

Marymount University Discussion (Close-Captioned Transcript)
December 12, 2006 County Board Meeting

THE MATTER IS NOW BEFORE THE BOARD.\E

THE BOARD'S ACTION HERE IS NOT EXACTLY ONE OF CHOICE.\E

WE DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE ANYTHING REALLY AT THIS POINT THAT COULD BE APPROVED.\E

WE HAVE RECOMMENDATION BY THE MANAGER TO DEFER AS WELL AS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.\E

THE ISSUE REALLY IS WHAT IS TO HAPPEN IN THAT PERIOD, WHAT THAT PERIOD IS GOING TO BE, WHAT THAT WILL INVOLVE.\E

MR. CARLEE, TELL ME ABOUT THE PROCESS THAT YOU ENVISION IN THE PROCESS OF DEFERRAL?\E

>> IT'S EMERGED OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS AS WE'VE TALKED WITH VARIOUS PEOPLE INVOLVED.\E

AND SO IT WILL STILL NEED TO BE REFINED.\E

WHAT WE WERE LOOKING AT DOING IS WORKING THROUGH THE SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, WHICH IS THE CURRENT STAGE OF REVIEW THAT THE PROJECT FINDS ITSELF.\E

AND THREW THE SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE, BRINGING IN A THIRD PARTY FACILITATOR TO WORK WITH ALL OF THE STAKE HOLDERS TO BEGIN TO GET SOME ADDITIONAL MOVEMENT AROUND THE ISSUES THAT ARE IN QUESTION AND ACHIEVE AS MUCH CONSENSUS AS WE POSSIBLY CAN.\E

WE'LL BE NEEDED TO WORK FAIRLY AGGRESSIVELY IN IDENTIFYING WHO THAT FACILITATOR IS AND MAKING SURE THE PERSON HAS THE RIGHT SKILLS TO DO IT.\E

AGAIN, THAT WAS A SUGGESTION THAT CAME FROM THE COMMUNITY AND BOTH MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY AND THE CHAIR OF THE SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE HAVE AGREED TO THAT PROCESS AND WOULD BE WORKING TO BRING THAT TOGETHER AS QUICKLY AS WE POSSIBLY COULD.\E

>> IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU WOULD SEE OCCURRING, WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF THE CONSIDERATION FOR THIS PROCESS?\E

ONE OF THE SPEAKERS SPOKE ABOUT THE DISTINCTION ABOUT WHETHER YOU'RE GIVING DEFINITE DIRECTION ON SOMETHING TO BE TWEAKED VERSUS GOING BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND TAKING A NEW APPROACH.\E

HOW DO YOU SEE THAT?\E

>> I HAVEN'T HAD THAT LEVEL OF DETAIL WITH ANY OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED.\E

I DON'T KNOW^-- I'M NOT^-- NOT HAVING ATTENDED ALL OF THE DISCUSSIONS MYSELF, TO KNOW WHAT THE APPROPRIATE PARAMETERS WOULD BE.\E

I'D ACTUALLY SEE THE FACILITATOR AS PART OF IT GETTING WORKING WITH THE PARTIES TO REALLY IDENTIFY WHAT ARE THE CRITICAL ISSUES FROM EACH OF THE STAKE HOLDERS, HOW FAR APART ARE

THEY AT THIS POINT AND WHAT WOULD BE A MECHANISM FOR DISCUSSION TO BRING THEM CLOSER TOGETHER.\E

>> SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE RELATIVELY FAR APART AND THERE ARE A LOT OF ISSUES TO DISCUSS.\E

>> I THINK THAT'S REASONABLE.\E

>> AND THE FACT THAT YOU'RE DESCRIBING SUCH A PROCESS AND RECOMMENDING THAT INDICATES THERE'S A FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT GAP TO BE BRIDGED HERE.\E

>> THAT'S RIGHT.\E

OTHERWISE WE WOULD EXPECT THE SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE TO WORK THAT PROCESS AS IT DOES IN MOST OF OUR PROJECTS OF SIMILAR NATURE.\E

>> WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE QUESTION OF THE PERIOD OF DEFERRAL.\E

GIVING WHAT YOU'RE DESCRIBING, WHICH IS A FAIRLY ELABORATE PROCESS OF DISCOVERY AS WELL AS NEGOTIATION, WHAT IS THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT IS SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW THAT KIND OF PROCESS TO GO FORWARD SUCCESSFULLY?\E

>> WELL, I MINIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME WOULD BE THE FEBRUARY DEFERRAL.\E

THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD BE DONE BEFORE THAT TIME.\E

WHETHER OR NOT IT COULD BE ACHIEVED IN FEBRUARY, I THINK, IS^-- IS A QUESTION.\E

AND WE'LL HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF THAT EARLY ON IN THE MEETINGS.\E

ONE OF THE ISSUES IN THE TIME PERIOD IS, YOU KNOW, WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE APPLICANT.\E

THEY DO HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE THEIR CASE HEARD.\E

