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From: Jessica Bellah <jessica.bellah@columbiaassociation.org>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 12:06 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR89-2019 Written Testimony Columbia Association
Attachments: CR89_2019_CAWrittenTestimony.pdf; CR89_2019_CAWrittenTestimony.pdf

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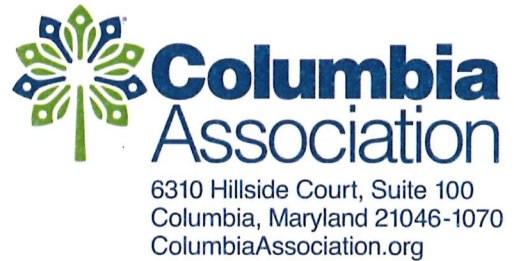
Good Afternoon,

On behalf of Columbia Association, please find attached written testimony for CR89-2019 which is currently on the tabled agenda for 7/6/2020.

Thank you,
Jessica

Jessica Bellah, AICP
Senior Community Planner
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July 6, 2020

Deb Jung, Chairperson
Howard County Council
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Re: Council Resolution 89-2019

Dear Chairperson Jung and members of the County Council:

Columbia Association is submitting this letter and our testimony in opposition to the outright sale of a portion (1.087 acres) of Old Maryland Route 108 without conditions that would ensure the realization of transportation planning goals and wider community benefits in the area.

Columbia Association does not fundamentally oppose the sale of this property. The decommission of the land and its incorporation into a development project has the potential to improve the overall site plan of any development that occurs on this parcel. We are particularly supportive of a development project that incorporates a significant number of affordable housing units. The Association, however, feels strongly that the Council should place conditions on the sale of the property to ensure that any development of the site incorporates improvements that benefit the community as a whole.

Columbia Association sees an opportunity to meet two goals at this location: aesthetic beautification and improved bicycle/pedestrian connections. Improving the frontage along MD 108, such as removing the Jersey barrier and incorporating a generous planting area are desirable.

There is a great need to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities for those traveling along MD 108 and crossing over MD Route 29 or Columbia Road. While the current MD 108 crossing over Route 29 does not accommodate pedestrians or bicyclists, long term transportation goals in the County and the State call for the eventual accommodation of these users. It is therefore prudent to plan for improvements on adjacent properties to ensure this goal can be realized. Bike Howard, the Howard County Master Bike Plan, also contemplates several bicycle improvements

in the vicinity of Columbia Road and MD 108 that utilize the closed portion of Old MD Route 108.

Should the County Council choose to sell the property, Columbia Association recommends the Council include sale conditions that would require the developer to incorporate site improvements that achieve the aesthetic improvement and transportation goals outlined above. Specifically, we recommend the County Council adopt the following conditions to run with the land:

Any development project that utilizes the conveyed portion of Old Route 108 shall, as part of their development project and subject to review and approval of the proposed site plan by the Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning and the Office of Transportation, design and construct:

- 1) Bicycle and pedestrian facilities such as a side path or other appropriate best practice infrastructure on the frontage of MD 108 that achieves the transportation planning goals enumerated in project numbers 19, 20, and 21 of the Howard County Master Bike Plan (Bike Howard). Such facilities shall be designed to tie into any future Route 108 bicycle or pedestrian facilities that would accommodate pedestrian and bicycle crossings of Route 29 and crossings of MD Route 108 at Columbia Road.
- 2) A generous landscape buffer along the frontage of MD Route 108 to improve visual aesthetics in this area, screen any proposed development, and to accommodate the desired side path or other pedestrian/bike facility in a linear park-like setting with generous buffers from vehicular traffic.
- 3) Coordinate with the State Highway Administration to design and implement an alternative to the existing Jersey barrier currently installed on the frontage of MD Route 108 for the purpose of improving visual aesthetics in the area.

We encourage you to approve CR 89-2019 only if conditions are attached to the sale that achieves a wider community benefit.

Sincerely,

Jessica Bellah

Jessica Bellah, AICP
Senior Community Planner
Office of Planning and Community Affairs
Columbia Association

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From: bombick@verizon.net
Sent: Saturday, July 4, 2020 11:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR89-2019

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Dear County Council,

I offer the following (additional) reflections for your consideration regarding the Dorsey Overlook land sale (CR89-2019):

Area residents are concerned that: (1) the environmental impact of this project will be detrimental to the area, (2) that this sale will lead to more density within this development, and (3) that the land is being undervalued in this sale.

