

NCPCA

North College Park Community Association

c/o Youth and Family Services

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College Park City Council
4500 Knox Road
College Park, MD 20740

Dear Councilmembers:

At its regular meeting on April 13, 2017 the membership of the North College Park Community Association (NCPCA) voted unanimously to support funding for the following items in the 2017-2018 budget.

1. YFS Meeting Room Improvement. When a sizable group of people meet in the large meeting space at YFS, we often hear echo and noise. While NCPCA has been using the space on a temporary basis, we understand that the space is used for other community programs, including those serving seniors in our community. NCPCA members support making improvements to the acoustics in the room to improve the experience of these types of events and meetings.
2. Homeowners Resource Fund. The fund is intended to provide assistance to financially distressed homeowners for the completion of major home repairs when funding might otherwise not be available. Many of the City's single family homes were built over 50 years ago, and many are liable to require expensive emergency repairs when vital systems such as furnaces fail, or water pipes burst. A homeowners resource fund would help to stabilize residential properties when financial distress might otherwise delay needed repairs, lead to a prolonged cycle of City Code violations, cause more costly property damage, or result in foreclosure. Severe unrepaired damage in one home can be damaging to an entire neighborhood. NCPCA members support funding for such a program, and understand that further discussion is needed by the City Council to determine the mechanics and policies of the program.
3. Infrastructure Impact Study. NCPCA members support funding for a study of the infrastructure of College Park (including but not limited to roadways, fire services, police, water, and sewer) to handle current city population as well potential future developments. The study would consider:
 - (a) the City's current infrastructure,
 - (b) the projected infrastructure with the development currently underway, and
 - (c) the proposed infrastructure with the development that is scheduled to begin very soon.

Please let me know if you have any questions,



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