

Item 7 - Correspondence

From: chuck.bethesda@gmail.com
To: [MCP-Chair](#)
Subject: Bethesda Downtown Amenity Fund Transfers
Date: Monday, December 5, 2022 1:01:59 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I recently reviewed the Memo dated 12/1/22 for improving the Bethesda streetery on Norfolk Avenue. This is a much needed amenity to provide a permanent central open space for the community. I've lived in East Bethesda for 37 years and have been involved in various community issues during that time. Previously, I had provided input on the elements that I'd like to see included in this design. I'm happy to see that many were included in the graphic representation of the improvements.

However, one item I had requested was a permanent stage for performing arts which does not appear was included. This area of Bethesda is where BUP hosts summer concerts which is a popular event. BUP has definitely improved the summer concert series by providing a covered area and a professional PA system. Unfortunately, the performers are located on the uneven asphalt pavement.

Bethesda claims to be *Where the Arts Shine*. As I am a musician and perform at many nearby community concerts, Bethesda is one of the few that does not provide a stage. If a decent stage was provided, it would allow for not only music but other arts as well such as dance concerts or theatrical productions.

I understand there are budget constraints. I respectfully request that a stage is included in these improvements. If that is not possible, I would ask that you consider where a stage would be located while completing your design. Maybe a temporary stage would work or maybe a stage can be funded in the future. It is important to at least consider where a stage might be located as you finalize the design.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. If there is someone else I should be communicating with please let me know.

Sincerely,

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From: chuck.bethesda@gmail.com
To: [MCP-Chair](#)
Subject: RE: Bethesda Downtown Amenity Fund Transfers
Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:50:36 PM

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Dear Catherine,

I have subsequently received an email from the Bethesda Urban Partnership stating that they purchased a new stage and will be using it for their summer concerts. So my concerns have been addressed. Therefore there is no need to investigate my email further.

Thanks for following up,

Chuck

From: MCP-Chair <mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:42 PM
To: chuck.bethesda@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Bethesda Downtown Amenity Fund Transfers

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your comments. I am confirming receipt for distribution to the Planning Board and staff to review and consider.

Thank you,

Catherine Coello, Administrative Assistant

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