

Resolution

Marymont University Use Permit

Whereas, representatives of the Yorktown Civic Association have fully participated in the taskforce and site plan review process for the use permit application by Marymont University at the intersection of Yorktown Blvd., 26th Street and Old Dominion Drive.

Whereas, YCA supports and values Marymont University as a neighbor and major contributor to higher education in Arlington County.

Whereas, YCA recognizes the need for increased on-campus parking and other educational facilities, and appreciates the open process with the neighborhoods in exploring the best options for such additions.

Therefore, we oppose the current use permit for the following reasons:

- The current proposal is too dense, too high and inappropriate for the proposed site.
- The multi-use functions will overtax the site which are proposed to include student housing, classrooms, teacher offices, garage and auditorium.
- The proposal will heavily impact our streets with special concerns for the intersection of Yorktown Blvd and 26th Street, and on street student parking.
- The structure is too high, without sufficient setbacks and lacking open space and landscaping with special concern about the canyon-like impact on Yorktown Blvd with a building height of 66 feet.

And, therefore we encourage Marymont University to revise the proposal in the following ways:

- Limit the proposed uses of the site to a below ground garage and student housing, without classrooms, offices or auditorium. We believe classrooms, teacher offices and the auditorium should be on the main campus, and as proposed will results in unacceptable impacts on nearby neighbors.
- Create a much less dense facility which should only be two stories high, with lots of open space and landscaping to fit into our suburban setting.
- Strengthen university policies that discourage on-street student parking and work with DES for parking meters and other controls that encourage use of the garage or on-campus parking, and maintain current off site parking and shuttle services.
- Provide for an adequate pull off lane at the site for dropping off students, teachers and visitors.
- Develop a master transportation plan for the campus including assigned parking spaces and other measures to prevent excessive circulation in finding on campus parking.
- Improve pedestrian circulation including wider sidewalks, especially along Old Dominion and 26th Street with appropriate calming measures.
- Continue to encourage the county and VDOT to install a traffic light at Old Dominion and 26th Street that is currently a dangerous intersection.