

Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills

Rebecca Schenck [rhschenck@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 1:49 PM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: cgthomas65@verizon.net

I am 60 years old, a swimmer, a resident of Columbia, and a registered nurse. I see the adverse effects everyday of immobility, particularly in an older population.

Developing recreational facilities sends a message to our children that activity is important, and gives everyone, old and young safe places to enjoy activities.

I have arthritis, the pool is the fountain of youth! How about putting Columbia "On the Map", with a 50 Meter Pool!

Rebecca Schenck RN, MS

Need for a new ice skating rink

Ji Lydon [jilydon@comcast.net]

Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 11:46 PM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Ginny Thomas [cgthomas65@verizon.net]

Dear Council Members,

As a member of the Columbia Figure Skating Club, I am requesting your vote to approve feasibility study for Oakland Mills. We use the Columbia Ice Rink for 9 months every year and it is a great place for our club to skate, hold shows, and prepare for competitions. Our children love the rink but it is showing its age. The rink does not have the capacity for seating and there is no room for summer skating. Our club has to move to Laurel during the summer months which is costly and difficult for some of our members to drive to for skating practice. An upgraded rink with more capacity would be incredible for our club. It would permit us to have more ice time and not have to compete with the hockey club for ice time which is very difficult as they are growing every year. A new rink would also permit us to store our club show materials in the rink and not off site as we currently do because of the inability of the current facility's age and design. A new rink would definitely help our club grow as we support Columbia, Maryland in the region and beyond!

Thank you,

Ji Lydon
President
Columbia Figure Skating Club

Ice Rink feasibility study - please support

Angela Fenton [anghidid@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 10:18 AM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Ginny Thomas [cgthomas65@verizon.net]

Dear Council Members,

As a member of the Columbia Figure Skating Club, I am requesting your vote to approve the feasibility study for Oakland Mills. Howard County is in significant need for an updated and safe ice rink facility. Ice skating, including recreational skating, figure skating and ice hockey is enjoyed by both youth and adults in our area and contributes an important option for keeping kids and adults alike healthy!

Many of our figure skaters have to go outside of Howard County to other rinks to have their full skating needs met. We would love to stay local and have our local rink meet all of our needs. A new modernized rink facility would allow this to happen.

Please support the plans for developing a new ice facility for our community.

Sincerely,

The Fenton Family

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Angela Fenton, M.Ed., LCPC, NCC

Re: CB42-2015

Bill McCormack Jr [william.r.mccormack@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 8:29 PM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan; cgthomas65@verizon.net

Dear Councilmembers,

After reflecting on the discussion at the County Council session October 19th, we had the following thoughts.

Why invest \$50,000 in Oakland Mills, and why now?

Investing \$50,000 in a feasibility study to pinpoint a new focus for the village center and surrounding area is good business. The feasibility study will be a partnership of Howard County, Columbia Association, Oakland Mills and the private sector. The study will explore the ideas and possibilities in our Village Center Community Plan. The Columbia Association has already identified \$25,000 in its current budget for the feasibility study. The Oakland Mills Village Board has applied for \$10,000 from the Columbia Association Village Community Association Revitalization Grant fund which is separate from and in addition to the \$25,000.

Investing \$50,000 in Oakland Mills is like investing in the county General Plan. Every ten years the county government spends considerable money creating the General Plan for the county. The overwhelming amount of land covered in the plan is not owned by the county, but the county collects property tax on almost all the land. One of the Key Issues in the plan is Economic Development. The county invests in the General Plan to encourage economic development throughout the county. The \$50,000 investment will build on that by exploring specific opportunities for economic development in Oakland Mills.

Many Oakland Mills residents saw their property tax assessments go down in the last assessment period. This means a county revenue stream is at risk. Absent any intervention, the revenue stream will most likely continue to decline, placing a heavier burden on the rest of the county. We want to be a driver for prosperity in the eastern part of the county—not a drag! And a professional feasibility study is the next logical step.

