

**Public Facilities Review Committee  
ART Bus Maintenance Facility  
Meeting Summary  
Wednesday, March 13, 2013**

**Attendees**

<b><i>PFRC Members (√ = present):</i></b>	<b><i>County Staff:</i></b>
√ Charles Monfort, Chair	Rami Natour, DES
√ Lander Allin, Schools	George May, DES
Jeff Certosimo, Housing Commission	Wayne Wentz, DES
√ Elizabeth Gearin, Parks & Rec. Commission	Katherine Youngbluth, DES
Brian Harner, Planning Commission	Dennis Leach, DES
Eric Harold, E2C2	Steven Yaffe, DES
Jana Lynott, Transportation Commission	Freida Wray, DCPHD
√ Inta Malis, Planning Commission	
√ John Miller, At-Large	<b><u>County Consultants:</u></b>
Heather Obora, Schools	Neil Freschman, Atkins
Betty Siegel, At-Large	Harry Sherrill, STV
√ Jason Widstrom, Fiscal Affairs Adv. Comm.	
	<b><u>Observers:</u></b>
<b><u>ART Bus Maintenance Facility Project-Specific PFRC Members (√ = present):</u></b>	Michael Dowell, Resident
√ Susan English, Arlington Ridge CA	Santi Vaca, Resident
√ Bernard Wixon, Arlington Ridge CA	
Jim Oliver, Aurora Highlands CA	
Ed Hilz, Urban Forestry Commission	

**Follow-up from January 30, 2013 Meeting**

Zoning

DES staff presented the Zoning Administrator's determination that the proposed project would comply with the existing zoning district regulations, with regard to use, landscaping and parking. There were several questions regarding the potential future use of the VDOT-owned right-of-way (r-o-w) that separates the two County-owned parcels under review, and the timing for the County to potentially acquire the r-o-w. Community representative expressed their opposition to its future use as an access road if the County ultimately acquires it and stated that it may provide a letter to the County Board to that effect.

Updates to landscaping, site design, site and building lighting, street cross-sections, and site fencing.

DES staff and consultants presented the updates. Comments included, among others:

- Include signage with emergency contact information that would be visible from adjacent streets.
- To address privacy concerns, provide a map identifying the limits of the on-site cameras.
- Mitigation of noise from the CNG compressors.
- Because of maintenance issues with Honey Locust street trees on Columbia Pike, consider other species of street trees.

- How the County will address the potential growth in the number of buses.

### **Temporary Use of 31<sup>st</sup> Street Lot**

DES staff presented the plans for improving the lot for use on a temporary basis, including, among others, minimum grading with compacted gravel and asphalt curbs, improved entry/exit, fencing, security lighting and cameras, and some landscape improvements. Staff is currently analyzing the slope. While staff conducted a thorough investigation of alternative sites for temporary bus storage during the project's construction phase, this lot was determined to be the most cost-effective and beneficial to the County. A 14-month construction period is anticipated, which will begin in early 2014. Staff will continue to work with the immediate neighbors and civic association on issues related to landscaping, fencing and security lighting and cameras.

### **Next Steps**

The PFRC does not anticipate the need for an additional PFRC meeting on this project unless unforeseen and major changes in the project design require further community review. The PFRC will be notified when final plans for the project, at 60% design development, are posted on the PFRC web site.

A letter has been sent from PFRC Chair Monfort to Arlington County Board Chairman Tejada providing an update on the PFRC's review of the ART Bus Maintenance Facility.

The PFRC meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.