



## **LARGE TURNOUT AT COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS HELD TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF CAFRITZ PROPERTY IN RIVERDALE PARK; POSITIVE FEEDBACK AND IDEAS PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

WASHINGTON, DC, June 20, 2007. . .The Cafritz family welcomed over a hundred community members to a series of workshops held at the Riverdale Elementary School in Riverdale Park, MD (Prince George's County) over the last two weeks to share suggestions and ideas about the potential development on the Cafritz Property located in the Riverdale community. During the first two workshops, held June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>, information was gathered from attendees regarding their thoughts on the development. The third workshop held last Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> was held to review feedback and discuss next steps for the project.

“We were extremely encouraged by the tremendous turn out, the overwhelming support, excitement, and the variety of ideas that were generated during the work sessions,” said Jane Cafritz, who is personally overseeing the Cafritz Property Development. “The community wants us to create a very special place and it is our goal to make that happen.”

With no plans currently in place, the Cafritz family will use the community feedback to guide any potential development. Throughout the workshop series, work stations were set up to allow citizens to voice their opinions on areas such as property history, livability, environmental sustainability, business retail, transportation, culture and community, open spaces and connections, place making, as well as on the WMATA site, which borders, and was once was part of the Cafritz Property.

Upcoming workshops are planned for July 26<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>, at which time the Cafritz team will provide the community with design principles for development. The community is invited to continue working with the Cafritz's and their team to guide the development of the property. These meetings will be followed by a set of meetings scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>, at which time a concept plan will be discussed.

“We are here to listen to the community and understand what they want developed here,” said Cafritz. “This is a piece of land that should be a point of pride for the community. We look forward to the continuing dialogue with the community and their ongoing efforts throughout the upcoming process.”

### **Contact:**

Information on all additional workshop dates and on the Cafritz Property can be found on the web site [www.CafritzPOP.com](http://www.CafritzPOP.com). Community members can provide additional comments, feedback or submit questions by emailing [info@cafritzpop.com](mailto:info@cafritzpop.com).



**Over a hundred community members came out to the third workshop held at the Riverdale Elementary School to discuss potential development on the Cafritz Property in Riverdale Park, MD. Those in attendance were excited about the positive impact the potential development would have on the community.**



**Above: Jane Cafritz, who is personally overseeing the workshops and the development process, speaks with a member of the Riverdale Park community about “Culture and Community”, one of the important issues highlighted for discussion at the workshop.**