside Shady Grove and will develop the whole 90 acres
- The County invested \$20 million for public improvements:
 - Walking trail around the storm water pond, improving connectivity to Shady Grove Metro and Crabbs Branch Way
 - Roadway, intersection, sidewalk improvements and signals
 - Water and other utility improvements to accommodate development
- EYA is partnering with Buzzuto Development to develop 1500 residential units with ground floor retail-1,114 multifamily units, 407 townhouses and office parcel
- 211 residential units will be Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs); County requires that 12 percent of multi-family units be MPDUs
- No Metro parking on the development site; Metro will redevelop the Shady Grove parking lot - garages provided for retail only
- The development has an 8-10 year building plan

Ms. Warner discussed the changes to the east side of the development site.

- The planned Jeremiah Park will be an 8-acre combined elementary school and park; green space will remain until a school is needed - Master Plan needed to co-relocate park and school when agreement is signed
- 689 residential units on site, 15 percent of which will be MPDUs
- Radio shop to be relocated; however, the school bus depot will not be until a relocation site is found-no purchase contract with a developer can be signed
- The plan for the east side is building relocation, demolish the site, handle environmental clean-up and lastly selling the whole 45 acres
- The pedestrian safety features on the east side of site include: signalization at intersection to mitigate traffic at bus depot which is still on the site, signalized connections to Shady Grove Metro and walk path around storm water pond-curb cuts, sidewalks and shared use paths also included
- Bikeshare planned for the east side of Shady Grove Metro
- Discussion regarding walking connections to Metro-trees removed to accommodate sidewalk

Ms. Warner also announced:

- West side of the development can be viewed on DGS website under Office of Planning and Development
- Police, Fire and MCDOT will be relocated by mid-December and part of the site is being reserved for possible Federal use but not confirmed.

Item 3 – Marketing Outreach Update: Melissa DiMercurio, Van Eperen & Co., announced:

- TMD representatives met with an employer to discuss the FareShare program and Metro's Surge 10 information; company will be submitting a Traffic Mitigation Plan (TMP) next week
- Health Benefit Fair at Bio Reliance – November 15th
- Conducting marketing promotion regarding Surge 10 and using MARC as an alternative option – free tickets distributed in Silver Spring and Rockville

Mr. Carlson announced:

- 311 has extended its hours for the Surge 10
- Libraries will distribute alternative transit options-free Ride On shuttle service available

Ms. Brecher announced:

- Telework webinar for employers
- The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) “Learn the Route” bike ride from Glenmont to Fort Totten
- Discussion regarding signalization at Shady Grove Road and Crabbs Branch Way-installing cross walk signal poles, and timing will be adjusted
 - MCDOT controls signal timing inside the County, including State roads
- Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) review recommended completion of TMD biennial reports and creation of a TMD ‘dashboard’ with relevant and easily read metrics on the Commuter Services web site
- Subdivision Staging Policy (SSP) is under review to regulate the development process so that permits are not being issued to properties that exceed the capacity of public facilities, and also to streamline the process for developers. **Mr. Carlson** will distribute the TDM Workgroup Report which explains Commuter Services role in the process

Angela Taylor, FINRA, raised concerns regarding decreased parking availability and the high cost of maintaining the company shuttle, as she will not be able to share service with National Cancer Institute.

Ms. Brecher said she would follow up regarding having Ride On bus service on the site.

The Committee discussed pay parking for large employers who currently do not charge because it is viewed as a benefit to attract employees. Introducing fees incrementally via payroll deductions or transportation benefits that can offset parking cost may be effective. Tax benefits up to \$255 per month can also be offered.

Item 5 Updates:

- Metrorail ridership is down during the surge as was WMATA’s goal
- Martin Di Caro’s radio program on NPR regarding Metro can be listened to via podcast

Adjourn - Next meeting date December 7, 2016