Mr. Irvin recommended that the sale go through stating that the county didn't want to continue to maintain/plow this road for one house. This recommendation is no longer valid considering the planned development (as presented February 10, 2020) will result in 82 units.

Maintaining this land allows the county to explore future use based on community need including landscaping, stormwater management, or pedestrian/bike lane space. Further, it helps to ensure that the planned Dorsey Overlook project does not exceed the environmental or physical capacity of the land.

In 2018, a previous design for this project (as a 50+ complex) went before the Board of Appeals to request a reduction in setback from Old Rte 108 from 30 feet to 11.25 feet and a project setback reduction from 30 feet to 20 feet due to the difficulty in developing this land. Before going before the Board of Appeals, the developer adopted design committee suggestions such as reconfiguring the building, improving streetscape plantings between old and new 108, and adding more pedestrian areas. These changes were not made out of the goodness of the developer's heart, but to gain design approval before going before the Board of Appeals. The waivers were granted. Unfortunately, the next iteration of this development was completely different, and the design panel was in the process of starting over with recommendations when redistricting led to further plan changes.

The process of going before the design committee and the Board of Appeals allows the county to review plans and make suggestions (more green space, streetscaping, etc.) while the developer has an incentive to comply. Once this land is sold to the developer, the footprint of development can expand with less oversight.

Not selling this land to the developer will not stop the development, nor should it. But it will ensure that development in this environmentally sensitive area is reviewed carefully by multiple boards and committees at various phases. It will ensure that changes not be made after waivers are granted. If the council determines that the sale ultimately benefits the county, please consider including contingencies or stipulations regarding on-site stormwater treatment, pedestrian/bike/handicapped accessibility, community green space, streetscaping, outdoor play space for children, or other elements not currently addressed.

Thank you,
Cate Bombick

P.S. There are several further regulations (such as usable green space per dwelling) which are discussed in section 112 of the code, which should be reviewed as they apply to this development when/if it comes before DPZ again:

https://library.municode.com/md/howard_county/codes/zoning?nodeId=HOWARD_CO_ZONING_REGULATIONS_S112.015REAPDI

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From: Caroline Bodziak <cbodziak@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Dorsey's Search property sale

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Hi Howard County Council,

I am writing to ask you to please REJECT the sale of 1.09 acres of land on the corner of Columbia Rd and Route 108 to developers for the unusually low price of \$50,000 or less.

The County should keep and maintain this property for better uses including improving traffic or pedestrian safety, linking to Columbia Rd Complete Streets, better storm water management, bioswales, or green space.

Developers should not be given gifts like this. Please REJECT this plan.

Respectfully,

Caroline Bodziak
3133 Hearthstone Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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From: Ayat Gad <ayatfarghaly@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Reject the developer handout for Dorsey Overlook - CR89-2019

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As a resident of Dorsey search, please reject the developer handout for Dorsey Overlook - CR89-2019. This plan will affect the traffic and quality of life in our neighborhood. It will be overpopulated in a school district that already suffers from over capacity and buildings need proper renovation . More people can benefit if we have more green areas or preschools for kids. I am willing to help in this project as much as I can to maintain a proper standard of life for our neighbourhood.

Thanks

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Ayat Gad

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From: Sue Franckel <suefranckel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR89-2019's

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Please reject this bill to the Developer. It is a give away just for development we don't need.

Thanks,

Sue Franckel

3702 Dorsey Search Cir, Ellicott City, MD 21042

4102945796

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From: Bill Withers <wwithers@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:29 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR89-2019

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I am writing to urge special care as you consider the community response to CR89-2019. The homework has been done, the plans drawn up, and the price set. This looks like a routine conveyance of marginal County property to help the siting of a new development.

The problem is that this has become routine. Please do not rubber stamp this deal just because it is business as usual. As if flooding from last night's rain were not enough evidence that the County could take responsibility for managing a better solution for this land, then read the suggestions from concerned citizens: an improved intersection, storm water management, green space, streetscape enhancements, etc.

Public land should be premium land, not a bargain to help make hard to develop land easier to develop. Let the developer find his setbacks from the County property line and use the public land to serve the public.

thank you - Bill Withers

Bill Withers
Ellicott City

This message is my personal opinion and does not necessarily represent the views of any group or organization.

