

RESTON TOWN CENTER ASSOCIATION

Board Update # 10 November 2008

LINK UPDATE

New bus schedules, snow emergency information and new software have been added to the web site.

DRB UPDATE

The DRB reviewed and resolved 12 commercial issues primarily for signage applications. Most inquiries from residents have been about guidelines and to see what was required for items like storm doors. 53 phone calls and e-mails have been received and 25 faxes sent and received.

ELECTION REPORT

There were two positions up for election this year – one representing industrial owners and one representing urban core owners. Ms. Susan Cyran was re-elected as one of the four RTCA Industrial representatives. Ms. Kathy Hannon was elected for a full three year term as one of the three RUCA representatives.

WEST MARKET STORMWATER POND

Westerra (the parent company of Terrabrook) has told RTCA that it is ready to transfer the stormwater retention facility, which they own, that lies between the West Market Community and the Fairfax County Parkway to the RTCA. The Board has reviewed and discussed the history of this pond many times. In November 2000 the Board agreed to take title to the pond, which had been dredged in August 2000, following an acceptable engineering report and the release of the bond with Fairfax County. Independent of these steps the transfer of the pond was delayed on Westerra's side by several issues unrelated to RTCA. In March 2006 RTCA sent a letter stating that RTCA felt an updated inspection and evaluation regarding dredging was needed given the time that had past since RTCA first agreed to take the pond. Despite some telephone contacts since then there has been no response from Westerra or indication that they were ready to do this.

The current consensus was that the strategy with Westerra should be to :

1. Restate the original requirements and the March 2006 criteria for taking over the pond;
2. investigate the bonding with the county; and
3. determine if the bond could be taken over by the county instead

RESTON MASTER PLAN REVIEW PROCESS

The Board has received the county planning staff report concerning the results of the outreach and meetings with focus groups that are part of revising the Reston Master Plan

review process. Generally they heard many of the issues that have been identified during other public review sessions connected the study of Metrorail station. A major theme was concern about development in the Town Center, regardless of who the owner is or whether it is publicly or privately-owned. It was recommended that the Town Center be one of the focus areas for future planning. The report also suggested a process for the plan review involving further public education concerning land use conditions and constraints in Reston. After some discussion the Board consensus was to find out more about the process and the time-line and see if a county representative could meet with Board.

TOWN SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS

Several ideas have been discussed for Town Square including game tables, street furniture, and more lights. Recognizing that this is a RUCA property it was suggested that RTCA could generate some ideas and proposals for both short-term and long-term projects to present to RUCA. It was proposed that a first step would be to put together an informal group including representatives from RUCA, RTCA and the residential community. This group could begin meeting in the next several weeks and make some initial assessments and about the Town Square. Eventually the group could present these ideas to both Boards. The residential Directors, Mr. Goudie and Mr. Michaels agreed to identify other interested residents who are users of the park.

NEW RECREATION FACILITY

Members of the Board attended a meeting concerning a joint effort by RA and RCC to build a major recreation facility located where there are currently ball fields at Baron Cameron Ave and Lake Newport Drive. It would include facilities like indoor tennis, pool, basketball court, meeting rooms, rock-climbing wall. This would be a major capital improvement. The Board discussed concerns about the costs, scale, and location.