Thanks for reading,

Bill McCormack Jr. and Ginny Thomas
Co-Chairs, Oakland Mills Village Board

Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills

Caren [carenferris@verizon.net]

Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 2:00 PM

To: CouncilMail

To Whom It May Concern:

I am supportive of the proposed Oakland Mills Feasibility Study for a sports facility study.

I live in Ellicott City, I am a senior (65+). I swim laps indoor (Oct-May) and outdoors (Jun-Sept) 5 times/week. I also participate in Aqua Fitness classes.

I think Howard County could use more swimming facilities to accommodate the diverse interests in water temperatures, times pools are available, and capacity for shower/changing areas.

thank you.

Caren Ferris

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Council Bill 42-2015 must be passed

k.ritterpusch@comcast.net

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 9:53 AM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan

Please pass CB42-2015, with a \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills at the Council session on Monday, November 2nd.

Kurt Ritterpusch

Council Bill 42-2015

Christopher Thames [cthames@AWF.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 9:57 AM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan

Please pass CB42-2015 for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills. The community needs to keep moving forward in making Oakland Mills a great place to live.

Christopher S. Thames, CPP

Purchasing Manager

American Wood Fibers

9841 Broken Land Parkway #302

Columbia, MD 21046-3073

410-290-8700 x230 Fax -6660

U.S. Navy Veteran

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Sartor, Jennifer [JSartor@impulsemonitoring.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 9:59 AM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan

Dear County Council Members and Mr Kittleman,

I am writing to you in the hopes that you will pass CB42-2015 on Nov 2, providing \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills. My husband and I have lived in Oakland Mills for 8 years, and are raising our 2 children in the Stevens Forest neighborhood. We truly love living where we do, our house is our home and we love it. We would love to see Oakland Mills revitalized and restored to an attractive, vibrant part of Columbia and feel that this study would go a long way toward putting us in a good position to achieve that end. Oakland Mills has so much potential and the people living in our neighborhood are wonderful neighbors – the best. I hope you will consider providing us with these funds so we can get the rest of Columbia seeing the greatness of Oakland Mills the way my family and I do.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jennifer Sartor and Michael Anderson

6127 Gatsby Green

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Oakland Mills

Joe [joekerrm@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:14 AM**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan

Howard County Council,

Please support CB42-2015. I am a resident of Oakland Mills and would very much like to see Oakland Mills, Columbia, and Howard County become the best they can. Oakland Mills is in need of help. Unfortunately, the gerrymandering approved last election cycle chopped Howard County so we no longer have a true State representative so it is solely upon our local lawmakers to encourage what is best for their constituents. Helping Oakland Mills will encourage growth and development that is beneficial to all Howard County residents. Thank you for your help and time and I look forward to your decision.

Mr. Kittleman,

Congratulations on your election! I met you at the Oakland Mills annual festival several years ago (you enticed me with your pitch on the "rain tax"). Not that I expect you to remember me specifically, but I mentioned my most important concern was the development of Oakland Mills and Columbia as a whole. Support on CB42-2015 will do exactly that. Congratulations again and best of luck to yourself and the council as a whole.

Sincerely,

Matt Kerr

Council Bill CB42-2015

Rita Seidelman [ribseid@aol.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:36 AM

To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan

To: Howard County Council

I live in Owen Brown and work in Long Reach and am AGAINST council bill 42-2015 because:

- Oakland Mills has received CA stipends for many years and they keep asking/needng more with nothing to show for this financial infusion. The Village had been well subsidized for a very long time.
- Long Reach has a floundering village center an needs more help than any other village at this point in time.
- This is an issue for CA to fix, not the County.
- There are surely other social organizations that directly help individuals and could use some assistance.

Thank you.

Rita Seidelman
9240 Quick Fox
Columbia, MD 21045

410-381-0127

CB42-2015

David Stancil [dcstancil@verizon.net]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:44 AM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan

Dear Friends,

While I actually live in Hickory Ridge, I am the pastor of the Columbia Baptist Fellowship, whose home has been the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center for over 40 years. As I'm sure you know, Oakland Mills is in serious--and perhaps desperate--need of revitalization, and CB42-2015 would provide \$50,000 for a feasibility study for our redevelopment.

