

BREAKING (Good!) NEWS

ROUND #1 GOES TO FRIENDS OF ROCK CREEK!

Washington County Commissioners were prepared to vote Tuesday, October 21, 2008 to remove the Rock Creek Golf Club's request for an open space text amendment from the 2009 Work Plan, when the **RCCC owners requested to have it removed.** However, the fight continues. We need to work to see this through when a formal vote will remove it from the Work Plan, sometime between now and the end of January 2009.

This action was a result of a successful campaign by the Friends of Rock Creek (FORC). The Rock Creek Golf Club's owners counted the votes and knew they were going to lose. They took this action to save face and to try to avoid a negative vote regarding their cause. After the huge turnout at the community meeting on Sept. 16th and ongoing efforts by FORC, Commissioners Desari Strader and Andy Duyck were instrumental in bringing the fundamental issues out in the open to the other commissioners, exposing the RCCC Owners proposal for what it really was. They championed the cause and this is the result. **This is an important first step in the long-term fight** to retain the open space as the centerpiece of the Rock Creek community.

The Golf Club owners are in the process of organizing new attempts at land use action to further their agenda, including removing the open space designation, rezoning, and development.

Friends of Rock Creek (FORC) want to **thank the citizens of the community** who attended the community meetings, assisted in communicating with the Commissioners, and funded the first phase of our activities. We organized, acted, and we prevailed in the first round.

Friends of Rock Creek now need the following:

1. **Letters to the Commissioners thanking them** for their understanding of our position, including at restatement of importance of open space to the community.
2. **Additional contributions** to prepare for the legal battles that are sure to come and to continue to support our communications efforts to you and with the Commissioners. **Without additional funding, we are not able to execute the next phase.** **If you have not yet contributed to the cause, please do what you can. If you have donated already, we ask that you consider additional contributions. We need funding on a sustained basis to wage what is sure to be a protracted battle, and ultimately prevail. We encourage ongoing monthly donations if possible.**

We need to **be vigilant, prepared and well funded.** The next step by the Golf Club owners won't be a surprise and we must be ready with funds to pay for continuing legal fight. **Now is the time! Make that first contribution... or a second or a third. Every penny goes directly to winning this fight.**

Please send your "Thank you" letters and make your donations today!

Mail checks to "Friends of Rock Creek" to the address below, or use our web site and contribute via PayPal

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