

DRAFT Minutes  
April 13, 2017  
Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

1. Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Report
2. Approval of November and March, 2017 Minutes (approved)
3. Officers and Staff Report

Minutes - Approved with some changes. Accepted as amended.

The membership made a motion to extend the deadline for comments related to the Residential Parking Working Group. A vote was taken and all approved.

Discussion of additional money needed for the December, 2016 funding round:

Jim Todd - Are you being reimbursed from other programs? Tim McIntosh – There are times when we are reimbursed for paving depending on the schedule. The stormwater group always contributes money for bioretention work. They do not always pay for storm line upgrades. Bill Braswell - We updated the recent ones and these are more. Construction is very expensive right now in Arlington County. Liz Kauffman - They won't get cheaper by waiting. The numbers are the best they will be. John - I agree they won't get cheaper. There really is no choice. Bill Braswell - If you look at the cost estimates, they reflect things like concrete. DES staff needs to take a look at the contracting process. Sarah McKinley - Motion to approve the new budget for the projects from the December, 2016 funding round. Jim Feaster - Second.

33 in favor  
0 opposed  
0 in abstentions.

Discussion of cancelling the June, 2017 funding round:

Jim Feaster - This is not the first time we've done this but it's different this time. The situation is money. Sarah McKinley - When we met with Jay Fisette he had no sympathy and told us we needed to work it out. We would gain credibility by holding off. Natasha Pinol - We should not do this as a precedent. Jim Todd - In

Cherrydale we have a conflict of interest. I would suggest that we fund the June funding round and hold off in December. The money has already been spent. My concern is that if you put it off in June we will also not have a funding round in December. Anne Wilson - Is there any action this group can take for the spring funding round with the idea of moving it forward? Darcey Cuffman – Can we develop a planning horizon for the funds we'll need. Benchmark when you will need the funds? Tim McIntosh – DES staff has put something together that forecasts when we will need additional money for cost overruns. We don't need it all this year; it will be over a three to four year time period. Phil Klingelhofer - We have to behave fiscally responsibly. It's clear from these numbers we need to hold off on funding projects in June. I move that we suspend the June funding round. Terron Sims - Second. David Litman - I do think we should pause in June and maybe beyond. How much will we really know later this year. Tim McIntosh – We'll have a much better handle on whether or not we have savings from projects we are construction this spring and summer. It will help inform us about what to do in December. Bill Braswell - We will likely have a hard time moving forward in December as well. They will look at us in a negative way. Let's be smart and cancel the June funding round. Jim Feaster - The county is moving forward with a \$30M land acquisition and building tons of schools. There is an increase in population that won't be able to get to schools. Terron Sims - The county board is going to look at us like we are crazy if we don't hold off in June. Parker Harrington - I agree that we should pause. The projects are getting larger and larger. We need smaller projects and more of them. Rob Swennes - The reality is that the projects are not larger. The costs have dramatically increased and we don't have any control over it. The neighborhoods are not adding addition items. It's really hard to reduce the size of the projects. John Kirkpatrick - What is the risk of losing these three projects if they go without funding for two rounds. Tim McIntosh – The projects are qualified and when we're ready to fund projects again, we'll start with the three we have ready. We may need to update the cost estimates. Bill Braswell - Call the question.

Vote on calling the question:

32 In favor  
2 opposed  
0 abstentions

Vote on suspending the June, 2017 funding round:

30 in favor  
2 opposed  
1 abstentions

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.