

**APPROVED**  
MINUTES OF THE ARLINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

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

STAFF: Gizele C. Johnson, Planning Commission Clerk  
Michelle Stahlhut, Planning Commission Coordinator  
Steve Cover, Director, DCPHD  
Bob Duffy, Director, PD, DCPHD  
Debbie Albert, PD, DCPHD  
Arlova Vonhm, PD, DCPHD  
John Liebertz, NSD, DCPHD  
Cynthia Liccese-Torres, NSD, DCPHD

The Planning Commission convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

- 1. Wilson School, Z-2579-14-1:** Consider adoption of an ordinance pursuant to ACZO §11.3 to designate the Fort Myer Heights School (original 1910 section of the Wilson School) and a portion of the property, located at 1601 Wilson Boulevard (a portion of RPC #160-32-001), as a local historic district. This ordinance would make the property subject to Historic District regulations in ACZO §11.3. **(ACTION)**

Commissioner Cole moved the Planning Commission recommend the County Board, with respect to County Manager's recommendation #1, deny the proposed local historic district as described in the memo of April 2, 2015; and with respect to the County Manager's recommendation #2, that the Planning Commission recommend that the County Board direct the County Manager and her staff and request the HALRB and the Arlington Public Schools collaborate to explore the most appropriate ways to memorialize and commemorate the historic and community value of the Wilson School in construction of a new facility on the existing site. Commissioner Gutshall seconded the motion.

Commissioner Iacomini moved the question be divided. Commissioner Ciotti seconded the motion. Commissioner Iacomini clarified that dividing means the first part of the main motion is discussed and voted upon, followed by the second part. The Planning Commission voted 9-0 to divide the motion. Commissioners Brown, Ciotti, Cole, Forinash, Gutshall, Iacomini, Harner, Siegel, and Sockwell all voted aye.

Commissioner Forinash took up the first main motion to support the County Manager recommendation to deny the proposed local historic designation.

Commissioner Iacomini made a substitute motion that the Planning Commission recommend to the County Board that it find the 1910 portion of the existing Wilson School building to be historic and defer consideration of the creation of a local historic district for the Ft. Meyer Heights School's original 1910 section of Wilson School for 30 days. Commissioner Ciotti seconded the motion.

The substitute motion failed 4-5 with Commissioners Ciotti, Harner, Iacomini and Siegel in favor, and Commissioners Brown, Cole, Forinash, Gutshall and Sockwell opposed.

The Planning Commission voted 5-4 in favor of the main motion with Commissioners Brown, Cole, Forinash, Gutshall and Sockwell in favor and Commissioners Ciotti, Harner, Iacomini and Siegel against.

The Planning Commission then took up the second main motion to direct the County Manager or request Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB), Historic Preservation Program staff, and Arlington Public Schools (APS) staff collaborate to explore the most appropriate ways to memorialize and commemorate the historical and community value of the Wilson School in the construction of a new school facility on the existing site.

Commissioner Iacomini made a substitute motion that Planning Commission recommend to the County Board that they direct County staff, including Historic Preservation staff, to work with APS staff for 30 days to produce options for the retention and/or incorporation of all or part of the 1910 Wilson building into the new school to be built at the APS Wilson Boulevard site. Commissioner Ciotti seconded the motion.

The substitute motion failed 4-5 with Commissioners Ciotti, Harner, Iacomini and Siegel in favor and Commissioners Brown, Cole, Forinash, Gutshall and Sockwell against.

The Planning Commission voted to support the main motion 6-3 with Commissioners Brown, Cole, Forinash, Gutshall, Siegel and Sockwell in favor and Commissioners Ciotti, Harner, and Iacomini against.

The meeting recessed at 9:15 pm.

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Christopher Forinash, Chair

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Michelle Stahlhut, Coordinator