As Columbia and its villages come to the end of our first 50 years, we need to be seriously proactive in rethinking and revisioning for the next 50 years. I urge you to support this effort to redream the Dream.

Thanks for what you do for us all.

Dave Stancil
301-801-8535

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Live Simply, Love Generously,
Care Deeply, Speak Kindly,
And Trust in God Who Loves You.

Council Bill 42-2015

Julia McCready [divajackson@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:45 AM

To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan

To the County Council and the County Executive,

In reference to CB 42-2015, I respectfully submit my blog post of October 15th. (See below.) As you can see, I feel pretty strongly about this.

I'd like to add that, if there is a way for the County to direct this process and assure that Msrs. McCormack, Verchinski, and Ms. Thomas are **in no way** assigned to leadership roles, that I might feel differently. I want only the best for Oakland Mills. At this point principled leadership would be worth more than money.

Sincerely,

Julia A. McCready
5745 Thunder Hill Road
Columbia, MD. 21046

No Rewards for Bad Behavior

It looks like there's going to be a **surplus** in the Howard County Budget and the leadership of the Oakland Mills Village Board wants some of it. \$50,000.00, to be exact. Yes, the very same people who:

- recently held a secret meeting with Tom Carbo without informing the rest of the board
- released a negative story to the press about the state of Oakland Mills housing stock without informing the rest of the board
- tried to sell all of Howard County on a state-of-the-art sports complex so that they could displace less fortunate Oakland Mills residents

Yes, **those** people. They want \$50,000.00 to pursue their plans for "re-inventing Oakland Mills."

Don't give it to them.

The idea that one extra cent of Howard County tax money should be extended to such poor stewards of our community's resources galls me, today in particular. Today is our Covenant Advisor's last day. Why? Well, after months and months, no, several years of rudeness, systematic interference, veiled threats, and outright bullying from these people, she has resigned. Our village is losing a dedicated and extremely competent member of Village Staff, who has given fourteen years to Oakland Mills, because of them.

Please, please don't reward this behavior. Please tell me that we don't give awards for bad

behavior in Howard County.

To Mr. Kittleman and the County Council, I ask that you give this money to a group which has shown proven leadership in the truest sense: good stewardship, transparency in operations, respect to community members. I know you will do your best to chose wisely.

I love Oakland Mills and I believe in Oakland Mills. If anyone is thinking about giving out extra money I would suggest it be spent on feeding hungry children and their families, helping struggling homeowners repair their homes, and, if there's anything left over, training for OMCA board leadership on civil and professional behavior. They need it.

Village Green/Town²

Please pass CB42-2015

Margie Holly [margie.holly@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 11:28 AM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan; Ginny Thomas [Cgthomas65@verizon.net]; William.R.McCormack@verzion.net

To: Howard County Council

As a native of Philadelphia, I recall seeing a show profiling Columbia, and thought what an enlightened way to plan a community. When I was transplanted to Maryland by my employer, I chose to become a homeowner in Columbia, and in Oakland Mills in particular, because I value the character and qualities the neighborhood offers. As one of the oldest neighborhoods in Columbia, I perceive it as remaining true to the original vision Mr. Rouse had for Columbia as a whole.

Over the years Oakland Mills has had its challenges, especially in the face of the economic downturn of the past, but its spirit remains strong. I believe if this neighborhood is to continue to thrive and attract vibrant families and individuals that contribute to the exciting fabric of its culture, we need to continue the momentum started by our Board, to redevelop and reinvent the Village to serve this and future generations.

That is why I urge you to pass Council Bill 42-2015, which will provide for much-needed funds for a feasibility study that will help us move forward with the next chapter in our vibrant village.

Respectfully,
Margaret Holly (homeowner)
6162 Clearsmoke Ct.
Columbia, MD 21045

Please pass CB42-2015

Margie Holly [margie.holly@gmail.com]

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CB42-2015

Lodewijk Jones [mbarbersandstylist@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 11:34 AM

To: CouncilMail

ALCON,

We would like the bill passed for CB42-2015 for Oakland Mills.