AND DECIDED AND HOW FAR THEY'D BE WILLING TO GO BEYOND THE FEBRUARY TIME FRAME IS A QUESTION YOU NEED TO PUT TO THEM.\E

>> I'M TRYING TO GET AN IDEA OF WHAT YOU THINK IS NECESSARY.\E

I ASSUME YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO SECURE A FACILITATOR BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS.\E

>> I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE BUT WE'D CERTAINLY TRY TO.\E

>> YOU THINK IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS?\E

>> WE'D CERTAINLY TRY TO.\E

>> THERE'S NOT A LOT OF TIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.\E

>> I WAS HOPING THAT DISCUSSIONS COULD HAPPEN RIGHT AFTER THE FIST OF THE YEAR.\E

>> THANK YOU.\E

>> THANK YOU.\E

>> CHAIRMAN, I ALSO AGREE THAT THERE ARE^-- THERE IS SIGNIFICANT ISSUES THAT STILL REMAIN TO BE DISCUSSED.\E

AND WHILE THE WORLD SHOULD NOT STOP DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, WE ALL HAVE TO^-- BUSINESS CONTINUES, WE KNOW THE REALITY IS THAT THERE MIGHT BE VERY LITTLE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED AROUND THAT TIME.\E

AND I HOPE THAT WHOEVER THE FACILITATOR IS^-- I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THAT OPTION NOW BECAUSE THAT IS, IN FACT, SOMETHING THAT I'M PREPARED TO PROPOSE HERE TODAY AND MAKE SURE THAT WE FOLLOW BECAUSE WE'RE A LONG WAY FROM REACHING, I THINK, SOMETHING THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL FIELD^-- OR THE NEIGHBORS WILL FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH.\E

MY QUESTION IS, YOU KNOW, I^-- I HEAR YOU THAT THE BOARD MEETING^-- IT'S THE 24th, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY.\E

AND, YOU KNOW, DO WE REALLY^--\E

IS THAT A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF TIME?\E

WHEN WE WERE DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF JANUARY, IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THERE WAS NO WAY THAT ANY KIND OF A SOLUTION MIGHT BE REACHED BY^-- IN THAT SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.\E

I'M WONDERING IF WE MIGHT NOT NEED MORE TIME THAN FEBRUARY.\E

OF COURSE, I CAN SEE FROM THE AP^-- BUT IN ORDER TO HAVE A TRUE PROCESS IN WHICH OUR PLANNING COMMISSION, OUR TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND MANY OTHER COMMISSIONS MIGHT NEED TO DO A THOROUGH REVIEW, IS THAT AMOUNT OF TIME ENOUGH?\E

I THINK WE'D PROBABLY AGREE THAT^-- DOING THINGS AT THE LAST MINUTE TO COME UP WITH THE^--\E

YOU KNOW, LAST MINUTE SOLUTION OR THINGS THAT^-- ISSUES THAT MIGHT REMAIN.\E

I'M WONDERING IF A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME MIGHT BE REQUIRED HERE.\E

IT'S A QUESTION, I GETS, MOSTLY FOR MY COLLEAGUES.\E

I'M CERTAINLY WILLING TO ENTERTAIN THAT FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME AS WE DISCUSS THIS FURTHER.\E

>> THANK YOU.\E

LET ME MAKE A FEW COMMENTS.\E

I KNOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE TIMELINE.\E

I WANT TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS.\E

FIRST I THINK AT SOME LEVEL IT'S DISAPPOINTING WE DIDN'T GET SOME PRESENTATION.\E

MY GUESS IS A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE ROOM HAVEN'T SEEN A PRESENTATION YET AND WE'D ALL HAVE SOME BENEFIT.\E

I THINK THAT WILL BE VALUABLE IN THE PROCESS THAT COMES UP.\E

A LOT OF US HEAR ABOUT THIS AND WE DON'T ACTUALLY SEE WHAT'S PROPOSED AND GET A CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT IT.\E

I ACTUALLY HEARD, YOU KNOW, WE HAD THE ADVOCATES HERE, SORT OF IN MASS, A LOT OF SPEAKING ABOUT THE NEEDS OF THE UNIVERSITY TO MEET ITS INFRASTRUCTURE AND ITS^-- AND QUALITY OF THE UNIVERSITY.\E

A LOT OF THAT IS ACKNOWLEDGMENT ON ALL SIDES.\E

I THINK THERE'S NOT AGREEMENT THAT MARYMOUNT IS AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY.\E

AND WE ALL WANT TO SEE IT SUCCEED.\E

I HEARD EVERYBODY ON ALL SIDES OF THE ARGUMENT SAY.\E

THAT QUESTION IS HOW MUCH OF THAT NEED SHOULD BE MET AT THIS LOCATION, NOT THAT THE NEEDS NEED TO BE MET.\E

I THINK THAT'S REALLY THE OUTSTANDING QUESTION.\E

THE ADVOCATES SPOKE IN FORCE.\E

I WANT TO THANK THOSE THAT WERE OPPOSED.\E

THERE WERE A LOT OF COULD HAVE COME UP AND REPEATED WHAT WERE SAID SO THAT THERE WERE EQUAL NUMBERS FOR IT OR AGAINST IT.\E

