



WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, November 19, 2003, for the purpose of meeting with representatives of AIMCO regarding Springhill Lake.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. It was held in the Senior Classroom of the Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Leta Mach, Edward Putens, and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Councilmember Konrad Herling arrived at 7:30 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Celia Craze, Director, Planning and Community Development; Joe McNeal, Assistant Director, Recreation; David E. Moran, Assistant to the City Manager; and Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Patti Shwayder and David Douglas, AIMCO; Sharon Thames, General Manager, Springhill Lake; Silke Pope, chair, Public Safety Advisory Committee; Joyce Chestnut, Advisory Planning Board; Brian Gibbons, Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee; Virginia Beauchamp, the Greenbelt News Review; and Maniko Barthelemy, the Gazette.

Ms. Shwayder said that when they had last met with Council, the expectation had been that there would be a complete "redoing" of Springhill Lake but that no buildings would be razed. Now, however, AIMCO is talking about a "top-to-bottom renovation." She said they have engaged André Duany, of Duany Plater-Zyberk, the designer of Kentlands. She said they had "heard" Council's requests for development that includes mixed income, environmental sensitivity, and transit-orientation. They want to hold a charette, to be facilitated by Mr. Duany, on January 12 and 13, which would include the City Council and other stakeholders.

Mayor Davis asked if the charette would be open to the residents and other members of the public. Ms. Shwayder said it would not be a public meeting because they wish to keep it small enough to be a functional work group. She suggested there would be broader public meetings subsequent to the charette. Mr. Putens asked whom they had in mind and commented that he thought Kap Kapastin and representatives from the Neighborhood Improvement Team and City boards should be included. He noted that there were three current or former Springhill Lake residents present tonight who also play other City roles. He also mentioned School Board Members José Morales and Abby Crowley as possibilities. Ms. Shwayder suggested Council give them a list of people to be considered. Mayor Davis asked if a group of 25-30 would be too large. Mr. Douglas said it would be easier to facilitate if the group could be kept away from extraneous issues as much as possible. Mayor Davis said that was understood but that the residents have many questions, and problems could be unnecessarily created if they are not included at an appropriate point in the process.

Ms. Mach asked if homeownership possibilities were included in the current thinking. Ms. Shwayder said they were.

The Mayor asked if the partnership to rebuild the Recreation Center was still on the table. Ms. Shwayder said it was, and the school as well.

In response to a question about reorienting streets, Ms. Craze said the City would need to abandon its rights-of-way and rededicate them. Mr. Douglas said there was no plan currently that would require this level of change to the streets.

Mr. Douglas also asked for any advice about streamlining the review and permitting processes with the City and the county, noting that they wanted to begin implementation as soon as possible following the charette.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gallagher

City Clerk