Thanks

Lodewijk Jones

CB42-2015 -please pass

Jim Alvey [jimalv21045@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 11:59 AM

To: CouncilMail

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I am writing today to urge you to pass CB42-2015 with \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills at your Council session on Monday, November 2nd.

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To ensure that, it is critical to have CB42-2015 with the \$50,000 for Oakland Mills passed on November 2nd. I truly appreciate your consideration of this important bill.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you,

Jim Alvey
5489 Bright Hawk Ct.
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h.tepe@verizon.net

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 11:45 AM

To: CouncilMail

Please pass bill 42-2015. As a 21 year resident of Oakland Mills, I believe it is critical for our village.
Heather Tepe

passage of Council Bill 42-2015

Joan Aron [joanaron@ymail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:04 PM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan

To: Howard County Council

From: Joan L. Aron

Subject: Passage of Council Bill 42-2015

Date: October 29, 2015

As a long-time resident of Oakland Mills, I urge the Council to pass Council Bill 42-2015 with \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills. This study is the next step in the implementation of the Village Center Community Plan. Other sources have also committed funds to this study. It is important for the future of Oakland Mills.

Thank you.

cc: Allan Kittleman, Howard County Executive

Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills

Julia Kisa [jimoimaragoli@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:40 PM

To: CouncilMail

Please vote for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills so we have all the data we need to select a realistic attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. Now we need a professional Feasibility Study so our community can choose the best option. Please help us move quickly on this.

Thank you,
Ameer and Julia Shakeer
5967 Camelback LN
Columbia, MD 21045

Oakland Mills Village Center

Frankwrussell [frankwrussell@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:42 PM

To: CouncilMail

Please vote for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills so we have all the data we need to select a **realistic** attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. Now we need a professional Feasibility Study so our community can choose the best option. Please help us move quickly on this.

Frank W Russell
6166 Stevens Forest Road
Columbia Maryland 21045
410-978-5753

Please pass CB42-2015

Kevin Inghram [kevinxb@outlook.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:45 PM

To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan

Hello,

My name is Kevin Inghram and I am a Columbia resident living near the Oakland Mills area. I am writing to request you pass CB42-2015 with \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills at your Council session on Monday, November 2nd.

It is incredibly disheartening to drive through the village to its current state. Trash is strewn about streets near the village center and stagnation is taking hold. I am hopeful this funding will help implement a master plan to improve and revitalize the village.

It is critical to have CB42-2015 with the \$50,000 for Oakland Mills passed on November 2nd. Please do the right thing to help Oakland Mills.

Thank you,
Kevin Inghram
(410) 948-5455

Vote for the Oakland Mills Feasibility Study

Christina Williamson [cwilliamson@connectionseducation.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:45 PM

To: CouncilMail

Dear Council Members,

As a 6-year resident of Oakland Mills and a marketing executive with more than 15 years of experience, I want to highly recommend that you vote for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills. The OM solution needs to be realistic – one that will truly help the community. I spent seven years in the hospitality industry and I can ensure you that before hotel projects begin, we highly recommended feasibility studies to ensure that the location was a good fit with the proposed project. Research like feasibility studies helps organizations make good decisions and avoid costly investments.

Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. A professional feasibility study will help us select the best way forward. Some homework now will save us from a very costly mistake. A Feasibility Study will empower the whole community to make an informed decision, including the effect on jobs, traffic, and nearby housing. Please help us move quickly on this.

Thank you.

Christina Goldie Williamson
Senior Director, Marketing Communications
Connections Education
Office: 443-873-1812
Cell: 901-550-5915

Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills

Shoosty [shoosty@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:49 PM

To: CouncilMail

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Regards,

Asad Shoosty
5950 Camelback Lane
Columbia, MD 21045
443-254-2686

CB42-2015

BARBARA Stewart [bmstewart13@msn.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:59 PM**To:** CouncilMail**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan

Dear Gentlepersons:

As a longtime resident of Stevens Forest, Oakland Mills, I am writing to urge the County Council to pass CB42-2015 on November 2nd. The feasibility study is an important next step in the implementation of the Village Center Community Plan which is crucial for the future redevelopment of the Village of Oakland Mills.