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From: Jason Crouch <ericjasoncrouch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:05 PM
To: Yungmann, David; CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Reject - #CR89

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I am a resident of Howard County. Please reject #CR89, regarding the selling of land in Dorsey to a developer. Say no to this developer handout!
Jason Crouch

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From: Amy Bracciale <amy.bracciale@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth; Yungmann, David
Subject: #CR89 - REJECT

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I am a resident of Howard County. Please reject #CR89, regarding the selling of land in Dorsey to a developer. Say no to this developer handout! ... and all others Amy Crouch

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From: mteske1@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 7:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Don't sell land for \$12k

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If you approve to sell this for \$12k you're a joke to me. I got off social media for a while bc the covid postings. I get back on and have to see this posted by Liz W. It seems she's the only one with any sense. Not sure where the rest of you all stand. Hopefully with Liz. Have you not seen how some of you get zero likes and she gets hundreds. Take a clue... those are the residents speaking their damn mind.

Michael Teske

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From: ann bracken <anniebluepoet@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 6:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please reject CR89-2019

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I strongly disapprove with selling the land at the intersection of Rte. 108 and Columbia Rd to be used for more development. The area is already overbuilt and I am getting reports of flooding in that area as I type this email.

Please turn down this request.

Kind regards,

Ann Bracken

"So hope for a great sea-change
on the far side of revenge.
Believe that a further shore
is reachable from here.
Believe in miracles
and cures and healing wells."
~Seamus Heaney, "The Cure at Troy"

"I am not afraid. I was born to do this."
~St. Joan of Arc

Ann Bracken
Poet~Author~Creator of Possibilities
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From: Marybeth Steil <marybeth.steil@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Oppose CR89-2019

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Good afternoon:

I am writing to voice my opposition to CR89-2019. I am against these sweetheart deals for developers. Please try to act in the best interests of the taxpayers of this county, and not the lobbyists. Obtaining maximum revenue possible from county land sales ought to be a goal in these trying times. Maybe this land ought to be auctioned or listed for sale instead of this, which is clearly not an arms-length transaction.

thank you.

Marybeth Steil
South Wind Circle, Columbia, MD
District 4

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From: Jacob Goitom <jgoitom@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Dorsey Search land sale

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HoCo County Concil members,

I'm writing in regards to the Council meeting scheduled for July 6. How is it that the county is selling an acre of land for only \$12,000? This doesn't make sense. If the county doesn't see any use for the parcel of land, why not turn it into a park or open green space?

Who benefits by selling the land for \$12k??? I feel the you guys are doing the bidding for developers than representing the people that elected you to office.

I hope you have better explanation or else you will see the council's mismanagement of county land and resources in the press.

JG

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From: mona@howardcountyissues.org
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:11 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 89-2019

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Stop the madness. Seriously. People are paying attention.

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From: KM <klm18@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR89

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Howard County Council,

I am deeply frustrated by the amount of new development being crowded into Howard County with no apparent regard for the current residents. I am horrified by the ongoing discussion of CR89, which appears to be a blatant developer handout in an area where there is recurring flooding. I would hope that if the council were seriously considering selling this land, they would at least insist on the developer paying the same price paid for adjacent private property, money which could be used to improve Howard County infrastructure for the existing residents.

Please vote against CR89.

Thank you for your time,
Katrina Murdock

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From: Kris Maciorowski <komaciorowski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: 108 and Columbia Rd CR89-2019

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To whom it may concern:

Please REJECT this proposal by developers to seek the above land for a mere \$50k or less. This is a handout to developers.

Thank you,
Kris Maciorowski
3708 Mesa Ct
21042
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Alison Holcombe <alisonholcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR89-2019

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Council Members,

I ask that you reject CR89-2019 where 1.09 acres of land at the corner of Columbia Road and Route 108 would be sold for a mere \$50,000. I'd prefer you focus on improving traffic or pedestrian safety at this busy intersection.

I implore you to reject this developer handout.

Thank you,
Alison Holcombe

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From: MELISSA WHIPKEY <melissaw@waybettermarketing.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote against CR89-2019

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Dear Council Members:

I just learned about this proposal. It is an outrageous giveaway of County property. Not only is the land in question unquestionably worth more than \$12,000, it could serve important public purposes such as traffic calming or storm water management. Or how about this, just allow the land to be undeveloped!!! But I'm sure the purpose is to allow the developer to cram as much density into its adjacent project as possible. I understand that the project provides affordable housing. I strongly support affordable housing and am very glad to see the area get more of it. But let's make the developer subsidize this public good in Howard County. We have a history of letting developers not pay their fair share of the costs of affordable housing, schools, etc. Please put an end to it. Make the developer pay its fair share or not transfer the property at all.

