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Subject:

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Dear Call. Click. Connect. User

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Request Details:

Name: Cedar Dvorin

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Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille & Council Members.

I write to express my strong support for the proposed Memory Care Center to be built next to Woodbine Nursing Home. I apologize for not being at the public hearing today- due to the weather I am over-cautious about driving & decided at the last minute to stay home rather than speak in person.

I believe there is a need for this specialized facility within Alexandria. The revised proposal may not be perfect for those of us who cannot afford the full price but it is better than the original. The Commission on Aging is very concerned about the lack of affordable assisted living in general. This Memory Care Center is a step in the right direction.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Cedar Dvorin MSW

Member of the Commission on Aging and gerontologist.

Expected Response Date: Monday, March 2

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City of Alexandria

Economic Opportunities Commission

February 20, 2015

Hon. William D. Euille Mayor City of Alexandria 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille:

It was with great concern that we learned about the intention of AHC Inc. to build a housing complex on Echols Avenue that would discriminate against affordable-rate residents by providing amenities to market-rate residents only.

As you know, expanding access to affordable housing is a central part of the Economic Opportunity Commission's mission. We appreciate the city's efforts to achieve its affordable housing goals. Alexandria is among many localities that are struggling to provide affordable housing options for residents from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds.

Unfortunately, the situation with AHC's new project, the Fillmore, is far too familiar. In recent months, there have been national media reports of developers who limit access to building amenities to residents who occupy market-rate units. In New York City, for example, one very large residential complex requires residents who live in affordable units to enter through what has become known as the "poor door" on the side of the building. These residents are not allowed to use the building's main entrance, and they are also not allowed the privilege of using the building's fitness center. This overt discrimination, which has been described as "poor shaming," is harmful to residents and the entire community.

We must not allow this unacceptable practice of dividing building amenities between "haves" and "have-nots" to come to Alexandria.

It is particularly objectionable in the case of the Fillmore because \$6 million in taxpayer funding will be supporting the project. And, regardless of the source of funding, federal civil rights laws prohibit applying different terms, conditions, or privileges for the sale of units in the development based on criteria, such as "market rate" and "affordable rate," which will have a disproportionate impact on individuals based on their race, color, national origin, gender, religion, familial status, or disability. The principle contained within this law should apply to either rental or condo units.

Further, denying one population access to amenities that are freely enjoyed by another group echoes the shameful decades of segregation that mar our Commonwealth's history. This policy tells one set of residents that they are less worthy of building amenities than their neighbors. In truth, Alexandria is obligated to show that discrimination against lower income residents will not be tolerated in our city.

We strongly encourage the City Council to use all means, including the reconsideration of public support for the Fillmore's construction, to prevent the adoption of this discriminatory policy. While we desperately need affordable housing such as the 93 units to be included in the Fillmore, allowing a building with such discriminatory policies could lead Alexandria down a path of economic segregation that is contrary to our city's values and objectives.

We also encourage the city to establish a set of guidelines regarding future mixed income properties to ensure that issues like equal access to all facility amenities is confirmed before development is approved or a public-private funding agreement is established. Such a process would help the city avoid unwanted situations like this going forward.

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns, and look forward to discussing this matter and others related to expanding our supply of affordable housing with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Joe Valenti

Chair

Economic Opportunities Commission

on behalf of its members

cc: Vice Mayor Silberberg

Members of the City Council

Mark Jinks

Helen McIlvaine

Alexandria Memory Care Center 2811 King Street LLC

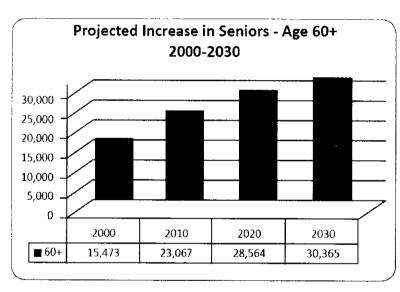


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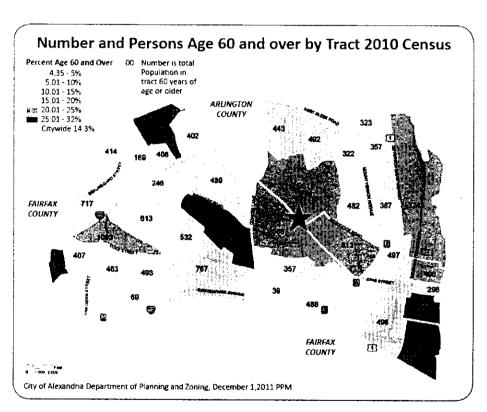
A Livable Community for All Ages Strategic Plan on Aging, 2013-2017