Sincerely,

Barbara M. Stewart

9567 Landbreeze Row

Columbia, Maryland 21045

Feasibility Study

Froydis Beckerman [froydis@verizon.net]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 1:02 PM**To:** CouncilMail

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you to ask you to support the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills. It is very important that you support this study so that we have all the data we need to select a realistic attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included and includes some very promising possibilities. The Columbia Association has already come up with \$25,000 and County Executive Kittleman proposed \$50,000 for a Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills. It is time to make Oakland Mills a more attractive Village than it currently is and we need your help.

Thank you very much for allowing this Study to go forward.

Sincerely,

Froydis H. Beckerman
Thunder Hill in Oakland Mills.

Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills

Kathryn Knight [kathryn_griffin@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 1:02 PM

To: CouncilMail

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please help us revitalize the Oakland Mills Village Center. As a resident (tax payer and public school parent), we really need to revitalize Oakland Mills and bring in more residents. The Columbia Associate has already agreed to \$25K and we need another \$50K from the county.

This study will provide additional data to us so that we can select an attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. Now we need a professional Feasibility Study so our community can choose the best option. Please help us move quickly on this.

We are desperate to improve the Village Center and get more traffic and income into the area.

Thank you for your help!

Kathryn Knight

Feasibility Study

Alicia Malinowski [amalinowski@modelhomeinteriors.net]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 1:12 PM**To:** CouncilMail

Hello Council- I have already written regarding a Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills, but I understand that the funds may not be available. Our community greatly needs some "luring" qualities to get it going again. I have lived in this community from Kindergarten through High School, and I am now raising a family here. I have seen the "up's and down's" of the area, and this is a different trend. If something does not happen soon, this community is going to suffer, and not be able to rebound. Please reconsider. My family thanks you in advance.

Alicia Malinowski

Oakland mills

loishuffman@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 1:53 PM

To: CouncilMail

I am writing as a concerned citizen , urging the passage of CB42-2015. I am new to Columbia and when I moved here this summer I used the bus for transportation. I am familiar with the red, yellow, E, brown, silver, green, and orange route. My son helped me to purchase a home in Oakland Mills, and I now have a car. I share the bus experience because it allowed me to visit all the different villages in Columbia. Oakland Mills is the most out dated and even "run down" if you will. The plan to improve the village would do much to improve the services of the village center.

Thanks

Lois Huffman
9382 Torrent Row
720-210-8829

CB42-2015

Oakland Mills Village Center

ShirleyConnelly [shirleyconnelly@comcast.net]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 2:25 PM

To: CouncilMail

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Shirley and Roger Connelly
5967 Rosinante Run
21045

Council Bill 42-2015

Valerie Barr [valeriekbarr@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 2:38 PM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan

Good afternoon,

My family and I are residents of Oakland Mills, specifically in the Stevens Forest Neighborhood. We have lived here for over six years with our three children. We are invested in our neighborhood and community, and strongly care about the reinvention of Oakland Mills. Please strongly consider passing the CB42-2015 with \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills.

Thank you for your time,

Valerie Barr

-resident of Oakland Mills

Council Bill 42-2015 must be passed

Mona Curran [mona1curran@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 2:45 PM

To: CouncilMail; akittlemean@howardcountymd.gov

Cc: manager@oaklandmills.org

Hello,

My name is Mona Curran and I am a resident of Oakland Mills. I am asking that you vote to pass the Council Bill 42-2015, as a next step to the revitalization/invention of our community.

A commitment to funding the Feasibility Study will go a long way in helping us provide some much needed energy to Oakland Mills.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mona Curran
9426 Mellenbrook Road
Thunder Hill

Urgent: Council Bill 42-2015 must be passed

Erin Lloyd Hromada [elloyd76@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 3:31 PM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan

Please conduct the feasibility study. It is cheaper to study something and make a wise decision then to make a poor decision and regret it. Sometimes the cost to repair is even greater.

