

PLANNING COMMUNICATOR

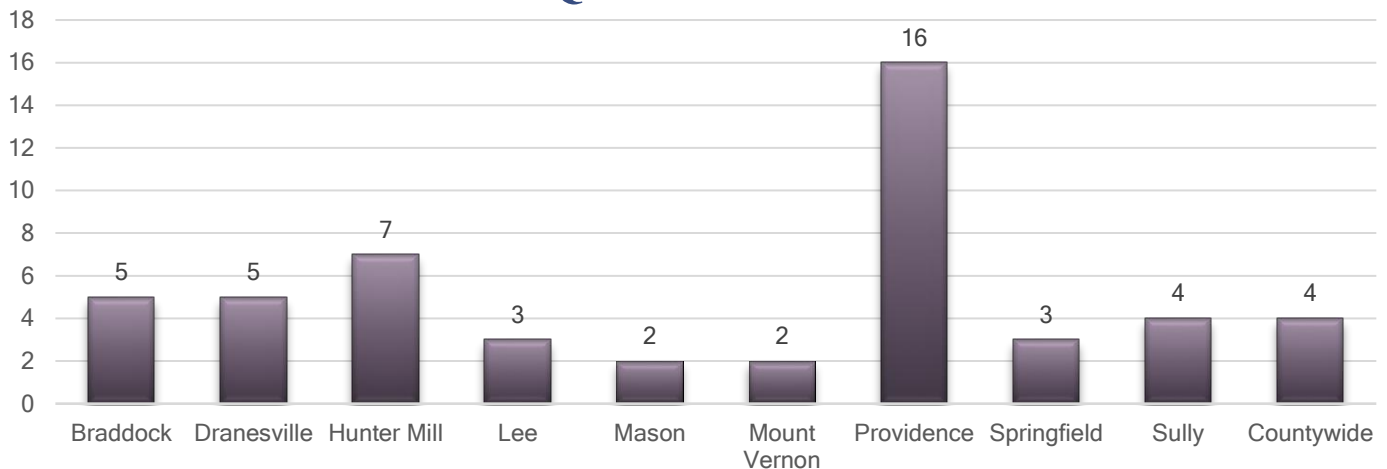
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LAND USE ACTIONS

During the 1st quarter of Fiscal Year 2020 the Planning Commission acted on **51** applications; affording 150 citizens an opportunity to speak in person at the 11 public hearings held. It was a busy quarter overall, the district with the highest number of applications considered was the Providence District with 16 applications acted upon.

1st Quarter FY 2020



COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Schools Committee

Met on July 23rd with the Fairfax County School Board members for a presentation and discussion from the Fairfax County Chief Equity Officer, Karla Bruce, of the One Fairfax initiative.

Policy and Procedure Committee

At the July 24th meeting, the committee was constituted for 2019. Ellen J. Hurley was elected Chairman. The committee discussed with Planning Commission staff the proposed 2020 Planning Commission calendar, land use application scheduling process, and the time allotment for speakers at the public hearings.

Land Use Process Review Committee

Met on July 25th with staff from the Fairfax County Land Development Services (LDS) to receive an update on the Public Facilities Manual Flexibility Project, Phase 2, which detailed staff's progress, outreach, various committee's involved, Phase 2 objectives, and projected schedule. LDS also created the Public Facilities Manual Flex Project website to provide updates, citizens submit feedback or email staff with questions.

Met on September 11th with Planning Division staff for a brief overview of Site-Specific Plan Amendment 2018-I-1MS, Merrifield Suburban Center Study, which consisted of the proposed Plan text for Inova Center for Personalized Health and Fairview Park that incorporated recommendations by the Merrifield Task Force.

Met on October 3rd with staff from the Fairfax County Planning Division for a discussion of the revised definitions within the proposed Lot Line and Lot Width Zoning Ordinance Amendment. In addition, staff provided an update on the proposed Outdoor Lighting Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

Environment Committee

Met on September 26th with staff from the Fairfax County Planning Division to receive an update of their progress regarding the proposed Natural Landscaping at County Facilities plan amendment, which included stakeholder feedback and community comments. Staff also provided highlights of their site visit to the National Garden and Bartholdi Park in Washington, D.C. The Committee voted to endorse to the full Planning Commission's proposed Natural Landscaping at County Facilities policy plan language for Objective 6; Policy a.

Parks Committee

At the October 3rd meeting, the committee was constituted for 2019. John C. Ulfelder was elected as Chairman. The Fairfax County Park Authority staff provided an update on the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan, FY 2019-2023 Strategic Plan, and implementation.

PC ROUNDTABLE WITH CHAIRMAN PETER F. MURPHY



The Planning Commission Roundtable is a 30-minute panel discussion broadcast every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. on Channel 16. Episodes can also be viewed through Video on Demand at the Fairfax County website:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/pc_roundtable.htm

National Museum of the United States Army – Broadcast July 2019

Guests: Lieutenant General Roger Schultz (USA-Ret.), President of the Army Historical Foundation, and Jamie Hubans, Director of Operations of the Army Historical Foundation

Natural Landscaping at County Facilities – Broadcast August 2019

Guests: At-Large Planning Commissioner Jim Hart, and Suzanne Foster and Charles Smith, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services

The History Commission – Broadcast September 2019

Guests: Anne Stuntz, Chairman of the History Commission, and Elise Murray, Member



2019 Environmental Excellence Awards

**Congratulations to James R. Hart, Vice Chairman,
Planning Commission, At-Large Member**

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