Prepared for the City of Alexandria by JustPartners, Inc. • March, 2012

Strategic Plan on Aging: Alexandria's Demographics



Source: Virginia Employment Commission Population Projections



Source: 2010 U.S. Census

"...Between 2000 and 2030, the older population (60+) in Alexandria will double." (Page 7)

"...There is a higher concentration of those age 60 and above in the eastern half of Alexandria." (page 11)

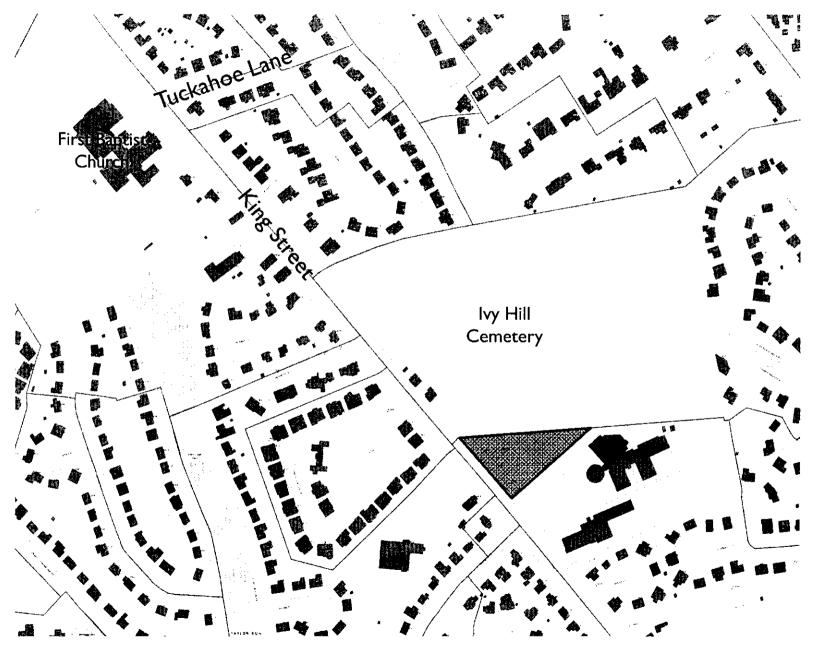
Strategic Plan on Aging

"The vision of the Strategic Plan on Aging is as follows: Residents choose to stay in Alexandria as they age because it is a livable community for all ages." (Page 6)

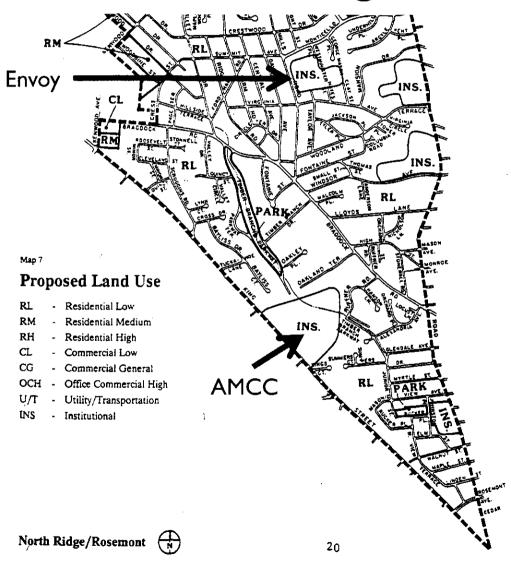
"The City must accommodate and plan for those older Alexandrians who are or will be frail, disabled or ill and need in-home or institutional support ..." (Page 5)

"The lack of sufficient senior independent and assisted living facilities impedes the ability to age in or near the City." (Page 15)