Sincerely,

Erin Hromada
Thunder Hill Resident

9414 Mellenbrook Road

support for \$50,000 for study

Ginny Thomas [cgthomas65@verizon.net]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 3:55 PM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan

From: Frankwrussell [mailto:frankwrussell@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:44 PM

To: manager@oaklandmills.org

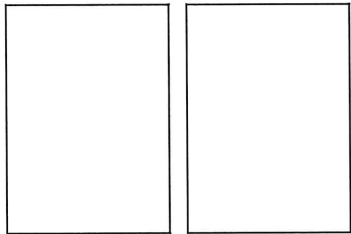
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Frank W Russell
410-978-5753

On Oct 29, 2015, at 9:48 AM, Virginia Thomas and Bill McCormack Jr. <manager@oaklandmills.org> wrote:

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**A Message From
Oakland Mills Board Co-Chairs**

**URGENT ACTION NEEDED
Your Help Is Needed Now**

Virginia Thomas and Bill McCormack

October 29, 2015

Urgent: Council Bill 42-2015 must be passed.

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Currently our Councilman, Dr. Calvin Ball, has pledged his vote for the bill. We need the votes of at least two other Council members. We would prefer all five.

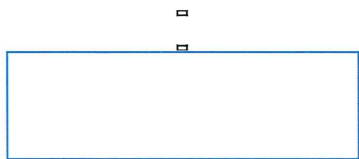
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For feasibility study for Oakland Mills Village

MEL QUECAN [MEL.QUECAN@Inf.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 4:05 PM

To: CouncilMail

Howard County Council,

Please vote for the FEASIBILITY STUDY for Oakland Mills!

Thanks and have a great day, Mel



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Feldmark, Jessica

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 4:28 PM

To: Sayers, Margery; Habicht, Kelli

For legislative file...

Jessica Feldmark
Administrator
Howard County Council
410-313-3111
jfeldmark@howardcountymd.gov

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 9:54 AM
To: Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Fox, Greg; Terrasa, Jen
Cc: Feldmark, Jessica
Subject: Fwd: URGENT ACTION NEEDED

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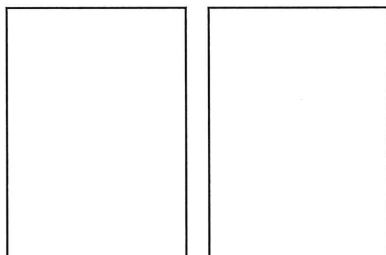
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Mary Kay Sigaty
Howard County Council
District 4
410-313-2001

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**A Message From
Oakland Mills Board Co-Chairs**

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Your Help Is Needed Now**

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October 29, 2015

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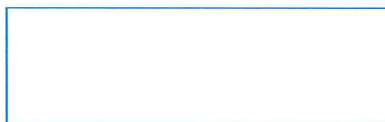
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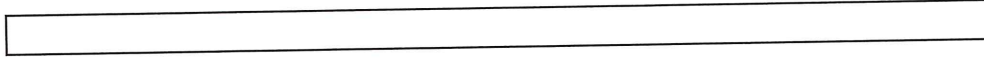
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Oakland Mills Feasibility study funding

Mike Clark [clarkmj1@verizon.net]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 5:22 PM

To: CouncilMail

To Howard County Council members:

We would hope that the County Council would support Oakland Mills village board's efforts to request funding for a feasibility study to consider public development initiatives that will renew our village center.

Mike and Lois Clark
6012 Jamina Downs
Columbia, MD 21045

Vote now for feasibility study

Kathryn Schatz [jrschat@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 5:35 PM

To: CouncilMail

I'm a 35 year resident. I have followed this proposition for nearly a year. Please vote for our hard earned diligence to finally improved my beloved village. It's imperative to approve this feasibility study to get a clear cut vision. It's the best way to spend our money. Any other use would be a travesty to OM residents. I implore you not to delay your vote. No more time or inquiries are necessary. We have all been careful & pragmatic with every detail so I implore you to vote YES!! Thanks!!

