



Lake Barcroft Association, Inc. (LBA)

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Penny Gross
Fairfax County Supervisor
Mason District Governmental Center
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(By email)

Dear Penny:

Re: Seven Corners Task Force

We appreciate the vast amount of time that the members of the Task Force have spent on the process of structuring a redevelopment plan for the Seven Corners Area. We understand that this effort was initiated over two years ago and drew on many experts as the Task Force was working through the Visioning Process.

While the Task Force has made steps toward accommodating concerns expressed by many of the neighborhood homeowner associations, not all issues have been resolved. Indeed, at the September 9th Task Force meeting earlier this week, county staff were informing the Task Force and the public about clarifications they were making due to prior confusion over the conceptual design of the so-called ring-road and proposing new language for the Task Force plan to address the adverse impacts to our local schools that would result from increased residential development. The Task Force was not able to meet its primary objective for the evening – voting on one of four options for the Sears Site (one of these options had only been proposed in August), nor was it able to reach agreement on whether Juniper Lane should be closed to prevent access to Leesburg Pike or that no street or pedestrian access should be permitted from the Shadeland cul-de-sac to the Sears Site. Moreover, while everyone acknowledges that having “implementation language” that addresses how development (residential, retail, or office) should be staged with improvements in transportation and schools, the Task Force has yet to write such a script.

As I'm sure you know, many members of the public who attended the September 9th meeting expressed concerns about these issues, as well as questioning whether there had been sufficient evaluation of the overall density levels under consideration by the Task Force. In my remarks at the meeting, I stressed, among other things, that the implementation component of the proposed development was critical and that the public should be given a chance to review and comment on that language at a public hearing. Because the Task Force's current schedule does not allow for that opportunity, I requested that the Task Force at a minimum should extend their completion date to allow for a public comment period on the implementation language and on the transportation and school clarifications that were proposed for the first time at Tuesday's meeting.

Particularly in light of how important the implementation components of the plan are, we ask that you request Chairman Thillman to extend the Task Force's schedule so that this language can be developed and then put out for public comment.

Sincerely,



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