I, FOR ONE, SIT HERE AND THINK THERE'S A LOT MORE CONSENSUS IN THE ROOM IN GOOD WILL THAN OTHERS MAY SEE.\E

I DON'T SEE THIS AS MILES APART.\E

AND WHAT I HEARD AND WHAT I SORT OF ASKED THAT^-- FROM WHAT I HEARD, WHAT I WOULD ASK THAT THE PROCESS ADDRESS, THE QUESTION OF THE ZONING.\E

IS THIS APPROPRIATE^-- AN APPROPRIATE USE IN TERMS OF THE ZONING ON THIS PROPERTY?\E

AND THE HEIGHT AND DENSITY.\E

THOSE ARE TWO OF THE BIGGEST QUESTIONS.\E

THE USE, THE HEIGHT, THE DENSITY.\E

IS IT OKAY?\E

DOES IT HAVE TO BE TWEAKED A LITTLE BIT?\E

IS IT OFF THE CHARTS?\E

I'M ASSUMING THAT THE STAFF LOOKED INTO THAT AND IT IS AN APPROPRIATE USE.\E

THE QUESTION IS MORE THE DENSITY OF THE USE.\E

BUT I WILL ALSO SAY THAT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IF PEOPLE IN THE ROOM CAN BEGIN TO FOCUS ON THE IMPACT SPECIFICALLY, THAT SEEMS TO BE WHERE THE EMPHASIS SHOULD GO.\E

AND PETER FALLEN SPOKE TO THIS.\E

IT'S ABOUT THE TRANSPORTATION.\E

WHAT IS THE REAL IMPACT OF THIS PROPOSAL ON THE ADJACENT COMMUNITY.\E

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TRAFFIC, CONGESTION, THE INTERSECTION WHERE THERE IS A PROBLEM, THAT IT GETS WORSE BY THE ^-- BY THE STAFF'S SUGGESTION.\E

PARKING, SHUTTLES, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.\E

TO ME, THAT IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SORT OF OVERVIEW OF THE IMPACTS.\E

SO INSTEAD OF THINKING ABOUT SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT COME UP, WHY DON'T WE ^-- WHAT REALLY SEEMS IMPORTANT IS UNDERSTANDING, MITIGATING THE IMPACT ON THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD.\E

APPEARANCE CAME UP.\E

SOME THINK IT'S TOO HIGH JUST TO LOOK AT.\E

OR IT'S UGLY TO LOOK AT OR THINGS LIKE THAT.\E

SURE, TALK THEM THROUGH, BUT THE HEIGHT ON THIS BUILDING IS NOT FACING ANY RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.\E

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS HOW MUCH OF THAT HEIGHT AND DENSITY LEADS TO AN IMPACT THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE?\E

OR NEEDS TO BE MITIGATED?\E

I WILL THROW OUT ONE OR TWO OTHER THINGS I'VE RAISED AS I UNDERSTOOD THE PROJECT AS IT STANDS TODAY.\E

THAT'S AROUND THE STREET, WHICH IS THE ISSUE OF PARKING AND SIDEWALK CONNECTION AND THE UNDERPASS AND SORT OF SAFETY LIGHTING, BEAUTIFICATION OF THAT.\E

THOSE SEEM LIKE ISSUES THAT CAN BE DEALT WITH AND WE CAN FIND ENHANCEMENTS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.\E

SOME OF THOSE WERE IDENTIFIED, BY THE WAY.\E

THE INTERCEPTION AT 26th IS ALREADY REALLY BAD FOR ANY NUMBER OF REASONS.\E

MAYBE VERY LITTLE HAVING TO DO WITH MARYMOUNT.\E

ARE WE GOING TO SEE IMPROVEMENTS THERE?\E

FOCUSING ON SOME OF THE IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE PROJECT IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT THING TO CONSIDER.\E

THE OTHER THING I'VE RAISED IS THE ISSUE OF THE ROOF.\E

IN TERMS OF WHAT I'VE SEEN THE ARCHITECTURE BY AND LARGE ON THE^-- ON THE LOWER SIDE ON THE GLEBE ROAD SIDE, THE ARCHITECTURE, NOBODY HAS RAISED THAT ONE.\E

IT'S KIND OF LOW.\E

I THINK IT LOOKS PRETTY GOOD.\E
MY ISSUE WAS THE COLOR OF THE ROOF.\E

I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY ELSE THINKS THAT ROOF COLOR IS BAD, BUT I DID.\E

SO IN MY^-- MY GOAL WOULD BE THAT WE^-- YOU PROBABLY COULD BRING THIS BACK IN FEBRUARY, MAYBE MARCH, GET IT A LITTLE MORE BREATHING ROOM.\E

I'D ASK THAT WE ALL FOCUS ON THE GOAL OF HELPING MARYMOUNT MEET ITS NEEDS, BUT EVERYBODY RECOGNIZING THAT THE GOAL IS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE.\E

