

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Public Hearing regarding Regional Institution**  
**Strategic Enterprise (RISE) Zone**

**June 20, 2016**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**In Attendance**

Vernon S. Archer, Mayor  
CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1  
CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2  
CM David Lingua, Ward 3  
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator  
David Morris, Chief of Police  
Leonard Addison, Director of Public Works  
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

**Call to Order**

Mayor Archer called the public hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Archer gave an overview of the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) Zone.

CM Dixon asked several questions regarding the RISE Zone. Carlo Cocella, Vice President of Administration and Finance at the University of Maryland, addressed the questions and gave an update on the status of the RISE Zone.

Audrey Bragg, of Ravenswood Road, discussed her concerns regarding wildlife in the area. She also stated that she liked the “small town feel” of Riverdale Park and asked the Council to take that into consideration.

Mayor Archer discussed the potential for better coordination between the Town and University of Maryland regarding Economic Development activities and stated that the RISE Zone would be a good starting point. Mayor Archer also stated that the Council may want to consider including a representative from the University on the Town’s Economic Development Committee.

Bruce Wernek of Queensbury Road also discussed his concerns regarding wildlife and the disruption already caused by the construction at the Cafritz property. Mr. Wernek requested that avenues for animals to pass safely be considered in the planning process.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Archer closed the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.