

Worksession

Agenda Item #	7
Meeting Date	February 19, 2008
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Discussion Item	Discussion on the Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee
Background	<p>In September 2005, Washington Adventist Hospital announced plans to leave its Takoma Park location. As a result of this announcement, in February 2006, the Takoma Park City Council decided to create two committees, a Health Services Impact Committee and a Land Use Committee.</p> <p>It was agreed to establish the Health Services Impact Committee first. The Land Use Committee was seen to be a longer-term committee, but, because of uncertainty of the timing of the hospital relocation and of the land use regulations that would apply to the site, establishment of the Land Use Committee was delayed. Since that time, the hospital has indicated that it would not completely abandon its property in Takoma Park and intends to continue to have some health services at the site, although specifics have not been announced. More detailed information will likely be included in the hospital's Certificate of Need application, which may be submitted in August of 2008. An application for a Special Exception for the hospital's new location has been submitted to Montgomery County.</p> <p>In its worksession discussion of September 17, 2007, the City Council heard the request of Drew Sommers of the Health Services Impact Committee to consider having just one committee which would look at both the health and land use issues. After the discussion, there was Council consensus to have two separate committees with a liaison between the two, or with some shared membership.</p> <p>At the Council's meeting of February 11, 2008, when the issue of the Land Use Committee was raised, there was some discussion about whether or not the focus of the committee should be on just the parcel currently occupied by Washington Adventist Hospital, on the hospital parcel and other Takoma Park parcels that might be affected by the hospital move, or on land use in general across Takoma Park.</p>
Policy	The Takoma Park City Council is concerned with the provision of health services and the nature of development in the City of Takoma Park.
Fiscal Impact	n/a
Attachments	None
Recommendation	Give direction to staff as to the desired structure and mission of the committee.
Special Consideration	