I'M GOING TO PUT A MOTION FORWARD AND WE CAN CONVERSE ABOUT THAT TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENT TO MARCH.\E

THAT'S WHAT I'LL START OUT WITH, MARCH COUNTY BOARD MEETING AND THE ASSOCIATED PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING.\E

>> MOTION BY MR.^FISETTE.\E

SECOND BY MR.^FERGUSON.\E

THE MOTION IS TO DEFER UNTIL MARCH.\E

THAT IS NOW OPEN FOR DISCUSSION.\E

>> MR.^CHAIRMAN?\E
>> MR.^FERGUSON.\E
>> WE NEED TO ENGAGE THE APPLICANT ABOUT THIS DEFERRAL.\E

MR.^FISETTE GAVE A NICE SUMMARY.\E

WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT'S TOO BIG.\E

THOSE ARE WHAT THE TWO SIGNS SAY.\E

WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO COME TO SOMETHING THAT CAN BE APPROVED.\E

I THINK AT SOME POINT THE APPLICANT REALLY MADE A GOOD CASE THAT THEY NEED MORE BEDS.\E

THEY NEED MORE FACILITIES FOR THEIR SCIENCE DEPARTMENT.\E

THE QUESTION IS WHERE.\E

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO PLACE THIS?\E

IF YOU KNOCK THE BUILDING HEIGHT DOWN A FLOOR OR TWO, DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE PROJECT IS UNWORKABLE THERE AND YOU NEED PLACEMENT IN DIFFERENT AREAS?\E

IS IT POSSIBLE TO DO PLACEMENT IN OTHER AREAS OF THE CAMPUS?\E

THESE ARE QUESTIONS THAT CAN HOPEFULLY GET RESOLVED THROUGH THE PROCESS.\E

RIGHT NOW YOU MAY HAVE INITIAL THOUGHTS, BUT RATHER THAN PUT THOSE QUESTIONS TO YOU NOW, I'D ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS AND I KNOW YOU'RE KEEPING AN OPEN MIND TO ALL POSSIBILITIES.\E

WE'LL GIVE DIRECTION TO THE FACILITATOR.\E

THIS MAY NEED TO BE REDESIGNED ALL TOGETHER.\E

THAT MIGHT GET US TO WHERE WE COULD FIND SOME SORT OF CONSENSUS.\E

A CONSENSUS ISN'T GOING TO MAKE EVERYBODY HAPPY ON EITHER SIDE, BUT I KNOW SPEAKING JUST AS ONE BOARD MEMBER, THAT'S WHERE I'M TRYING TO GET, TO FIND A WAY TO FIND SOME SORT OF MEETING OF THE MINDS SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE HERE.\E

>> MR. ^CHAIRMAN?\E

>> YES.\E

>> THANK YOU.\E

AS WE LOOK AT ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE ^-- THAT ARE RELATED TO THIS PROJECT, FIRST, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EVERYONE ^--\E

JUST ABOUT EVERYONE, I'D SAY, WHETHER YOU'RE SUPPORTING THE PRESENT PROPOSAL OR NOT, HAS SPOKEN VERY POSITIVELY OF MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY.\E

AND I ECHO THAT WE'RE ALL VERY PROUD OF THE UNIVERSITY.\E

WE'RE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT MARYMOUNT HAS MADE NOW FOR GENERATIONS.\E

THAT'S RECOGNIZED AND THAT'S NOT REALLY WHAT IS BEING DISCUSSED HERE, WHAT IS BEING FOCUSED ON IS THIS POSSIBLE EXPANSION, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT MARYMOUNT IS AWARE THAT THE COMMUNITY HOLDS THE UNIVERSITY IN THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF RESPECT AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO^--\E

WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTINUE TO DO THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE SO FAR.\E

IT'S GREAT TO HEAR ABOUT THE 9,000^HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.\E

THAT'S SOMETHING FOR YOU TO CONSIDER DOWN THE LEAD.\E

I WOULD LIKE TO BRING OUT SOME SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT AS THE FACILITATOR AND OTHERS GET WORKING ON, LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED.\E

THERE ARE SOME ISSUES.\E

IT'S BEEN SAID IT MIGHT BE TOO HIGH.\E

THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT TO LOOK AT AND SEE WHERE WE MIGHT NEED TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS.\E

THERE ARE TWO VIEWS THAT CAN BE SEEN HERE THAT^-- TO KEEP IN MIND AS WE PICTURE THIS BUILDING.\E

THE VIEW WAS OLD DOMINION DRIVE AND YORK TOWN BOULEVARD.\E

IT IS A SLOPE, SO IT^-- IT SEEMS THAT THE PROPOSAL HAS THE BUILDING AT THAT HEIGHT OF SEVEN STORIES.\E

AND THE GENTLEMEN WHO WAS THE ARCHITECT IN HIS^-- AND THE PROFESSIONAL WHO WAS A FORMER MARYMOUNT ALUMNI MENTIONED THAT ONE OF THE THINGS HE'S CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE DESIGN AND WHETHER IT^-- IT MAY NOT BE BETTER TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE SEPARATE BUILDINGS THAN ONE HUGE BUILDING.\E

