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Ms. Raitt: please consider this a written communication to the Board in advance of its May 4 meeting. For convenience I am copying the members of the Board.

I have posted the same question to the Arlington (email) List, as I believe a clarification of a Board policy deserves public discussion before the meeting.

Yours,

Michael Ruderman
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Subject heading: Meeting participants will not have access to video

The published agenda for Monday May 4's Redevelopment Board meeting, to be conducted via Zoom, contains the customary Open Forum item. It's introduced with the usual language about nothing that comes up in OF constitutes an action item. There's also this note:

"Meeting participants will not have access to video."

Why is that?

If I have something to say to the Board, we won't be able to look at each other, and I won't see who else is listening? Is there a technical reason? I just participated in a Zoom conference on elections, ably chaired by our Asst. Town Moderator, with 104 named participants, and all with access to video.

I do hope someone from the ARB (all of whom have been emailed this message) can answer these questions before Monday's meeting commences.

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