

Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Area Minor Master Plan

Attachment 5: Summary of Written Public Hearing Testimony from Department of Health & Human Services and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service and Staff Response

Issue/Property	Page	Testimony or comment	Commenter	Staff Response
Affordable Housing Provision		MCDHHS strongly endorses the inclusion of 15% MPDU's as a high priority public amenity.	Nicki De La Rosa, MC Department of Health & Human Services	Staff agree. Included in the high priority public benefit list under the optional method development for the Metro site.
Open Space		MCDHHS strongly endorses the inclusion of green space that caters to multiple age groups with appropriate amenities and is flexible. Reference the <i>Age Friendly Cities Checklist</i> by WHO.	Nicki De La Rosa, MC Department of Health & Human Services	Staff agree. Open space recommendations in the plan call for a central gathering space of minimum 1.25 Acres. Staff will reference the checklist.
Bike and Pedestrian Connections		Connect to Rock Creek Park. Provide pedestrian facilities and separated bike lanes where possible.	Nicki De La Rosa, MC Department of Health & Human Services	Staff agree. Separated bike lanes proposed along Tuckerman Lane.
Fire Access and Operations		The road cross-sections on pages 53-54 show 7-ft wide parking lanes. Per Executive Regulation 8-16 and the County Road Code, on-street parking is specified as 8-ft wide. If parking lanes were only 7-ft wide, this reduction in width would have an adverse impact on operational width for fire-rescue apparatus.	Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS)	Staff will revise the sections on pages 53-54 to recommend 8 foot wide travel lanes.

Fire Access and Operations		<p>The statement on page 74 regarding provision of fire-rescue service to the plan area requires modification so that it is accurate and complete. As written, the paragraph indicates that Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Station 5 serves the plan area.</p> <p>This is partially correct. I recommend the amended narrative as per below. “The plan area is served primarily by Bethesda Fire Department – Fire Station 20 and Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Station 5. Fire-rescue resources from other stations respond into the plan area as needed. These include Rockville Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Station 23, Bethesda Fire Department – Fire Station 26, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad – Fire/Rescue Station 41, and occasionally others depending upon the incident type and availability of resources within the North Bethesda area.”</p>	<p>Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS)</p>	<p>Staff will revise the text on page 74.</p>