THAT'S ONE QUESTION.\E

IT'S 325^FEET LONG FROM THE BOULEVARD AREA.\E

ONE OF THE REASONS IS BECAUSE THE PARKING IS BEING SITUATED IN THE BACK OF THAT BUILDING.\E

THAT'S AN IMPORTANT THING.\E

AS WE LEARN, SOME OF THE PREFERENCES, THAT BUILDINGS BE NOT AS LONG, BUT THAT'S AN ISSUE TO KICK AROUND AND DISCUSS.\E

ANOTHER POINT THAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT, THERE'S A STREAM THAT'S NEARBY.\E

I'M NOT SURE IF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY IS A FACTOR HERE.\E

I'D LIKE TO SEE WHETHER THERE'S AN ENVIRONMENT IMPACT OR WHATEVER, MIGHT NEED TO BE CONDUCTED ABOUT THAT PART.\E

ANOTHER COMMENT THAT I THOUGHT WAS VERY IMPORTANT IS WITH THE POTENTIAL NUMBER OF USES THAT HAVE BEEN PROPOSED, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS IN THE MINDS OF THE RESIDENTS IS HAS THE ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT LOOKED AT THAT ALL THEY NEED TO LOOK.\E

WOULD THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAVE TO GIVE AN APPROVAL OF THAT OR NOT?\E

THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT'S IN THE MINDS OF A LOT OF THE RESIDENTS.\E

AND ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT, IF THE PROJECT WAS FOR, I THINK, A^-- A LIGHTING PLAN WOULD BE REQUIRED HERE OR WE NEED TO^-- I NEED TO KNEE MORE ABOUT WHAT KIND OF ILLUMINATION WOULD BE USED ON THE YORK TOWN BOULEVARD AREA.\E

THIS IS AN AREA THAT CAN BE VERY DARK.\E

WE NEED TO LOOK AT TRAFFIC AND THOSE CONCERNS.\E

PEOPLE CAN SEE AND CARS CAN SEE BETTER AND SO ON.\E

I'D BE INTERESTED TO LOOK AT THE LIGHTING PLAN.\E

I THINK ALSO THE MOST IMPORTANT, I HOPE THAT WE CAN GET OUT OF THIS^-- THE RESIDENTS SEEM TO WANT TO BE HEARD AND THEY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IS BEING TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AND THAT ADJUSTMENTS ARE BEING MADE.\E

THERE ARE TWO SIDES OF THE COIN.\E

FROM THE MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY'S PERSPECTIVE, PERHAPS THERE MAY BE^-- THEY MAY HAVE HEARD^--\E

SOME OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.\E

IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE STILL HAVE A WAY TO GO.\E

THAT'S NOT OVER.\E

THE GENERAL SENSE OF THE YORKTOWN ASSOCIATION AND THE FOLKS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS ON THE MATTER.\E

THAT IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT THING AND IT HAS TO BE TRUE CONVERSATION FROM BOTH SIDES.\E

AS MY COLLEAGUES MENTIONED, PERHAPS THEY'LL GET EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT, BUT IF WE WORK TOGETHER AND REALLY ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES IN GOOD FAITH TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, I THINK THAT WILL BE WHAT WE'LL FEEL GOOD ABOUT.\E

THE FINAL POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF QUESTIONED BOUT TRAFFIC.\E

WHAT WOULD INTERSECTION 26 AND YORK TOWN BOULEVARD-- WOULD THERE BE AN ADDITIONAL LANE? \E

YOU KNOW, SO ALL THE QUESTIONS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE NEXT TIME WE COME TOGETHER ADDRESS THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WOULD HAVE TO GIVE IT A THOROUGH EVALUATION AND I EXPECT THAT THAT WILL BE VERY MUCH A PART OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WILL BE HAD BETWEEN NOW AND WHEN WE COME BACK TOGETHER. \E

THE FINAL THING, I WOULD SAY, IS THAT-- AND THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THIS IS TOO DENSE AND AS FAR AS WHAT THE USE PERMIT ALLOWS AT THIS SITE, TOO MUCH BUILDING FOR SMALL AREA. \E

THAT, I THINK, I PARTICULARLY WANT A CLEAR EXPLANATION TO THE RESIDENTS FOR ALL CONCERNED HERE. \E

ONE OF THE COMMENTS MADE WAS THAT THEY'RE NOT PROFESSIONALS ON THIS. \E

ON THE-- ON THE SITE PLAN PROCESS AND ON THE DIFFERENT TERMINOLOGY AND ON THE DIFFERENT MEETINGS AND ALL THE DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS. \E

AND SO I WOULD ASK THAT WE TRY TO SIMPLIFY TERMS, TERMINOLOGY AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS BETTER. \E

AND FINALLY I THINK I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE HERE. \E

