

Kirk Eby

From: Rob Robinson
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2023 7:17 PM
To: Kirk Eby; Michael Hackman
Subject: FW: Walnut Hill Annexation
Attachments: Transmittal Letter to the City of Gaithersburg Mayor - City of Gaithersburg Annexation ANX-9510-2023 Walnut Hill Shopping Center AH.pdf

From: John Schlichting <John.Schlichting@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 5:26 PM
To: Jay Nayer (jnayer@gmail.com) <jnayer@gmail.com>
Cc: Rob Robinson <Rob.Robinson@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Walnut Hill Annexation

Good afternoon Jay,

I hope all is well with you and your parents. The attached letter from Chair Harris of the Montgomery County Planning Board indicates the Board's support of the Walnut Hill annexation into the City of Gaithersburg including 8941 North Westland Drive. Consequently, it is confirmed that the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg will hold a public hearing on the annexation petition at their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Staff's materials for this meeting are due on Friday, August 18.

When we last met on July 11, we discussed several items that you and your parents might want to include in an annexation agreement including abatement of the tax increases that your property will incur from this annexation for some period of time, perhaps five years. It would be helpful to include your request(s) in the materials for the public hearing so that the Mayor and City Council are aware of what you and your parents are looking to achieve.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to discuss.

All the best,
John



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Kirk Eby

From: Sharon Hill <geochief2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2023 12:23 PM
To: CityHall External Mail; Kirk Eby
Subject: Annexation of Walnut Hill Shopping Center

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August 19, 2023

City Clerk's Office
Gaithersburg City Hall
31 S. Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Re: Support of Annexation of Walnut Hill Shopping Center
Annexation X-9510-2020

Dear Mayor Ashman and Members of the Council:

As the Treasurer of the Walnut Hill Citizen Association, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed annexation of the Walnut Hill Shopping Center into the City of Gaithersburg. For far too long the Shopping Center has struggled and these struggles became even more pronounced when the most recent grocery store closed back in September 2020.

Presently, there is little reason for the community to frequent this retail center. The annexation of the property into the City of Gaithersburg provides the property owner with the opportunity to reinvest in the center and respond to the needs and desires of the community. Most importantly, we are thrilled that the annexation has paved the way for a new grocery store at Walnut Hill.

From the onset of our discussions with the representatives of the property owner, Granite Canyon Partners, we voiced our strong desire for a grocery store and are very pleased that we have been heard. We are also aware that following annexation, several upgrades will be made to revitalize the entire center, including the new retail pad site and many design upgrades.

The annexation is the first step in the much needed rejuvenation of Walnut Hill Shopping Center and we encourage the Mayor and Council's support of the annexation.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
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Kirk Eby

From: David Holmberg <david.holmberg@remchurch.org>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 10:14 AM
To: CityHall External Mail; Kirk Eby
Cc: Zhong H Yu
Subject: Letter supporting Walnut Hill Shopping Center annexation
Attachments: Letter in support of shopping center Aug2023.docx

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Please see attached letter in support of the shopping center annexation into the City of Gaithersburg.

Sincerely,
David Holmberg
REM Church elder and trustee
110 Central Ave.
301-529-4348 (my cell)

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ROCKVILLE EVANGELICAL MISSION CHURCH

By email (cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov)

Aug 21, 2023

City Clerk's Office
Gaithersburg City Hall
31 S. Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Re: Support of Annexation of Walnut Hill Shopping Center Annexation X-9510-2020

Dear Mayor Ashman and Members of the Council:

As a trustee and elder of REM Church on Central Ave., I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed annexation of the Walnut Hill Shopping Center into the City of Gaithersburg. The shopping center has struggled for many years, and more so since Weis closed.

The annexation of the property into the City of Gaithersburg provides the opportunity to reinvest in the center and respond to the needs and desires of the community. Most importantly, the annexation has paved the way for a new grocery store at Walnut Hill and other new retail to come into the shopping center. REM Church has hosted Walnut Hill Community Association meetings and had multiple opportunities to meet with and hear from the representatives of the property owner, Granite Canyon Partners. Community members voiced their strong desire for a grocery store and we are very pleased that we have been heard. We believe that the new grocer and other new retail and design upgrades will benefit the church and surrounding community.

The annexation is the first step in the much needed rejuvenation of Walnut Hill Shopping Center and we encourage the Mayor and Council's support of the annexation. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



David Holmberg, REM Church elder and trustee

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To: Kirk Eby; CityHall External Mail
Subject: Walnut Hill Shopping Mall Annexation

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I am dismayed that the planning committee is recommending the annexation of the Walnut Hill shopping complex.

This developer is only interested in annexing this property to build a gas station that is not permitted in Montgomery County to pollute our air, ground water and children.

If the annexation is allowed, it should be clearly states that a gas station is not allowed to be built on the premise.

Best,
Jennifer Jackson
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