Thank you-

Melissa Whipkey
4001 Chatham Rd
Ellicott City MD 21042

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From: Julia McCready <jamccready@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:56 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR-89 "Dorsey Overlook"

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Dear members of the Howard County Council,

I am writing in support of the Dorsey Overlook project and in hopes that you will vote to complete the agreements to move it forward in good faith.

If we are not openly supporting every chance we have for affordable housing in Howard County then we should quit saying we care about people who don't have as much as we do. I'm truly distressed to see this project being framed as a scam or some kind of theft from Howard County residents. Keeping people from having a decent place to call home is not what I want in my community. I hope every Council Member will give serious thought to the people you could be supporting and caring about.

Let us offer to people who need affordable housing what **they** are worth. Let us show respect for **all** members of our community.

Thank you for your hard work on this and all other county endeavors.

Sincerely,

Julia A McCready
5745 Thunder Hill Road
Columbia MD 21045

Sent from my iPhone

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From: bombick@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:20 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR89-2019

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Dear County Council,

I am contacting to express my concern regarding the development of "Dorsey Overlook" and request that you vote "no" at this time to the related sale of land requested in CR89-2019.

This development itself is concerning in that it has changed design and purpose numerous times in recent years. Most recently, it was presented to DPZ as age restricted housing but could not pass out of the design committee due to the "foreboding" structures and the lack of green space. After school redistricting, it is back with plans that seem to have an even larger building footprint that fully extends into Old Route 108. While the design committee requested more green space and less pavement, this plan seems to go the other way and offers even more impervious surfaces.

There have been several community requested uses for this land. The first possible use of this land is for a more robust environmental and stormwater management plan for the area. Columbia Road is often flooded during heavy rain due to the previous infill development of the parcels adjacent to those involved in the "Dorsey Overlook" plan, as well as parcels along Old Annapolis Road (several more of which are currently in development). A second possible use of this land is to expand the complete streets and pedestrian areas surrounding Route 108. A third possible county use would be the expansion of the turn area from Route 108 to Columbia Road. Residents have previously requested a possible expansion/reconfiguration of this turn lane and pedestrian area, which is currently very tight due to the use of jersey walls. There are many elements of stormwater management, pedestrian access, complete streets, etc., which should be considered before this land is sold to developers to maximize their construction footprint.

At the very least, it would be helpful if the previous DPZ concerns about the lack of green space in the "Dorsey Overlook" design plans could be addressed in a meeting before this land is sold. Since the builder has reverted to previously submitted plans (which I believe are several years old), this current proposal has not come before the community or DPZ for review. The county council should not rush to sell the builder more land if they are unwilling/unable to address county and community concerns.

Thank you,
C. Bombick

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From: Francine Woodcock <fmrw13@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:57 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Land sale 108 and Columbia RD

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As a HOCO resident of many years, I drive in that area daily to get to work, doctor visits, kids' activities, shopping, etc. the intersection of horrific at rush hour and often a general mess. Please do not practically give away that land for a low Rice but use it to better the intersection or area, Or fund community initiatives. There are many better ways to use money now, especially in light of the medical, social injustice, food and financial problems brought to light in the last few months.

Francine Woodcock
10357 Lombardi Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sent from my iPad

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From: Stephanie Sabourin <skizzia@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Sale of 1.09 acres on Columbia Road

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I reject the proposal to sell (or potentially almost give away) this land. It is in a location that is best served by leaving it for use in run off and drainage in a more natural state. Howard County needs to put people and environment over developer money or we will keep paying the price!

Stephanie Sabourin
9732 Summer Park Ct
Columbia, MD

Sent from my iPad

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From: Lori Skillman <sunlori2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: #CR89-2019- Please reject selling this to a developer for mere pennies!

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DEAR COUNTY COUNCIL-

I am addressing the selling of the property off of Route 108 and Old Columbia Road in Ellicott City. PLEASE DO NOT "GIVE" this parcel away by asking for a low price (12-50K) to a developer! [#CR89-2019](#)- every piece of land is precious in our county. Overcrowding is now part of Howard County in the middle and eastern areas. Please be smart and plan to do something useful with this and not give it to a developer to make the corner dangerous or have 4 apts shoved in the space.

We can do better by using common sense and looking AHEAD to what we need!

Thank you for your consideration.

Lori Skillman
Elkridge, MD

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From: Jonathan Polen <jpolen01@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Dorsey Overlook Land Sale

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I am writing to voice my opposition of the sale of 1 acre of land at the corner of 108 and Columbia Road for an absurdly low sale price of \$12,000. When home prices in Howard County are some of the highest in the nation, giving this land away for the price of a used Honda Civic is laughable and wildly irresponsible.