WE TALKED ABOUT THIS ALREADY. \E

GIVE US ENOUGH TIME FOR THE COMMISSIONS TO DO A FULL REVIEW AND-- OH, YES. \E

ONE OTHER POINT THAT NEEDS TO BE MADE CLEAR TO THE RESIDENTS IS THE LOT COVERAGE. \E

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT THE SITE IN QUESTION? \E

WE DID RESTRICT SOME-- IN THE AREA WHERE THE RESIDENTIAL HOMES CAN BE BUILT AND-- AND QUESTIONS WERE PRESENTED AS DOES THAT AFFECT THIS-- THIS DEVELOPMENT OR NOT? \E

I WOULD LIKE ALSO THAT ADDRESSED AND TO BE EXPLAINED TO THE RESIDENTS WHETHER IT DOES OR NOT. \E

AND THAT WOULD BE THE-- THE ISSUES I'D LIKE TO SEE. \E

>> THANK YOU. \E

I'D LIKE TO GIVE THE APPLICANT AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO SOME OF THIS. \E

MR. WALSH? \E

>> MR. CHAIRMAN, ART WALSH. \E

THE MARCH DATE IS ACCEPTABLE TO US. \E

THE DEFERRAL. \E

>> OKAY.\E

WELL, THAT'S THE ANSWER TO ONE SIGNIFICANT QUESTION.\E

IF THAT'S, YOU KNOW, THE ONLY RESPONSE, THAT'S FINE.\E

I GUESS I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK A LITTLE BIT TO, YOU KNOW, THE PROCESS AND WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN HERE FROM MY PERSPECTIVE.\E

FRANKLY, I'M GOING TO WITHHOLD ANY ADJUSTMENT ABOUT SPECIFICS OF THE NATURE OF THE PROJECT OR WHAT THE SOLUTIONS MAY BE THE BRING THIS TO RESOLUTION, BUT I DO THINK THAT FOR THIS PROCESS TO BE SUCCESSFUL, BOTH SIDES ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER.\E

I THINK THAT MEANS THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THIS WILL WANT TO UNDERSTAND BETTER OR WHAT THE UNIVERSITY'S NEEDS ARE AND BETTER UNDERSTAND THE REASONS FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF DECISIONS ABOUT HOW TO APPROACH THEM.\E

AND THE UNIVERSITY WILL HAVE TO BE OPEN TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE MAY BE OTHER WAYS TO MEET THOSE NEEDS.\E

AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CONCLUSION IS, BUT I THINK THAT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE END RESULT IS A PROJECT THAT IS VERY DIFFERENT OR ONLY SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT, IT SEEMS TO ME THERE'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE SOME SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION HERE, I EXPECT.\E

APART FROM THE QUESTION OF HOW MUCH THAT WINDS UP BEING CHANGED, THAT THE PROCESS NEEDS TO BEGIN WITHOUT PRESUMPTION ABOUT THAT.\E

BECAUSE SOMEHOW IT HAS TO GIVE EVERYBODY A CHANCE TO UNDERSTAND FROM THE GROUND UP.\E

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM THAT EVERYBODY IS TRYING TO SOLVE HERE AND WHAT THE REASONING IS THAT LEAD TO AT LEAST, YOU KNOW, THE INITIAL DESIGN AND ^-- AND AT THE SAME TIME TO BE OPEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS.\E

I THINK IT HAS TO BE A PRETTY THOROUGH CONVERSATION EVEN IF IT WINDS UP GOING TO THE SAME PLACE.\E

SEEMS UNLIKELY TO ME.\E

EVERYBODY NEEDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THAT.\E

AND I THINK PART OF WHAT I'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY IS A LACK OF CLARITY ABOUT THIS SORT OF MASTER PLAN AND HOW ALL OF THIS FITS IN TO AN OVERALL PLAN.\E

I ALSO THINK THAT THERE'S A FUNDAMENTAL WEAKNESS HERE, COMPARED TO THE KINDS OF THINGS WE CONSIDER IN OUR OWN ^-- OUR OWN STRUCTURES.\E

THERE'S A REAL LACK OF GUIDANCE HERE FROM THE ZONING AND PLANS.\E

THIS IS NOT AN AREA WHERE IT'S VERY CLEAR WHAT IT IS YOU CAN'T DO.\E

PEOPLE ASK QUESTIONS LIKE WHAT DOES THE ZONING ALLOW?\E

THE TROUBLE IS THE NATURE OF THE APPROVAL FOR THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS LOCATION IS AD HOC.\E

THAT'S THE HISTORIC FACT.\E

THERE'S NOTHING SINISTER ABOUT IT.\E

IT'S JUST THE REALITY THAT THIS WAS DONE AS IT'S SOMETIMES DONE IN PLACES THAT ARE NOT IN HEAVILY PLANNED SECTIONS.\E

THAT MEANS A LOT OF THINGS, IT DOESN'T HAVE THAT KIND OF INTENSIVE PLANNING THAT WE ASSOCIATE WITH MOST OF THE PLACES WE HAVE LARGE INSTITUTIONS AND SIGNIFICANT BUILDING PROJECTS.\E