Site Location



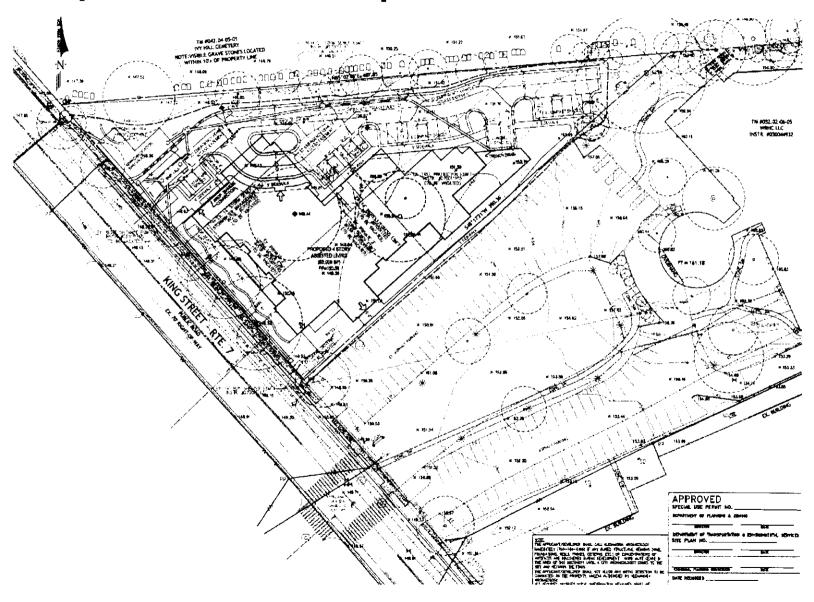
North Ridge/Rosemont SAP



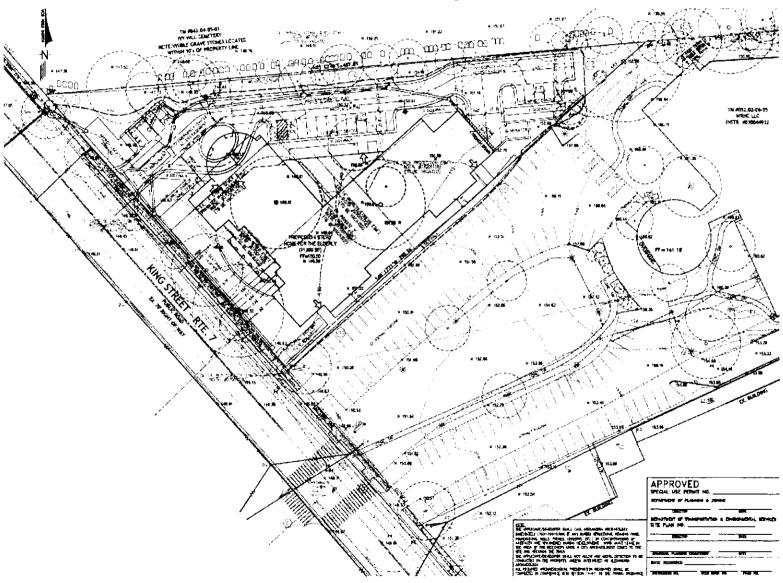
"Circle Terrace hospital, the only hospital in the North Ridge/Rosemont area, has been closed. The 1.6 acres occupied by the hospital will remain in institutional use and may become a nursing home [Envoy of Alexandria nursing home].

There is an existing nursing home in the area, Woodbine, which occupies a four acre site on King Street." (Page 7)

