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Subject: Re: Wye (Y) Site housing
Date: May 23, 2016 at 6:17 AM
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Mayor & City Council
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Dear Trudy,

Thank you for responding to my question about the Wye Site development, but this is a much bigger question for the Mayor and City Council.

First the facts - How many complexes in the city that were built with Low Income Tax Credits? What are the crime statistics in those communities?

Broader Issue - As you know, my main concern is that Olde Towne should be as walkable as the Kentlands, Lakelands, Crowne and Parkland, but with all of the development going on around us, the city seems to think that all Olde Towne needs is a water fountain to make it a destination.

If the Wye site is nothing more than a place we house our poor, then you have just killed any chance of real development in Olde Towne. Moving the Trevi fountain from Rome to Gaithersburg wouldn't save this community.

Having grown up poor in a Section 8 housing project, I know the dangers first hand. Having worked for City of Chicago, specifically the 24th Ward, the effects of 30 years of Section 8 dwelling is alive and well in the ward.

It is abundantly clear that the Mayor and City Council don't care about Olde Towne. That's fine, step down and let us elect a council that cares about the entire city and not just their pies of the pie.

I am asking you to come up with a comprehensive plan for the redevelopment of Olde Towne to save this side of town or to resign your post immediately so that we can elect a city council that has a real vision for the city.

There is a great deal of expertise in this city and it would be better to start from scratch with caring concerned citizens than to continue falling farther behind.

Sincerely
Darline Bell-Zuccarelli

On Thu, May 19, 2016 at 3:14 PM, Trudy Schwarz <TSchwarz@gaitthersburgmd.gov> wrote:

Darlene,

I talked with Louise Kaufman, the City's Housing & Community Development Chief, and she says that the development is based on HUD's Low Income Housing Tax Credit program. Incomes cannot not exceed 60 percent of Average Median Income.

Louise says that there are no more project based (Section 8) housing similar to Cabrini Green done by HUD.

Trudy

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