

Woodmont Triangle Action Group

Bethesda Chevy Chase Regional Services Center
4805 Edgemoor Lane – Bethesda, MD - 20814

March 30, 2016

Mr. Casey Anderson, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

Subject: Christ Lutheran Church Project
(Site Plan No. 820160090) – Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Woodmont Triangle Advisory Group (WTAG) is offering this letter of support for the proposed development by Christ Lutheran Church at 8015 Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda.

The Church has been sharing their plans with the WTAG since 2010; most recently we had a presentation on the final proposed site plan on March 11, 2016. The WTAG has long supported the project, recognizing and applauding the community benefits associated with the Community Center facility that is an integral part of the project.

The overall site design was positively received and the WTAG is pleased with the recent revisions to site plan and, in particular, plans to separate the project into two buildings – one for the church/community center and another with the residences.

One concern expressed at our meeting was the need for the Church to include a sufficient buffer zone between the project and neighboring yard to the north. Thus, we would make our support subject to Christ Lutheran having sufficient landscape screening along the property line with that adjacent homeowner. While our support is not dependent on this, the Church could explore moving the sidewalk a few feet to allow for the landscaping.

About the Woodmont Triangle Action Group:

The Woodmont Triangle Action Group coordinates and monitors the progress of development, retail revitalization, and the provision of amenities and facilities in the Woodmont Triangle district of downtown Bethesda. The Action Group was a recommendation of the 2006 Woodmont Triangle Amendment to the Sector Plan for the Bethesda CBD. Members are appointed by the Planning Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Knapp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sue Knapp, Chair
Woodmont Triangle Action Group