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Subject: from: Council Member Calvin Ball re: ZRA-113 Update
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Date: Thursday, October 15, 2009, 4:50 PM

Good Afternoon:

On October 13, 2009, General Growth Properties (GGP) presented a plan for the revitalization of Downtown Columbia to the County Council. For your convenience, the proposed General Plan Amendment (GPA) presented at the meeting is now available for review on the County's webpage [http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/Downtown_Columbia_Plan\(GPA\).pdf](http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/Downtown_Columbia_Plan(GPA).pdf). In addition, the Zoning Regulation Amendment (ZRA) is now available for review on the County's webpage http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/ZRA_113_Legislative_Text.pdf.

On October 14, 2009, the Howard County Economic Development Authority (HCEDA) submitted its Final Economic Impact Analysis of the proposed Downtown Columbia Plan to the County Council. This information is available for review on the HCEDA website http://www.hceda.org/uploads/pdfs/ColumbiaDowntownFINAL_101409.pdf. The Columbia Association (CA) also presented its vision for Symphony Woods to the County Council. The Columbia Association's proposed plan for Symphony Woods is available for review on the CA website <http://www.columbiaassociation.com/SymphonyWoods/index.cfm>. An accompanying video presentation is available on the CA website, which offers more information on its vision for Symphony Woods.

As we move forward, it is important to me to hear your perspective on the future of Downtown Columbia and the key issues of importance. I value your input and look forward to our entire community weighing in on this legislation. The legislative process is outlined below. I have also listed important dates in which ZRA 113, the legislation concerning Downtown Columbia; will be discussed by the Council.

Please mark your calendars for the following important legislative dates concerning ZRA 113, the revitalization of Downtown Columbia:

October 2009

10/22/09 2:00pm Legislative Prefile – ZRA 113 will be officially submitted to the County Council

November 2009

11/02/09	7:30pm	Board of Education, Board Room	Legislative Session
11/16/09	7:30pm	Board of Education, Board Room	Legislative Public Hearing
11/23/09	4:30pm	Board of Education, Board Room	Legislative Work Session

Please note that these dates are subject to change and updated information will be posted on the County Council webpage http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_Legislative_CouncilCalendar.htm. Once ZRA 113 has been officially submitted, please confirm the dates on the website listed above.

Once legislation is introduced, it proceeds throughout a legislative process and generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday – New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday – Public Hearing on legislation is introduced that month
- 4th Monday – Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday – New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Again, I look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas regarding the Downtown Columbia plan.

ZRA 113 –Zoning Regulation Amendment (ZRA 113)

http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/ZRA_0113_Legislative_Text.pdf

ZRA 113 – Technical Staff Report

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/ZRA113staffreport.pdf>

GGP's General Plan Amendment

[http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/Downtown_Columbia_Plan\(GPA\).pdf](http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/Downtown_Columbia_Plan(GPA).pdf)

Planning Board Recommendation for GGP's General Plan Amendment

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DPZ/DPZDocs/GPAPBRec.pdf>

Link to Howard County Economic Development Authority's Economic Impact Study

http://www.hceda.org/uploads/pdfs/ColumbiaDowntownFINAL_101409.pdf

Link to Columbia Association's vision for Symphony Woods

<http://www.columbiaassociation.com/SymphonyWoods/index.cfm#>

Link to ALL ZRA 113 Supporting Documents

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_ZoningRegulationAmendments.htm

Link to Howard County Council Agenda (October 3, 2009 - October 16, 2009)

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative_CouncilAgenda.htm

All the best,

Dr. Calvin Ball

Council Member, District 2

http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/Dist2_Bio.htm

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"Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love..."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.