

From: [Elly Shaw-Belblidia](#)
To: [Planning External Mailing](#)
Subject: Kentlands Square proposal
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 2:25:00 PM

To the Planning Commission,

I attended the program put on by Saul at the Kentlands Mansion. I am a 23 year resident of Kentlands and feel I have a decent comprehension of planning principles.

I liked what I heard at the Saul presentation. While I'm sure there will be adjustments made to the project, overall I am in favor of it.

Thank you for your time.

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From: [David Bitonti](#)
To: [Planning External Mailing](#); [CityHall External Mail](#); [Jud Ashman](#); [Neil Harris](#); [Yvette Monroe](#); [Michael Sesma](#); [Ryan Spiegel](#); [Robert Wu](#)
Subject: Kentlands Square and Kentlands Downtown Plans (Kentlands Square SK-7503-2017)
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 2:06:27 PM

Dear Gaithersburg City Council and City Planners,

My name is David Bitonti, and I am a long time Kentlands resident. Please accept this letter/email in support of Michael Watkins and DPZ proposals to work with Kimco and Saul Center for a better Kentlands. Their expertise and experience in the design, intent, and attraction of Kentlands is second to none. Their suggestions to the Kentlands Downtown development plans are in the best interest of Kentlands and Gaithersburg, and I am confident that they will go a long way toward optimizing the success of the project, and the benefits to Kentlands, and the City of Gaithersburg. Their design suggestions are spot on for success, and they adhere to New Urbanist principles that are the cornerstone of Kentlands. The suggested Michael Watkins and DPZ proposals will enhance the rejuvenation of Kentlands, the Kentlands Square, and the Kentlands Downtown. Their plan will serve our neighborhood and make Kentlands on par, or exceed, the success of other established and being developed town centers around the region and the country.

Thank you for your consideration and support of Kentlands.

Sincerely,

David A. Bitonti

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From: [Gene](#)
To: [Planning External Mailing](#)
Subject: Kentlands Sketch Plan Application SK-7503-2017
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 1:02:51 PM

Please use the Kentlands/Lakelands media, Nextdoor, as one of your outlets to communicate all public decisions and proposals in your purview regarding SK-7503-2017.

Nextdoor serves as efficient and effective media to instantly reach many Kentlands residents (likely over a thousand) and engage them in community proposals.

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From: [John Schlichting](#)
To: [Silvio Renzi](#)
Cc: [Jud Ashman](#); [Neil Harris](#); [Yvette Monroe](#); [Michael Sesma](#); [Ryan Spiegel](#); [Robert Wu](#); [Trudy Schwarz](#); [Rob Robinson](#); [Tony Tomasello](#)
Subject: RE: Kentlands Square SK-7503-2017
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:14:38 PM

Silvio,

Thanks again, feel free to share.

All the best,
John

From: Silvio Renzi [mailto:silvio.renzi@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 3:58 PM
To: John Schlichting
Cc: Jud Ashman; Neil Harris; Yvette Monroe; Michael Sesma; Ryan Spiegel; Robert Wu; Trudy Schwarz; Rob Robinson; Tony Tomasello
Subject: Re: Kentlands Square SK-7503-2017

John,

Thanks for the details. That was very helpful. Do you mind if I share this with others? I wish you all the best of luck on this effort. I think it's necessary for the Kentlands/Lakelands and something that will benefit the Community and the City as a whole. I don't think we live in a rural area anymore so if we try to treat this as such we'll be in limbo and in a deteriorating position... just my opinion. Thanks.

Silvio

On May 25, 2017, at 3:38 PM, John Schlichting
<John.Schlichting@gaitthersburgmd.gov> wrote:

Silvio,

Thanks again for your input on the Saul Sketch Plan. Please allow me to set the record straight on the additional posting on May 5.

Saul did submit additional exhibits to respond to comments raised at their April 3 Joint Public Hearing and those exhibits were posted to the City website by planning staff on May 5 (indeed the day the Planning Commission's record closed). The exhibits are purely illustrative and there were no changes made to the Saul Sketch Plan since the Public Hearing except for the addition of Child Care as an allowed use. Those exhibits were incorporated into staff's presentation to the Planning Commission for their Recommendation to the Mayor & Council on May 17. The Planning Commission did recommend approval on May 17 but they are not the approving authority.

The exhibits were incorporated into the Mayor and Council's (the approving authority) record and their record remains open until 5:00pm on May 26. The Mayor and Council are scheduled to conduct Policy Discussion and possibly Final Action on this Sketch Plan at their regular meeting on July 17. The same process will be in place for subsequent SDPs.

I hope this is responsive but please let me know if you have additional questions or concerns.

All the best,
John

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From: Silvio Renzi [<mailto:silvio.renzi@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 2:59 PM

To: Jud Ashman

Cc: CityHall External Mail; Neil Harris; Yvette Monroe; Michael Sesma; Ryan Spiegel;
Robert Wu

Subject: Re: Kentlands Square SK-7503-2017

Jud,

Thanks for the acknowledgement. I was wondering if I have my story straight on how the development process works. It's not what I do for a living so I'm trying to figure it out. It looks like Saul had posted various changes to their plans on 5/5 which was the last day for public comment on the Sketch Phase. So that effectively avoids public comment. I know the next phase will be SDP. Could that happen again or is there a period of time the complete plans need to be available before public comment ends? Thanks.

Silvio

> On May 23, 2017, at 8:07 AM, Jud Ashman <Jud.Ashman@gaitersburgmd.gov> wrote:

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> Hi Silvio,

> Thank you for this message. We'll add it to our public record on the matter.

> Yours,

> - Jud

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> Jud Ashman

> Mayor, Gaithersburg, MD

> Founder & Chair, Gaithersburg Book Festival

> www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org

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> From: Silvio Renzi [silvio.renzi@gmail.com]

> Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:10 PM

> To: CityHall External Mail; Jud Ashman; Neil Harris; Yvette Monroe;

> Michael Sesma; Ryan Spiegel; Robert Wu

> Subject: Kentlands Square SK-7503-2017

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> I am writing to show my support for the Kentlands Downtown plans that DPZ and the Kentlands Community Foundation are proposing. I saw the plans on May 11th and was very impressed. When I first moved to the Kentlands in 1996 the Downtown looked fun and innovative. Now it is just run down, dated and non-functioning. This is obvious considering the high vacancy rate, constant churn of businesses, inability for larger venues to be successful and the lack of interest from larger retailers and restaurants. There is little constancy or coordination between the various regions of our Downtown. The plans that DPZ put together were elegant, functional, seemed to address all the major issues that I see here and also brings together the now distinct regions of our business district into a unified Downtown area. If we end up with anything close to what they are proposing, our new Downtown will be beautiful. Please seriously consider what they are proposing. This will be good for our greater community and not just the Kentlands.

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> Regards,

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> Silvio Renzi

From: [Lyn Gibbs](#)
To: [Planning External Mailing](#)
Subject: Kentlands Square SK7503-2017
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 5:29:02 PM

I'm am weighing in on the plans for my wonderful community if the Kentlands
I am strongly in support of the plans recently presented to the city planning committee by Mike Watkins and Marina
Khoury for the future development of the Kentlands
Many thanks, Lyn gibbs

Sent from my iPhone

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