

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	5
Meeting Date	March 24, 2008
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Approved By	

Discussion Item	Resolution Establishing the Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee
Background	In September 2005, Washington Adventist Hospital announced plans to leave its Takoma Park location. As a result of this announcement, in February 2006, the City Council decided to create two committees, a Health Services Impact Committee and a Land Use Committee. It was agreed to begin with the Health Services Impact Committee. The Council has now expressed interest in establishing the Land Use Committee. The Council discussed the Committee at its February 19 and March 17, 2008 worksessions.
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	Draft resolution.
Recommendation	Vote on resolution.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2008-xx**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL
LAND USE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2005, the Board of Trustees for Adventist HealthCare voted to move Washington Adventist Hospital out of Takoma Park; AND

WHEREAS, since that time, hospital officials have discussed continuing to use some of the land on which the hospital is currently located, but firm plans for the property have not been made public; AND

WHEREAS, because of its size and location, any change of use at the site could have substantial impacts on the Takoma Park community in terms of services, appearance, traffic, and economic health; AND

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to establish a residents' committee to advise the Council on land use options and impacts of reuse of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

There is hereby established a Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee that shall serve in an advisory role to the City Council on matters related to the future use of the property currently occupied by Washington Adventist Hospital.

The purpose of the Committee shall be:

- A) To become familiar with land use regulations and processes that may apply to reuse of the property.
- B) To consider the positive and negative community impacts of various land use scenarios for the property, including impacts on nearby neighborhoods as well as the greater Takoma Park community.
- C) To evaluate constraints, opportunities, and/or information gaps regarding reuse of the property.

- D) To identify key requirements for successful reuse of the property.
- E) To identify ways to hear from the community on the reuse issues, through methods such as forums, charettes, articles or other formats.
- F) To consult and coordinate, as needed, with other committees or organizations, to help meet the charge of this committee. In particular, the chair of this committee should communicate regularly with the chair of the Health Services Impact Committee.

The Committee shall consist of a diversity of persons interested in the issue of the impact of reuse of the hospital property on the Takoma Park community. A representative of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission shall be invited to participate as an ex officio member. The Committee may choose to request other ex officio members as needed to help accomplish the charge of the Committee.

The Committee shall consist of between seven and 15 members.

The Committee shall meet monthly or as often as needed to fulfill its responsibilities.

The Committee shall brief the Council quarterly or as needed.

The City Manager or his or her designee shall provide appropriate staff support to the Committee.

The Committee shall be disbanded at the end of a two-year period from the date of this Resolution unless the City Council acts to extend the term or otherwise alter the structure of this Committee.

Adopted this __ day of _____, 2008.