

**Comment Summary for the Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan**

Comments received between 12-1-2021 at 12 p.m. and 12-7-2021 at 6 p.m.

|   | <b>Issues/Property</b>      | <b>Testimony or Comments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Staff Response</b>                                                                               |
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| 1 | General                     | Support for the Plan<br><i>Brian Ditzler, Sierra Club, David Schneider</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Comment received.                                                                                   |
| 2 | General                     | Support for improved pedestrian and bike infrastructure, redeveloping underused parking garages and affordable housing in mixed-income neighborhoods.<br><br><i>Brian Ditzler</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Comment received.                                                                                   |
| 3 | General                     | Support for transit-oriented land use policies, recommendations related to energy use and climate threats and better transportation opportunities.<br><i>Sierra Club</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Comment received.                                                                                   |
| 4 | General                     | Request to evaluate the benefits and burdens of the plan's recommendations on underserved communities.<br><i>David Schneider</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Comment received.                                                                                   |
| 5 | General - Boundary          | Request to remove Woodside Park from the Plan.<br><i>Residents of Woodside Park: Christine Morgan, Patrick A. Sidwell, Roberta Faul-Zeitler, Saiping Tso, Julie R. Good, Ross Bettinger, Shira Bettinger, Arthur Daemmrich, Brenda Freeman, Daniel Gewirtz, Mayra Davalos, Kenneth Jeruchim, Carla Holt, Les Holt, Beatrice Hoppe, Aaron Hoppe, Adina Gewirtz, Omar Teitelbaum, Abigail Glenn-Chase, Kalyani Chadha. Samir Khuller, Betsy Gressler, Siouz Thompson, Christopher Hatch, Sandra Hatch, Liora Moriel, Susan Kirshner, Chris Shlemon, Carol Slatick, Dawn Leaf, Lou Razzetti, Kay H. Oshel, Robert E. Oshel, Graham Anderson, Kevin N. Keegan, Linda DeRuvo-Keegan, Rosa Gwinn, James Gormally, Clara Hill, Karin Leff, Howard Horowitz, Judith Deitz, William Moore, Rosemarie Gallant, Benyamin Marks, Bessie Gewirtz, Matt Dixon, Amy Dixon, Olivier Hartmann, Rita Karimini, Andy Alderdice, Kirk Alderdice, Jen Doherty, Dan Doherty, Ralph Tryon, Maida Schifter, Grace Boeringer, Kate O'Neill, Trevor O'Neill, Madlyn McPherson, David Dickerson, Barbara Warner, Carolyn Davis, Eugene Slatick, Rosanne Skirble, Daniel Klein, John Martin, Jaclyn Martin, Robert G. Steinman, John Parrish, Susan Miles, Rob Williams, Francesca Macchiarini, Beatriz Camino, Raul Camino, Barbara Doran, Eric Landau, Ago Ambre, Aade Ambre, Anna Sabin, Jim Sabin, Michael McClary, Frith Crandall, Eric Svendson, Murray McCombs, Cynthia Mackie, Diane Case, Amelia Watkins, Laura Forman, Denise Sherer, Charles Sherer, Peter Hoffman, Roberta Hoffman, Marian Dirda, Michael Dirda, Francie Hester and Tim Hester</i> | Comment received.                                                                                   |
| 6 | Land Use and Zoning (4.1) - | Concern about requirement for "large public open space" at corner of East West Highway and 16th St. on Falklands property, due to its location, size and other requirements of the property<br><i>Lerch, Early &amp; Brewer on behalf of JBG/Falkland</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Comment received. Zoning for all parcels will be reviewed with the Planning Board at work sessions. |

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| 7  | Land Use and Zoning (4.1) - Opportunity Sites            | Request to name additional sites for redevelopment opportunities, including: the Capital One Bank Branch surface parking lot, Silver Spring Ave/Fenton St. surface parking lot, vacant lot next to former Addis Ababa, county-own parking lot on Fenton/Easley.<br><i>David Schneider</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Comment received.                                                                                   |
| 8  | Land Use and Zoning (4.1) - Silver Spring Transit Center | Support for the reimagining of the Silver Spring Transit Center in the Plan, with additional requests to maximize feasibility of development of the site: inclusion of a civic or public use at the site, increasing the height to 240' and conducting a financial impact analysis of the recommendation to exclude "transit proximity" or "structured parking" from list of public benefits along with requirement of CIF contributions.<br><i>WMATA</i>                                                                                                             | Comment received. Zoning for all parcels will be reviewed with the Planning Board at work sessions. |
| 9  | Land Use and Zoning (4.1) - 8808 Colesville Rd.          | Request to rezone 8808 Colesville Rd. to CR due to current commercial use, proximity to transit and surrounding commercial uses.<br><i>Shridhar Gondhalekar, on behalf of owners Ram Ganesan and Zhansi Ganesan</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Comment received. Zoning for all parcels will be reviewed with the Planning Board at work sessions. |
| 6  | Transportation (4.6)                                     | Request to promote more connectivity, pedestrian safety and walkability with more "flexible streets" and narrow highways (Georgia, Colesville and East West Highway. Request for clarification on where micro-mobility devices can be used.<br><i>David Schneider</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Comment received. Key plan Recommendations will be reviewed during Planning Board work sessions.    |
| 10 | Transportation (4.6)                                     | Support for Bikeway Network Recommendations (Table 1, Pg. 90) and Bicycle Parking recommendations. Request for more language for bicycle parking adjacent to commercial buildings, Parks and public buildings in the Plan area. Support for expanded bikeshare and micromobility options. Support for Pedestrian Network recommendations included in Plan. Request for wider sidewalks and buffers on Georgia Ave and road diet for East-West Highway between Georgia Ave. and Colesville Rd.<br><i>Peter Gray on behalf of Washington Area Bicyclist Association</i> | Comment received. Key plan recommendations will be reviewed during Planning Board work sessions.    |