



City of Rockville

MEMORANDUM

February 23, 2009

TO: Scott Ullery, City Manager

FROM: Orlando Heyliger, Neighborhood Resource Coordinator *OH*

VIA: Jenny Kimball, Assistant City Manager *JK*

SUBJECT: Princeton Place Quality of Life

Background

The Mayor and Council on February 9, 2009 and the Planning Commission on February 11, 2009 made clear that immediate relief is necessary in addressing the concerns of residents whose quality of life has deteriorated due to Montgomery College's Tobacco Free Campus policy.

City staff met with the College on February 17, 2009, and was informed that the College is already taking steps to address some issues associated with the Princeton Place access. The College will be meeting with Ride-On representatives on bus routes and times to ensure that they meet the needs of residents who use the Princeton Place access to get to the bus. The College is also looking into revising any evacuation plans that may use the Princeton Place access.

The College has informed the City of its decision to modify and close the opening of the fence to provide immediate relief for residents. College and City staff agree that immediate relief has to be provided to those residents most adversely affected by the College's Tobacco Free Campus policy. The College expects to close the opening and erect a new fence beginning as soon as February 28, 2009.

There are several long-term options that have been received to address stakeholders' concerns regarding access to the campus, but they will take time to develop and implement. The following recommendations represent the next steps to provide long-term solutions.

Recommendations

1. Collect information about the feasibility, cost and implementation of potential long-term solutions identified thus far.

2. Hold a stakeholder meeting on March 16, 2009, to share information collected on the options for a long-term solution and gather input and feedback, including identification of additional potential options. We expect the community meeting will address how access might be achieved while addressing the needs of residents affected adversely by the current conditions.