



## Department of Planning Meeting Report

**Subject: State Center Alliance Meeting**

**Date:** October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Location:** Union Baptist Church

**Participants:** Representatives of the Alliance's various neighborhoods: June Johnson and Arlen McCain (McCulloh Homes), Joyce Roundtree (McCulloh Home Tenant Council) Jim Peiffer (MDOT), Gary Rodwell (Upton), Thomas Curtis (MD Department of Disabilities), Rev. Al Hathaway (Union Baptist), Tim Ingles, (MRIA, Bolton Hill), Louvenia Thomas (Marble Hill), Harold Young (McCulloh Homes), Janet Allen (Heritage Crossing), Michael Deets (Charles North), Stephen Rice (Urban League), Henri Daniels (Midtown Chair), Richard Henderson (MVBA), Mark Henderson (MVBA), Denitia Fleming (Heritage Crossing) and Theo Ngongang (City Planning)

**Reporting:** Theo Ngongang

**Copies:** Director Rolley, Bijan Yarjani, Division Chief

**Purpose: Regular biweekly meeting of the Alliance**

**Issues:**

-After the usual introductions, Rev Al Hathaway led the group into a prayer.

-Theo Ngongang (Planning) highlighted the few points on the informal agenda and opened the floor for a debriefing/discussion about the current status of the project. Main points discussed were:

-Timing (day of the week)of the next meetings since Union Baptist Church can no longer host us on the second Wednesday of each month. [2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays and/or Thursdays are in the ballot for vote, so please email your preference back to me]

-Scheduling for the November meeting: Tentative dates are Thursday Nov 9, Tuesday Nov 14 or Thursday Nov 16 [please email your preference back to me ASAP]

-Jim Peiffer (MDOT) addressed several issues affecting the development of the project, including the protest initiated by an unsuccessful bidder.

-Jim revealed that the MDOT website has now uploaded all Alliance's meeting minutes and related information: [www.mdotrealestate.com](http://www.mdotrealestate.com)

-Jim mentioned the next planning phases for the project and stated that MDOT will share the Memorandum of Agreement (between State and Development team) with the Alliance once it is signed (by December most likely)

-Jim stated that the Development Team is currently working on architectural and urban design concepts, at a preliminary level.



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-At the request of Harold Young (McCulloh Homes), Jim agreed in principle to have the Alliance' communities attend the Board of Estimates session that will vote on the Master Development Agreement 12 months after the Exclusive Negotiating Privilege (ENP) is awarded.

-Jim also agreed to bring the Development Team back in November for another information session at the request of Harold Young.

-Q&A session followed mainly focused on MDOT activities all around the Baltimore city/county areas.

-Next meeting is not scheduled yet but a date will be communicated once I receive your preferences

### Next Steps

- After November meeting, there will not be a meeting in December and starting next year, the Alliance will meet on a need-basis only, until the project's momentum picks up again per discussion at today's meeting.