AND THINGS THAT STARTED SMALL AND PLACES LIKE THAT OFTEN WOUND UP BEING HANDLED AND THEY'RE SORT OF IRREGULAR INSTITUTIONS.\E

BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE SOMETHING THAT'S GIVING YOU CLEAR GUIDANCE THAT THIS IS OR ISN'T APPROPRIATE AND THE ZONING DOESN'T APPLY IN THE NORMAL WAYS.\E

SO WE NEED A RESOLUTION TO THIS.\E

WHATEVER COMES FORWARD, EVEN IF ANYBODY LOVES IT, IF WE COME FORWARD IN THE SPRING WITH A PLAN THAT THE UNIVERSITY IS HAPPY WITH AND THE COMMUNITY SAYS YEAH, IT'S RIGHT, LET'S APPROVE THIS.\E

LET'S SUPPOSE WE GET THERE.\E

I'M GOING TO WANT AN EXPLANATION AS TO HOW THIS FITS IN TO WHAT WE'RE DOING OVERALL.\E

CONTEXT IS REALLY IMPORTANT.\E

THERE ARE LOTS OF, AGAIN, MAKING NO JUDGMENT ABOUT THE BUILDING PROPOSAL, I COULD FEEL ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.\E

IT'S A GREAT BUILDING, BUT NOT ABSOLUTELY ANYWHERE.\E

IT MIGHT RAISE A WHOLE NEW SET OF ISSUES.\E

SO SOMEHOW WE NEED TO HAVE THAT KIND OF GUIDANCE HAVE EVERYBODY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS.\E

WHAT SHOULD PEOPLES' EXPECTATIONS BE?\E

IF IN THE END WE HAVE A SHARED UNDERSTANDING ABOUT HOW THE UNIVERSITY FITS IN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS WHAT ITS FUTURE LOOKS LIKE, THAT WOULD, I THINK, HELP NOT ONLY WITH THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT, YOU KNOW, AT THIS TIME, BUT ALSO IN THE FUTURE.\E

SO I'D HOPE IN THE END WE'D HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING L OF US, FOR HOW THIS IS SUPPOSED TO WORK.\E

THOSE ARE MY THOUGHTS.\E

>> THANK YOU.\E

I KNOW THIS PROCESS CAN BE TORTUROUS.\E

IT IS FOR US ALSO.\E

I APOLOGIES TO EVERYBODY ON BOTH SIDES THAT HAS PUT IN A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT TO GET THIS FAR.\E

I'VE HEARD PEOPLE SAY THAT A DECISION SHOULD BE MADE SOON.\E

WE'VE NOW DECIDED TO GO A MONTH FURTHER THAN WHAT THE MANAGER REPRESENTED IN MARCH BECAUSE WE REALLY DIDN'T SEE THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING OF THE MINDS OR SOMETHING AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO IT COMING IN FEBRUARY GIVEN THE HOLIDAYS.\E

IT'S MY HOPE THAT IN MARCH WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT REPRESENTS MORE OF A CONSENSUS.\E

IF THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE, YOU'RE TAKING A RISK BECAUSE YOU'VE MADE A VERY GOOD CASE OF WHY YOU NEED THE^-- THE ADDITIONAL BEDS, THE ADDITIONAL SIGNS, CLASSROOMS, SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAKE SOME SORT OF BEND TO WHAT THE TESTIMONY OF THE NEIGHBORS THAT ARE AGAINST THIS HAVE GIVEN.\E

THAT BEING SAID, I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE'S A NUMBER OF NEIGHBORS THAT SUPPORT THIS.\E

I THOUGHT BOTH YOUR FACULTY AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES DID A VERY NICE JOB.\E

SOMEONE THAT WAS NEVER IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT IN COLLEGE, I PROBABLY LEARNED A THING OR TWO FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT TODAY.\E

THANK YOU.\E

>> I NEVER DRY CLEANED UNTIL I GOT OUT OF COLLEGE.\E

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT DRY CLEANING WAS.\E

>> MR. ^FISETTE AND I WERE JOKING ABOUT THAT.\E

THAT EXPLAINED IN MY FIRST JOB THAT I WAS TO TAKE MY SHIRTS TO THE DRY CLEANING.\E

YOU'RE GETTING GREAT TRAINING THERE AND YOU'RE AHEAD OF US ON THE BOARD.\E

THAT BEING SAID, I'M HOPEFUL THAT THE DEFERRAL PROCESS WILL BRING US TO A CONSENSUS.\E

APOLOGIZE FOR EVERYONE HAVING TO DO MORE WORK, BUT CLEARLY IT WASN'T READY TO GO NOW.\E

>> YES.\E

I WANT TO^-- IN ADVANCE, THANK ALL THE REST OF^-- EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS.\E

SOMETIMES, YOU KNOW, THESE THINGS ARE MESSY, BUT IF WE TRULY WANT TO LIVE UP TO THIS AS SOMEONE MENTIONED EARLY THAN PROPER PLANNING NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE AND WE CAN HAVE HOPEFULLY SOMETHING IN MARCH ON THIS.\E

