



Renewing Montgomery met with the Maplewood Citizen's Association on September 24, 2008 at 7:30 pm. This Association represents a large area in Bethesda near the intersection of Cedar Lane and Old Georgetown Road. In attendance were approximately 50 residents. Chuck Sullivan and Carter Wilson presented the goals of Renewing Montgomery and then opened the meeting to a question and answer period. During the discussion of Councilman Roger Berliner's pending legislation on infill development one resident expressed a concern that he did not want additional regulations and one resident expressed a general comment about large new homes having some adverse impacts on natural light. The question and answer period was cut short when Councilman Berliner took the podium.

Councilman Berliner described his legislation regarding the reduction of home improvements in down-County areas; however it became apparent that the primary concern of the Maplewood residents regarded nearby large development projects. Renewing Montgomery is not involved in large scale developments. Few details on the pending legislation were provided and the Bill requiring notification of neighbors prior to the submittal of a building permit was not mentioned. There was no evidence that the construction of new homes in their neighborhood was of any concern.

Renewing Montgomery encouraged all County residents to voice their opinion to the Council on Councilman Berliner's pending legislation. We advised them to use our website to learn more about the legislation and explained that the website includes easy links to express concerns to the Council and the County Executive.

The Maplewood residents applauded the efforts of Renewing Montgomery and thanked us for our presentation.