My home in Ellicott City, a modest 3 bedroom rancher on a half acre of land, cost \$480k in the fall of 2019. If you plan to approve this land sale for \$12k (so that a developer can turn it for an outrageous profit), I expect the county to reevaluate my home appraisal at no more than \$6k for tax purposes. I mean one one acre a few miles away is worth \$12k according to your appraisers, then my half acre should appraise for only \$6k. Fair is fair, right?

What time should I expect the appraiser?

Thank you,

Jon Polen
Resident in 21042

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Melissa Kistler <melissa.kistler@me.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:31 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote no on CR89-2019

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I wrote when this bill was on the table before and am writing again. Do not sell the land for Dorsey Overlook for \$12,000-\$50,000. That is not a fair assessment. I'll buy it for that! Keep green space that is there. Build where there is space to build. Don't cut developers a deal when we can't even fully fund our schools. Seems pretty simple.

Melissa Kistler
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Shelley Lombardo <sjlomar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:23 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR89-2019

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Please do not approve the sale of 1.09 acres of land at the corner of Columbia Rd and Route 108. I This heavily trafficked intersection needs to be reworked/improved and this land will be needed to ensure that can be accomplished.

Regards,

Shelley Lombardo

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From: Francine Woodcock <fmrw13@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:57 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Land sale 108 and Columbia RD

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As a HOCO resident of many years, I drive in that area daily to get to work, doctor visits, kids' activities, shopping, etc. the intersection of horrific at rush hour and often a general mess. Please do not practically give away that land for a low Rice but use it to better the intersection or area, Or fund community initiatives. There are many better ways to use money now, especially in light of the medical, social injustice, food and financial problems brought to light in the last few months.

Francine Woodcock
10357 Lombardi Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sent from my iPad

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From: Stephanie Sabourin <skizzia@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Sale of 1.09 acres on Columbia Road

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I reject the proposal to sell (or potentially almost give away) this land. It is in a location that is best served by leaving it for use in runoff and drainage in a more natural state. Howard County needs to put people and environment over developer money or we will keep paying the price!

Stephanie Sabourin
9732 Summer Park Ct
Columbia, MD

Sent from my iPad

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From: Lori Skillman <sunlori2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: #CR89-2019- Please reject selling this to a developer for mere pennies!

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DEAR COUNTY COUNCIL-

I am addressing the selling of the property off of Route 108 and Old Columbia Road in Ellicott City. PLEASE DO NOT "GIVE" this parcel away by asking for a low price (12-50K) to a developer! [#CR89-2019](#)- every piece of land is precious in our county. Overcrowding is now part of Howard County in the middle and eastern areas. Please be smart and plan to do something useful with this and not give it to a developer to make the corner dangerous or have 4 apts shoved in the space.

We can do better by using common sense and looking AHEAD to what we need!

Thank you for your consideration.

Lori Skillman
Elkridge, MD

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From: Jonathan Polen <jpolen01@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Dorsey Overlook Land Sale

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I am writing to voice my opposition of the sale of 1 acre of land at the corner of 108 and Columbia Road for an absurdly low sale price of \$12,000. When home prices in Howard County are some of the highest in the nation, giving this land away for the price of a used Honda Civic is laughable and wildly irresponsible.

My home in Ellicott City, a modest 3 bedroom rancher on a half acre of land, cost \$480k in the fall of 2019. If you plan to approve this land sale for \$12k (so that a developer can turn it for an outrageous profit), I expect the county to reevaluate my home appraisal at no more than \$6k for tax purposes. I mean one one acre a few miles away is worth \$12k according to your appraisers, then my half acre should appraise for only \$6k. Fair is fair, right?

What time should I expect the appraiser?

Thank you,

Jon Polen
Resident in 21042

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Melissa Kistler <melissa.kistler@me.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:31 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote no on CR89-2019

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I wrote when this bill was on the table before and am writing again. Do not sell the land for Dorsey Overlook for \$12,000-\$50,000. That is not a fair assessment. I'll buy it for that! Keep green space that is there. Build where there is space to build. Don't cut developers a deal when we can't even fully fund our schools. Seems pretty simple.

Melissa Kistler
Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Shelley Lombardo <sjlomar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:23 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR89-2019

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Please do not approve the sale of 1.09 acres of land at the corner of Columbia Rd and Route 108. I This heavily trafficked intersection needs to be reworked/improved and this land will be needed to ensure that can be accomplished.

Regards,

Shelley Lombardo