Sent from my iPhone

re: Feasibility Study of the Sports Project

Alison Wilson [alisonwilson@verizon.net]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 5:42 PM

To: CouncilMail; cgthomas65@verizon.net

To the County Council:

As a citizen of Columbia, I hope that the money that was budgeted for the feasibility study of the sports project successfully goes towards that study.

I am in favor of getting a 50 meter pool in howard county in hopes that the county would then be able to have high school swimming. As it stands, howard county is one of the only counties without high school swimming in the Central Maryland region. I think this is sad given the amount of young swimmers in the county.

Alison Wilson
Columbia, MD 21046

Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills

Janice Santiago [janice.santiago22@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 6:40 PM

To: CouncilMail

Honorable Council Members,

My husband and I have lived in Oakland Mills for four years now and we fell in love with this area as soon as we laid eyes on it. We have wonderful neighbors who are like family and want to help our community continue to grow and to thrive.

I believe there is a Feasibility Study coming up for a vote and my husband and I would like to ask that you vote yes for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills. We ask this of you so that we may have access to as much data as we need in order to select a realistic business attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. Now we need a professional Feasibility Study so our community can choose the best option. Please help us move quickly on this.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to our request. We feel this is very important to continued growth and development of our community.

V/r,

Janice and Hector Santiago

9313 Kilimanjaro Rd

Columbia, MD

410.997.2436

Oakland Mills Redevelopment

Dave Lampel [dave.lampel@verizon.net]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 6:55 PM

To: CouncilMail

Please vote for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills so we have all the data we need to select a **realistic** attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. Now we need a professional Feasibility Study so our community can choose the best option. Please help us move quickly on this.

Thank you,

David Lampel

Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills

EvelynTanner@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 7:47 PM

To: CouncilMail

Dear Council Members, I support the feasibility Study for Oakland Mills Village so that we can select a realistic attraction for our village. A feasibility study is imperative in order for Oakland Mills Village to choose the best option for new attractions to this village. Thank You for your attention to this issue

Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills

Jessie [jessiewumd@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 8:44 PM

To: CouncilMail

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Jessie Wu

Sent from my iPad

Please pass CB42-2015

Justin Fair [jorlandofair@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 9:30 PM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan

Councilmembers,

Please pass CB42-2015 in order to fund a feasibility study for the Oakland Mills Village Center. My fiancée and I chose Oakland Mills because of its convenient proximity to the Town Center, bike path connecting to Lake Kittamaqundi, and its arts-centric programming. As a budding urban planner myself, I know how fundamental and important a village center like Oakland Mills can be if its character and funding structure can be fully utilized. I also know how dull it can be if not properly funded. It is uniquely capable due to its proximity to the Town Center and its surrounding charismatic housing stock to grow and to continue to be an enjoyable community for apartment dwellers like myself looking to create a foot-hold in starting a home in the area. Please consider funding this next step of the village center's growth.

Sincerely,

Justin Fair
5764 Stevens Forest Road, Apt 315
Columbia, MD 21045

Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills

dwmonbrr@comcast.net

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 9:45 PM

To: CouncilMail

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Thank-you,
Diana Mosley
Holly Court

Feasibility study for Oakland Mills.

joytombuck@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:17 PM

To: CouncilMail

Dear Sirs (and Ms's),

Please do not delay vote on a feasibility study for Oakland Mills re-development. We need to go ahead with action to attract new business and make Oakland Mill a more attractive destination for investment.

Tom and Joy Buckingham
45 Briarwood Drive
Columbia

Please support bill CB42-2015

harringtonpr@netscape.net

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:25 PM

To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan

Distinguished Howard County Council Members and County Executive Kittleman:

We are writing to urge you to support bill CB42-2015 providing funding for a feasibility study to help guide the redevelopment of Oakland Mills in Columbia. Our young family moved from North Carolina to Oakland Mills in 2008. We love living here, our children attend the public schools here, and we are active members of our community. However, we are concerned about the future of Oakland Mills, and as you are well aware our neighborhood has some major challenges.

