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About Libby Bowerman,  
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More than two-and-a-half months have passed since our October 14th meeting with the Roland Park Civic League, a forum carefully orchestrated by league leadership to maximize their community's aggressive resistance to Keswick's proposed Continuing Care Retirement Community and minimize our time and opportunity to begin an open dialogue with Roland Park residents.

Clearly, I wasn't the only one disappointed with the unwillingness of the Roland Park Civic League to share in a constructive dialogue between our development team and the community.

In a letter dated November 24, 2008 from Mayor Sheila Dixon to the president of the Roland Park Civic League, the Mayor indicated that she is "not prepared to take a position that would prematurely end the discussions between Keswick and the community."

(The Mayor's letter was posted by the civic league to its Web site and subsequently reported on by the *Baltimore Messenger* on December 5, 2008.)

In her letter, Mayor Dixon stated, "My opinion is that the Keswick proposal deserves more constructive discussion between the developers and the community to determine whether compromise is possible. I'd like to see what progress can be made by March 15, 2009. Ultimately, mine is just one voice in a process."

And there are many more voices to be heard as this development process moves forward and we continue to evolve the CCRC plan.

On December 15, 2008, I sent a letter to the president of the Roland Park Civic League in an effort to schedule a meeting in early February, 2009 with its leadership, its Land Use Committee or other representative group. Our goal, as it has been from the beginning, is to maintain an open, productive two-way communication with the Roland Park community – in this case, conduct a professional meeting of the minds in which plan ideas can be shared, solutions suggested and compromise achieved.

In our desire to be responsive to neighborhood concerns, Keswick is

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willing to make adjustments to our project plan and present revisions at this February meeting. Because community input is so important as we evolve the plan, we encourage you to send us your project recommendations through our Web site via e-mail ([info@keswickcommunity.org](mailto:info@keswickcommunity.org)). All reasonable ideas will be given serious consideration and our team of development experts will determine how to best incorporate community suggestions into the revised plan.

Keswick is eager to communicate and willing to compromise. But progress can only be made through “constructive discussion.”

Respectfully yours,  
Libby Bowerman

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