THAT WILL BE THE HOPE.\E

AND ONE OF THE COMMENTS ON^--\E

PROPER PLANNING, THAT WOULD AVOID HAVING A LOT OF PEOPLE COME TO A HEARING.\E

THAT MEANS THAT SOMETHING HAS GONE WELL.\E

AND THERE HAVE BEEN MUTUAL EXCHANGES AND IMPORTANT WORK HAS TAKEN PLACE.\E

PERHAPS WE WILL^-- WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.\E

PERHAPS IF THINGS GO AS^--\E

HOPEFULLY AS THEY COULD GO THERE MIGHT NOT BE A NEED FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE TO COME BECAUSE THAT MEANS THAT^-- WE'D LIKE TO SEE^-- AND SO MY HOPE WOULD BE THAT THAT WE DO HAVE A PROCESS THAT IS OPEN, THAT THE FACILITATOR HAS VERY STRONG SKILLS AND KEEP THIS GOING AND MAKE SURE THAT FOLKS GET THEIR SAY AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE QUALITY INPUT.\E

SO WHILE I WOULD HAVE PROBABLY PROPOSED A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME, MARCH SOUNDS LIKE A REASONABLE TIME TO MOVE FORWARD.\E

AND HOPEFULLY WHEN WE COME BACK WITH A NEW SEASON AND IN THE AIR, HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE A GOOD SPIRIT AND DONE A LOT OF TOUGH WORK DURING THE WINTER AND WE CAN BEGIN A GOOD PROCESS ON COMING^-- FROM THE NEXT FEW DAYS THAT WE'RE GOING TO START LOOKING FOR THE FACILITATOR AND THEN HOPEFULLY WORK THROUGHOUT THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO COME BACK TO MARCH TOGETHER AND ARRIVE AT A FINAL SOLUTION.\E

AGAIN, THE^-- THE MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY'S REPUTATION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY, IT'S NOT IN QUESTION.\E

EVERYONE HOLDS IT IN THE HIGHEST REGARDS.\E

WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE THE UNIVERSITY IN OUR COUNTY.\E

AT THE SAME TIME, WE NEED TO LIVE UP TO THE ARLINGTON WAY.\E

THAT'S ALL THAT'S BEING ASKED HERE TO COME UP WITH THE BEST SOLUTION.\E

I WILL SUPPORT THE MOTION.\E

>> THANK YOU.\E

MR. ^FISSETTE?\E

>> I KNOW WE'RE JUST ABOUT READY TO TAKE A VOTE.\E

SOUND LIKE WE'RE THERE.\E

I HAVE JUST ONE CAUTION.\E

FOR EVERYONE OR^-- AND THIS IS NOT SOMETHING TO BE RESOLVED TODAY, BUT THE PROCESS THAT GETS SET UP, WE KNOW IT WILL BE FACILITATED, BUT THERE HAS TO BE CONSISTENT REPRESENTATION THROUGH THE PROCESS.\E

THAT'S ONE OF THE CHALLENGES.\E

THAT'S THE REASON WE OFTEN SET UP A TASK FORCE AND IDENTIFY PEOPLE THAT WILL COMMIT TO BE THERE FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END SO THEY HEAR ALL THE INFORMATION, PROCESS IT, AND CONTINUE MOVING DOWN A PATH.\E

WHEN YOU HAVE NEW PEOPLE THAT SHOW UP AT THE FOURTH MEETING OR THE THIRD MEETING OR THE SIXTH OR THE EIGHTH AND HAVEN'T BEEN THERE, YOU, BY DEFINITION, HAVE A PROBLEM BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T THERE TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE.\E

IT'S NEW TO THEM AND THEY THROW IT IN THE MIX AND EVERYONE HAS TO GO BACKWARDS AGAIN.\E

I CAUTION EVERYONE THAT WE HAVE TO COME UP WITH THE RIGHT MIX OF PEOPLE OR THE RIGHT FRAMEWORK SO THAT WE DON'T GO TWO STEPS FORWARD AND ONE BACK SOLELY DUE TO THE FACT THAT A DIFFERENT NEIGHBOR OR DIFFERENT, YOU KNOW, MEMBER OF THE GROUP SHOWS UP AND CHANGES THINGS.\E

THAT YOU ACTUALLY ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH SORT OF A CONSISTENT SET OF STAKE HOLDER EYES ON THE PROCESS.\E

I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT EARLY ON HAS TO BE DEALT WITH.\E

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU RECONSTITUTE A TASK FORCE OR SOMETHING OTHER WAY, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS.\E

>> THANK YOU.\E

THE QUESTION BEFORE THE BOARD IS THE MOTION TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO THE MEETING OF MARCH 17th.\E

I BELIEVE IT IS.\E

2007.\E

IF THERE'S NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.\E

OPPOSED?\E

THAT MOTION CARRIES.\E

THANK YOU.\E

SEE YOU IN MARCH.\E