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To: PlanComm
Cc: Karl Moritz
Subject: In support of April 7, 2015 Docket Item #7 - SUP #2014-0036

Dear Planning Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Braddock Metro Citizen's Coalition (BMCC), the civic association covering the area where the Meridian Apartments are located, near the Braddock Metro. The BMCC wishes to offer our full support for the requested changes proposed in SUP #2014-0036. The owners of this property propose to remove an area of surface parking at their site and retrofit it for open space amenities for their tenants.

Since this development was planned and constructed there have been many changes in the way people live, work and play in this neighborhood. We have learned that less parking is needed this close to the Metro stop and that open space in such a dense area is at a premium. We applaud the ownership's initiative to turn part of their asphalt parking area into useable open space for people – and also for dogs.

A part of this plan features a fenced private dog area for the tenants' use. Virtually all of the apartment and condominium buildings in the Braddock area allow dogs. Most of the new buildings are nearing full occupancy and the dog population in the neighborhood has grown in proportion to the number of people. Having a designated dog area for the Meridian is a really important addition at this location. It takes some pressure off the rest of the neighborhood. We would encourage you to require the same of new, dense projects coming on line in the future in the Braddock Plan area, and in other areas of the City.

Fewer parked cars, less impervious surface, more open space resources for people and a private dog park for the tenants of the Meridian Apartments: this is a win-win all the way around in our view. We hope you will support the SUP.

With kind regard,
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