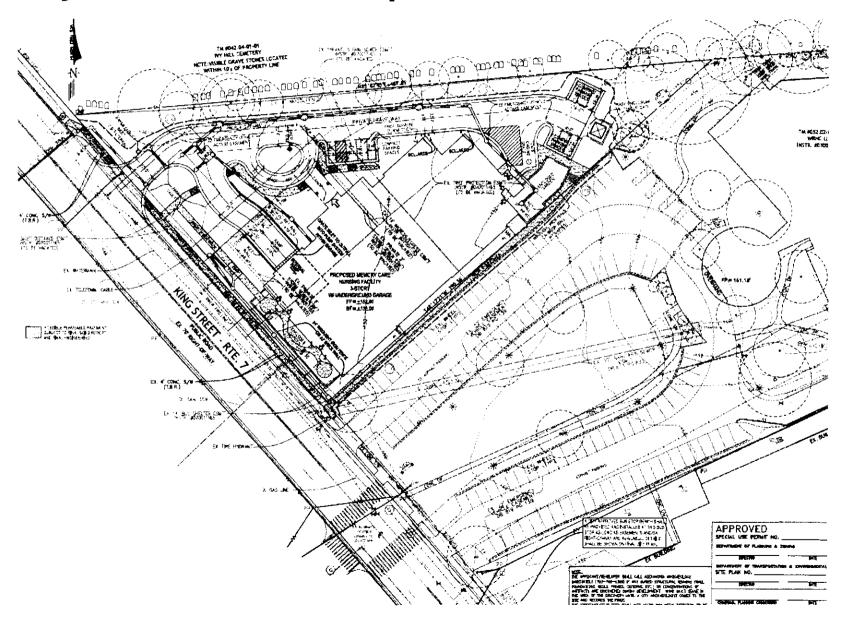
April 2013 Proposal: Site Plan



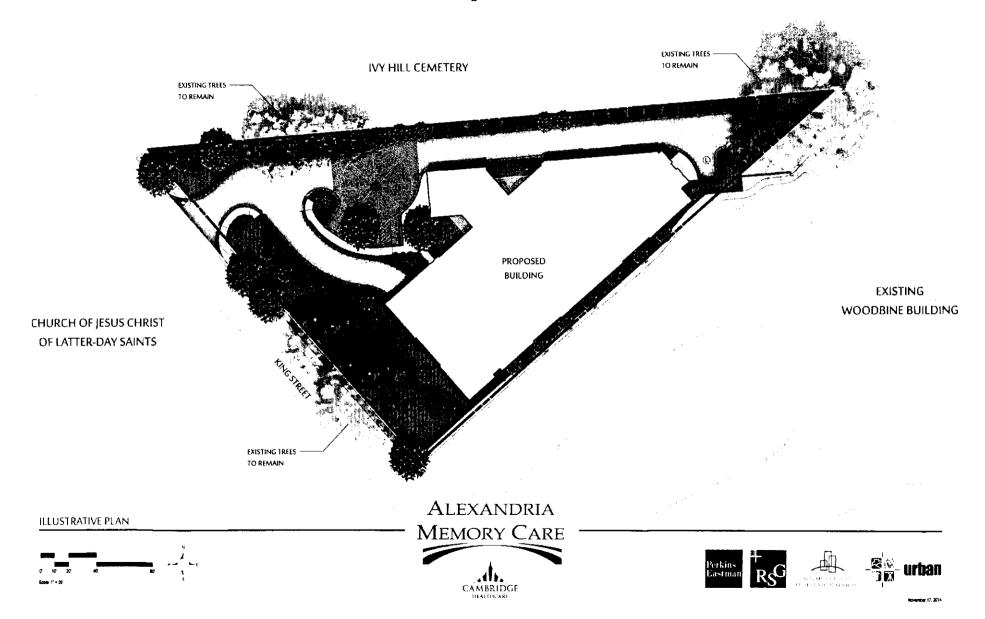
December 2013 Proposal: Site Plan



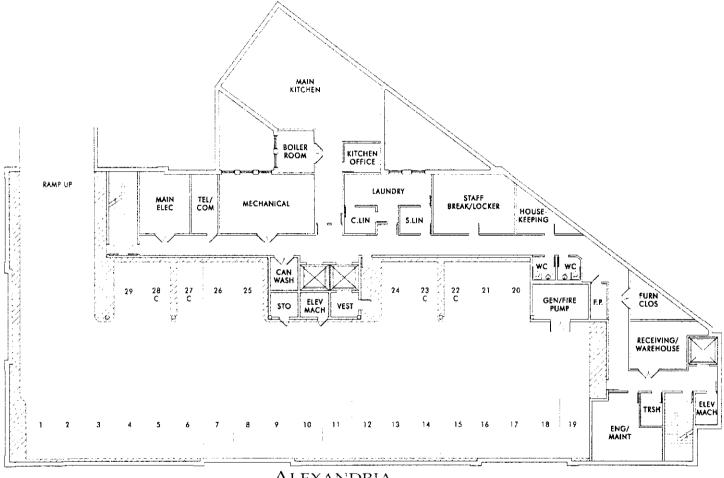
June 2014 Proposal: Site Plan



Current Proposal: Site Plan



Floor Plan: Basement



FLOOR PLAN - BASEMENT



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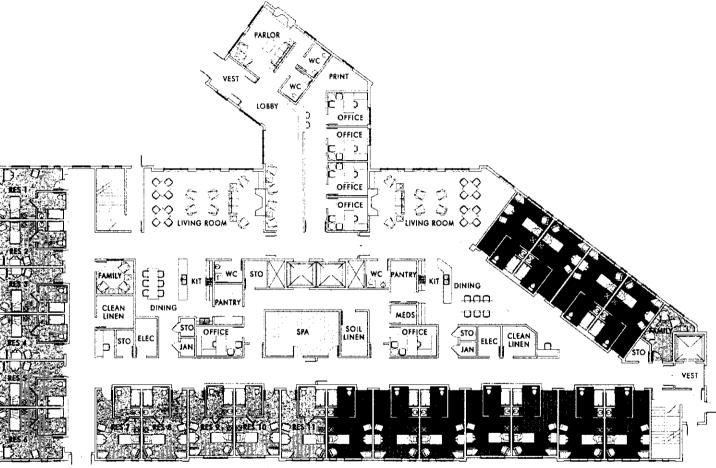






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Floor Plan: First Floor



FLOOR PLAN - LEVEL 1



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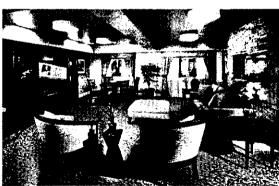


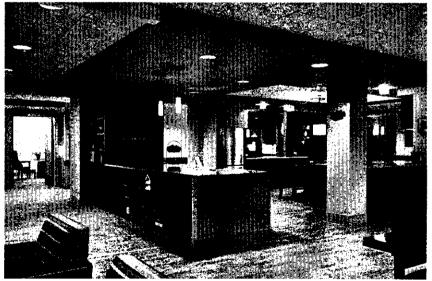
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Illustrative Interior Finishes









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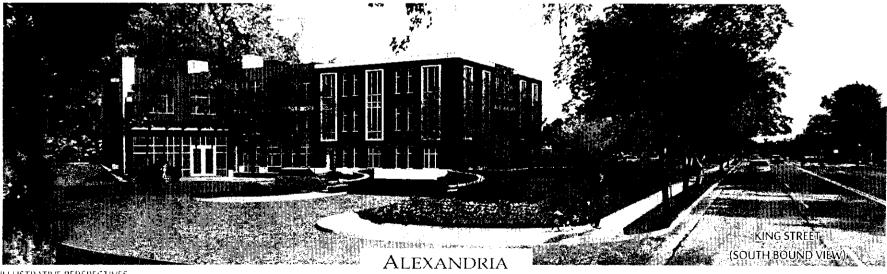






Current Proposal: Perspectives

















Proffers

- The building will be used as a memory care facility, which is a "nursing home" use pursuant to Section 2-179 of the Zoning ordinance; and
- The development of the property shall occur in substantial conformance with the final approved development plan proposed as DSUP2012-00015.

Community Outreach to Date

Date	Group or Submission
5/21/12	Concept Submitted
3/20/13	Senior Services of Alexandria