Since moving to Oakland Mills an amazing amount of activity and discussion has been happening regarding the direction of our neighborhood. A number of intriguing ideas have been floated from village board members and other residents to help determine the future of Oakland Mills, but where we go from here is unknown.

Now is the time to get some expert advice on how to move forward in Oakland Mills. Please vote yes for CB42-2015.

Sincerely,
Pat and Daphne Harrington
Oakland Mills residents

CB42-2015

Alex Patico [alexpatico@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:45 PM

To: Kittleman, Allan; CouncilMail

Dear Friends,

Please do what you can to fund CB42-2015. It can be the beginning of a long-overdue improvement in the Village of Oakland Mills.

Sincerely,

Alexander Patico - sent from my iPad

Re: Oakland Mills Grant/ Feasibility Study

john.ditomasso@gmail.com

Sent: Friday, October 30, 2015 9:31 AM

To: RoseMarie Meservey [rmmeserv@gmail.com]

Cc: CouncilMail

Great letter! I hope the members of the Council are listening. Certainly the members of our community are demonstrating their willingness to work for revitalization. Some of our retired Village Board members put in 40 work weeks for us. Through OMIA, I'm getting copied on lots of letters that are being sent. We have some real momentum going right now

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 30, 2015, at 9:04 AM, RoseMarie Meservey <rmmeserv@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Greetings Council Members,

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> In response to today's Columbia Flier article by Amanda Yeager I'm writing to ask for your prompt vote for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills so that the village has all of the data needed to select a realistic attraction that will make our village center a destination. Our Village Board has been working hard and the proposed study will address precise areas to be included and some very promising possibilities identified in the Village Center Plan. A professional feasibility study is needed now so that our community can make the best selection. A stronger Oakland Mills community means a more prosperous Columbia and a more prosperous Howard County. Can we count on your support?

>

> Sincerely,

>

> RoseMarie Meservey

> Ronald Meservey

Support for CB42-2015

jferry2@gmail.com on behalf of James Ferry [james@jamesferry.com]

Sent: Friday, October 30, 2015 10:45 AM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan

I support Council Bill 42-2015 to help fund the feasibility study for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills. My wife and I moved to Oakland Mills in 1972 and still live in Thunder Hill. I operated my photography studio in Oakland Mills Village Center for 20 years, from 1973 until 1993. It is sad to see the the state that the Village Center is currently in. I know there have been previous attempts to revive the center, but I believe a larger comprehensive plan needs to be developed.

Please support CB42-2015.

Thank you,
James

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Columbia, MD 21046

410-730-5981

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Council Bill 42-2015 Oakland Mills feasibility study

Charlie Bailey [cbailey@mahanrykiel.com]

Sent: Friday, October 30, 2015 1:20 PM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan

Good afternoon County Council Members,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed feasibility study in Council Bill 42-2015. I live in Oakland Mills and am employed as an urban designer/land planner. One reservation I have is the concept of the Oakland Mills Village Center (OMVC) as a regional recreation destination. In my opinion and professional experience the recreational components articulated by the Village Board in the VCCP are an inappropriate use and scale for a residential village center. These uses are associated with large footprint building envelopes that are usually blank facades that do not contribute to the walkable streetscape environment one would envision at the heart of a residential community. They require large parking resources, much larger than what currently exists at the OMVC. Large parking lots are also not conducive to a walkable community center. When these lots become filled for events such as tournaments, parking then spills into the surrounding residential areas. The larger numbers of regional users of these facilities will arrive by Thunderhill Road and Steven Forest Road which are both lined with residential driveways. This is another reason why these types of facilities are generally located off of larger arterial streets to not draw traffic onto residential streets. Lastly, The Oakland Mills community is already, and will continue to, deal with a large regional recreation use in its back yard in Blandair Park. It does not seem equitable to locate another such use right in the community's center.

I have shared these concerns with Village Board members directly but found them to be unreceptive. I would encourage the County, should they move forward with the study, to consider a different approach to revitalization in Oakland Mills.

Thank you.

Charlie Bailey, PLA, ASLA

Principal

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