

**From:** [Aphro Knoop](#)  
**To:** [Planning External Mailing](#)  
**Subject:** Kentlands Square SK-7503-2017  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 12:13:04 PM

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Hello,

My husband and I are 2-year residents of the Kentlands and are very heartened by the proposals as presented by the developers and DPZ. The community desperately needs this redevelopment to proceed as outlined. Currently, we live in a community of too many boarded up shops, over-inflated rents, and lack of retail variety/density. This leads to disintegration of community, decreased property values, and crime (and far too many nail salons) as people flee to more vibrant communities.

Kentlands is in desperate need of mixed-used office/retail to enhance housing. We need a development that is much like Bethesda Row and that attracts people from across the county to visit, shop, and eat here. We need to move forward quickly to preserve and enhance this wonderful New Urbanism community.

Please accept this email as our support of the Kentlands Square proposal outlined in The Courier.

Regards,

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**To:** [Planning External Mailing: Jud Ashman](#)  
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Dear Planning Board for Gaithersburg and Mayor Jud,

The submitted plans under SK-7503-2017 appear to provide a good start in bringing the City Master Plan closer to realizing its vision. Please know that I am for revitalizing our Kentlands hub. I hope that the council and mayor vote in favor of pursuing this upgrade for the Kentlands. It will bring jobs and growth to this area. It will also allow our businesses to compete with those in the surrounding area and hopefully make the Kentlands a better place to live. Let's do our best to attract businesses and the subsequent residents and tax dollars to Gaithersburg.

Please keep an eye on the mix of commercial vs. residential and to make sure there are allowances for sufficient numbers of trees and grassy areas. There should be space for public gatherings like our Kentlands Under the Lights which make our community unique.

Regarding design details, please encourage the architects to provide a unique theme, e.g. Mediterranean village (in keeping with the Under the Lights festival, Vasilis Restaurant, etc.). Let's not have our makeover be cookie cutter. We should not look like or feel like the other town developments like Crown or Rockville or Bethesda. Keep our theme relevant to the Kentlands. Some photos for inspirational themes are included in this email. Perhaps name buildings for some of the Lakes. Make the development a go-to location.



I recognize that there might be some folks who would rather not have the Kentlands Market area grow and for it to remain its current size. I recognize that there are competing areas around the Kentlands that might want to push for their own growth. I think the growth should be fairly distributed, but let's try to have the growth within Gaithersburg so that we can attract the tax dollars we need and let's grow smartly so that we attract the right businesses and not be a city full of vape stores or whatever are the latest easy money fly-by-nite shops.

Please keep an eye on the details for us.

Thanks,  
Markham

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**To:** [Patricia Whelan](#)  
**Cc:** [Rob Robinson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: kentlands  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:48:20 AM

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Ms. Whelan:

Please try on clicking on the following link:

<http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/city-projects/kentlands-square>

Hopefully this will work for you. Sorry that the Courier printing was confusing. Thanks for your correspondence, it will be sent to the elected officials and be a part of the record of the application.

Sincerely,

Trudy

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-----Original Message-----

From: Patricia Whelan [<mailto:pswhelan@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 6:34 PM

To: Planning External Mailing

Subject: kentlands

Hi,

My name is Patricia Whelan and I live in the Kentlands and Lakelands. The first thing I would like to state is that your link given in the newspaper, Courier, did not work. (maybe it was me) Next, I like the idea of the new development occurring in stages. This gives residents and owner of the stores time to adjust. However, I dislike the idea of a large apartment building, no matter how far down the line. The schools here are overcrowded and we have no news about redistricting, we can't support more students. Finally, another park or a school annex would be more helpful and make the area more attractive to young families.

Thank you

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**From:** [Jamie Gamauf](#)  
**To:** [Planning External Mailing](#)  
**Subject:** Kentlands Square SK-7503-2017  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:34:49 AM

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I would like to submit my overwhelming support for Kentlands Square SK-7503-2017. As a licensed architect and a resident of Kentlands, I believe this will rejuvenate our neighborhood and create a beautiful mixed used development.

Please approve the Sketch Plan.

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**Cc:** [Planning External Mailing](#)  
**Subject:** Kentlands Square SK-7503-2017  
**Date:** Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:44:01 AM

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Thank God someone is finally paying attention to the pathetic state of Kentlands' retail district.

It's dated, insufficient and embarrassing.

I'm absolutely in support of the plan put forward by DPZ, Watkins & Saul Holdings. It's good for the neighborhood and the City - and if the County's "science city" vision ever comes to fruition, it will be necessary. Better to be forward thinking - as Kentlands itself was 25 years ago - than trying to play an unwinnable game of catch-up.

~ Melanie Crisafulli  
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