4/2/13	ALIVE Board
4/17/13	Employment Opportunities Commission
4/23/13	Concept Submitted
5/13/13	North Ridge Citizens Association
5/15/13	Taylor Run Citizens Association
7/12/13	lvy Hill Cemetery
12/20/13	Concept Submitted
6/5/14	Concept Submitted
6/17/14	4 members of Taylor Run Citizens Association
6/19/14	lvy Hill Cemetery
9/8/14	North Ridge Citizens Association
9/11/14	Seminary Hill Association
9/12/14	Preliminary DSUP Submitted
9/17/14	Taylor Run Citizens Association
10/14/14	Revised Preliminary DSUP Submitted
10/20/14	Commission on Aging – Housing Committee
11/5/14	lvy Hill Cemetery
11/10/14	North Ridge Citizens Association
11/19/14	Senior Services of Alexandria
11/20/14	Final Preliminary DSUP Submitted
12/9/14	First Christian Church
12/11/14	Commission on Aging
12/11/14	Seminary Hill Association
1/8/15	Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
1/8/15	Seminary Hill Association
1/12/15	North Ridge Citizens Association
1/29/15	Rosemont Citizens Association

Support for the Proposal:

- ALIVE (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically)
- AARP Virginia
- Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter
- North Ridge Citizens Association
- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Commission on Aging
- Planning Commission