## **Parkwood Residents Association (PRA)**

## Fall Meeting – October 7, 2024

**Topic: Attainable Housing Strategies** 

Slides of the presentation and a Video Recording of this meeting are available on the PRA websitewww.parkwoodresidents.org

## **Meeting Summary**

The meeting was conducted on Zoom and called to order at 7:34 PM by PRA President Kira Lueders

Kira welcomed attendees from Parkwood and Kensington Estates. She acknowledged Paul Ellis from Councilmember Kate Stewart's office and announced that the meeting would begin with an item of PRA business. The PRA no longer distributes a community newsletter; however, the issue of proposed changes to zoning in Montgomery County would have impacts on the community, many of which residents may not be aware. PRA Executive Committee proposes sending a postcard mailing to all residents suggesting the they review several documents related to the proposal. The mailing will cost over \$500 and requires approval by PRA membership for this expenditure. Motion to expend PRA general funds on the postcard mailing was made, seconded and approved by Zoom "show of hands" (at 6 minutes).

Jeff Griffith, VP of PRA, introduced Lisa Govoni, MNCPPC staff and Josh Linden, member of the Planning Board MNCPPC. Questions during the presentation should be sent to the Chat Room and will be answered following and include any additional discussion (at 8 minutes).

Josh Linden (<u>Josh.Linden@mncppc-mc.org</u>) spoke about the changing demographics of the County, communities in high demand and the extreme high cost of purchasing a home. He stated that the proposed Attainable Housing Policy is about alternate housing options to meet changing situations (at 9:20 minutes).

Lisa Govoni, (<u>lisa.govoni@montgomeryplanning.org</u>) Project Manager for Attainable Housing reviewed the goals and options of the effort in a slide presentation (at 15:00 minutes).

Jeff presented many questions from the Chat Room which led to discussion and comments from meeting attendees and speaker (at 30 minutes).

Discussion issues included community amenities and infrastructure, parking, storm water management, initiatives in other jurisdictions, funding options, and the definition of "attainable housing".

After questions and comments, Jeff thanked all participants and stated that PRA would continue to follow this issue and keep the community informed (at 1 hr.30 minutes).

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM (at 1 hr.38 minutes).

-Mary Ellen Savarese, Secretary

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