

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE ARLINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015

PRESENT: Commissioner Ginger Brown
Commissioner Rosemary Ciotti
Commissioner Steve Cole
Commissioner Christopher Forinash, Chair
Commissioner Erik Gutshall
Commissioner Nancy Iacomini, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Jane Siegel
Commissioner Steve Sockwell

ABSENT: Commissioner Brian Harner

STAFF: Michelle Stahlhut, Planning Commission Coordinator
Gizele C. Johnson, Planning Commission Clerk
Bob Duffy, Director, PD, DCPHD
Debbie Albert, PD, DCPHD
Arlova Vonhm, PD, DCPHD

Chair reconvened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

5. **Request to Advertise (RTA)** amendments to the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance, Articles 1-18 and appendices A and B, to incorporate a use classification system; update use tables and definitions; update use standards, including new standards for short term uses and accessory uses; and incorporate other minor updates throughout the Ordinance to codify administrative practices, increase clarity and consistency, and correct errors.

Commissioner Iacomini made a motion that the Planning Commission recommend that the County Board adopt the resolution attached to the draft staff report dated January 7, 2015 to authorize advertisement of public hearings by the Planning Commission on February 9, 2015 and the County Board on February 21, 2015, to consider proposed amendments to the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance, Articles 1-18 and appendices A and B, to incorporate a use classification system; update use tables and definitions; update use standards, including new standards for short term uses and accessory uses; and incorporate other minor updates throughout the Ordinance to codify administrative practices, increase clarity and consistency, and correct errors. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion.

Commissioner Cole sought unanimous consent to amend the main motion to recommend to the County Board that it amend the staff proposal to add to it a use standard for vehicle sales and service that would require the sale of two vehicles per calendar year to qualify for a permit for vehicle sales lot. Commissioner Forinash objected.

Commissioner Cole moved to amend the main motion to recommend to the County Board that it amend the staff proposal to add to it a use standard for vehicle sales and service that would require the sale of two vehicles per calendar year to qualify for a permit for vehicle sales lot. Commissioner Gutshall seconded the motion.

The Planning Commission voted against the motion 3-5 with Commissioners Cole, Brown, and Sockwell in support and Commissioner Ciotti, Forinash, Gutshall, Iacomini, and Siegel against.

Commissioner Gutshall moved that the Planning Commission recommend to the County Board that Section 12.10.8 Storage pods be clarified to reflect that there is no time limit when a storage pod is within the allowable buildable setbacks. Commissioner Sockwell seconded the motion.

The Planning Commission voted 7-1 to amend the main motion with Commissioners Brown, Cole, Forinash, Gutshall, Iacomini, Sockwell, and Siegel in support and Commissioner Ciotti opposed

Commissioner Forinash moved that the Planning Commission recommend that the County Board change the 90 day limit on storage pods up to five feet from the property line to 180 days. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion.

The Planning Commission voted to support the motion 7-1 with Commissioners Brown, Cole, Forinash, Gutshall, Iacomini, Sockwell, and Siegel in support and Commissioner Ciotti opposed.

The Planning Commission voted to 8-0 to support the main motion with Commissioners Brown, Ciotti, Cole, Forinash, Gutshall, Iacomini, Siegel, and Sockwell in support.

6. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS & OTHER BUSINESS

A. Recognition of Commissioner Inta Malis

Commissioner Malis thanked the Planning Commission for the opportunity of serving on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission expressed appreciation for the years of service by Commissioner Malis.

B. Approval of the December 1, 3, 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Forinash moved and Commissioner Iacomini seconded the motion to approve the December 1, 2014 Meeting Minutes. The Commission voted 7-0-1 to approve the minutes. Commissioners Brown, Ciotti, Cole, Forinash, Gutshall, Iacomini, and Sockwell voted aye and Commissioner Siegel abstained.

Commissioner Sockwell moved and Commissioner Gutshall seconded the motion to approve the December 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes. The Commission voted 6-0-2 to approve the minutes. Commissioners Brown, Ciotti, Cole, Gutshall, Iacomini, and Sockwell voted aye and Commissioners Forinash and Siegel abstained.

Commissioner Forinash moved and Commissioner Siegel seconded the motion to approve the December 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes. The Commission voted 8-0 to approve the minutes. Commissioners Brown, Ciotti, Cole, Forinash, Gutshall, Iacomini, Siegel, and Sockwell voted aye.

B. Reports

1) Staff Report

A new CPHD Director, Steven Cover, will join the department in March. Anthony Fusarelli will fill a new position in CPHD as the Crystal City Planner.

2) Committee Reports

a) Site Plan Review Committee

Commissioner Forinash reported there are no SPRC review meetings currently scheduled and all projects are fully staffed.

b) Long Range Planning Committee

Commissioner Cole reported Ginger Brown will be Vice-Chair of LRPC. There will be several master planning items moving through LRPC this year including Courthouse, Realize Rosslyn, WRAPS, the Affordable Housing Study, and the Community Facilities Study. The January 25 meeting on the Affordable Housing Study has been changed to January 29.

c) ZOCO

Commissioner Iacomini reported that after public hearings in February, the five year overhaul of the zoning code is complete.

d) Others

Commissioner Sockwell gave an update that PFRC is nearing a decision on concept design for the Abingdon project and it will be expected to last through May. Additional school projects include an additional at Stratford scheduled to begin in March or April, the Wilson site, and whatever construction plans are the result of the Thomas Jefferson working group.

3) Liaison Reports

Commissioner Gutshall reported the Transportation Commission came up with a pro-active list of items to address such as traffic signal policy, analyzing crash safety data, etc.

Commissioner Gutshall reported Victor Hoskins is the new Arlington Economic Development (AED) director. There is an Economic Development Commission joint work session with the County Board on January 20 on the Economic Competitiveness Plan and how to address the office vacancy rate, and a second work session on the same day on the Retail Action Plan.

Commissioner Cole reported there is a County Board work session on the Affordable Housing Study on February 3rd.

C. Organization of the Commission for 2015 & Related Matters

1) Annual Report for 2014

2) Adoption of Planning Commission Schedule 2015

Commissioner Forinash moved and Commissioner Gutshall seconded the motion

to approve the 2015 Meeting Schedule. The Commission voted 8-0 to approve the schedule. Commissioners Brown, Ciotti, Cole, Forinash, Gutshall, Iacomini, Siegel, and Sockwell voted aye.

3) PC Representatives to the County Board 2015

4) Committee/Liaison Assignments 2015

D. Chairman's Report

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm

Christopher Forinash, Chair

Michelle Stahlhut, Coordinator