

DRAFT Minutes
July 14, 2016
Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

1. Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Report
2. Approval of May and June, 2016 Minutes (approved)
3. Officers and Staff Report

Fiber Option Presentation by David Doulong:

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Jim Feaster - Are you planning to charge the private businesses in this effort?
David Doulong - Yes, but we are limited to what we can charge them. Local governments can only do what the state allows us to do. We can lease some of our fiber for someone else to use. We are working with DC Net and they want to connect Fort McNair to Fort Myer. Jim Feaster - Could the Arlington Chamber of Commerce lease your excess capacity? David Doulong - Yes, we could lease them our fiber but it's up to the Chamber to do what they want. Eileen Janas - Will it go to Sequoia Plaza? David - Yes, that is the plan. David Litman - Is there a website where we could find all this information? David - Yes, but the site needs updating. Bill Braswell - Have we and should we put in our legislative package to amend state law to allow private industry to lease fiber? David Doulong - I don't have the answer to that question but I can say that the Governor of Virginia has been briefed. John Snyder - Have there been waivers to the Dillon rule? David Doulong - There are one or two communities that have a private network, but there have been no complaints as of yet. David Haring - You mentioned about doing work in residential neighborhoods. What outreach to you do prior to that work? David Doulong - We notify the affected Civic Association about a month in advance and we put up door hangars. We also use a volunteer organization that does notifications. Bernie Berne - When they install an underground cable, they seem to like the bike lane and it always gets affected, but they never put a decent patch back. Can that be improved? David Doulong - We try to do our best but sometimes it isn't perfect. We mostly drill and try not to trench, but when that drill is crossing another utility, we have to dig down and find that utility. We try to put it back the best we can and will continue to do so. Rob Swennes - I know it takes a few weeks for permanent patches. If someone

complains to the Civic Association, is there a number they can call? David Doulong - If you call the permitting offices, one for building, and the other is the right of way permitting. You need to contact the right of way permitting office. Sarah McKinley - The big advantage of this is to support economic development. Maybe the NCAC should consider asking Civic Association to send letter of support.

CPRO Presentation by John Snyder:

Bill Braswell - Your presentation stops at the Arlington border. Fairfax is re-zoning that particular area, but how do we connect it? Shouldn't we consider Fairfax? John Snyder - The transit is increasing every day and ultimately Fairfax County will have to be included in the discussions. David Litman - I'm looking at Crystal City and we don't have anything like this. This is a very intriguing organization, but why don't we have more? John Snyder - It takes a long time to put this type of thing together and it's no small effort. We can assist you if you would like to consider something like this for Crystal City. Kathy Guernsey - One of the challenges is the transience that occurs in this area and newer residents have not been involved in what happened in the past. They don't have that vested interest from the past and it makes it challenging moving forward. Getting people to buy in and feel a sense of ownership is also a challenge. John Snyder - I wanted to come for that reason to explain what we do. You have to constantly remind people of what we represent and what our vision is. Bernie Berne - Some of the results of CPRO's efforts are undesirable. For example, an apartment building whose illegal signs cluttered Glebe Road (a state highway on which no private signs are permitted) replaced an automobile dealership that served County residents. In addition, redevelopment of residential properties has displaced tenants of market-rate affordable apartment units whose incomes exceeded the limits established for occupancy of the subsidized committed affordable housing units that have replaced the market rate units.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.