

Item 11 - Correspondence

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To: County Executive Marc Elrich

County Councilmembers

Planning Board Chair, Casey Anderson

Once again the past is prologue in the Planning Board's apparently unlimited power to do whatever it wants whenever it chooses to.

The Planning Board meeting on ZTAs that was suddenly scheduled for April 7th should not be held on the same day as the PHED meeting.

The widening of Colesville Road's right of way to 120 feet from Spring St. to Sligo Creek was introduced at the last minute without any public involvement and is yet another example the Planning Board's overreach and how it operates to limit public participation.

Many people who will be affected by the proposed ZTA changes are not aware of the meeting.

This time the Planning Board has limited participation by manipulating the meeting schedule and giving little advance notice. It is time for the County Council to insist that the Planning Board reschedule its ZTA meeting and give the public adequate notice.

Sincerely,

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From: [brenda.freeman](#)
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Subject: Comments for the Public Record for the April 7, 2022 Planning Board Work Session on the ZTA Proposal
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Planning Board Chairman Anderson:

The Planning Board should not have scheduled the April 7th Work Session on the first draft of a proposal to modify an expanded ZTA back- to- back with a PHED Committee work session *before* the PHED Committee completes its work on outstanding plan-wide recommendations.

The Planning Board's work session is of great impact on Woodside Park as it proposes a change in the ZTA with inadequate notice to this community and others that would be impacted by the change.

The Planning Board is aware that the timing of its “work session” will certainly limit community input and review of a ZTA proposal that would dismantle established residential neighborhoods in order to expand the Central Business District.

This is obviously an attempt to pre-empt the PHED session and advance the ZTA before the work of the Downtown Master Plan is complete.

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