

## **Hunter Mill Land Use Advisory Committee Minutes July 21, 2009**

Members Present: Steve Cerny (acting chair), Betty Little (acting vice-chair), Genaro Pedroarias (recorder), Steve Akinbileje, Ellice Stern, Sarah Newman, Laurie DiRocco, and Brian McMillan (new member)

Frank de la Fe and Goldie Harrison were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

### New Committee Business

#### Informative Presentation on Verizon Wireless Equipment at Difficult Run Park

- Mr. Frank Sterns from Verizon Wireless gave a background talk on Difficult Run Park
- The wireless equipment at the substation is to be moved to a height of 20 feet from a height of 10 feet due to its location on a designated floodplain
  - The committee engaged in discussions with Mr. Sterns
- There was a motion to approve as presented by Ellice Stern
- Motion seconded by Ryan McMillan
- Motion passed unanimously

#### Informative Presentation on Tree Conservation Ordinance

- Mr. Mike Knapp presented background information on the Virginia law signed by Governor Tim Kaine; effective date of January 1, 2009 (“tree cover”)
  - Mr. Knapp explained how the ordinance affects tree preservation
  - The bill was originally opposed by the Virginia contractors industry
  - Mr. Knapp further explained that the local existing Fairfax County ordinance only provided minimum tree preservation standards; the new law goes farther as it places a greater emphasis on tree preservation by placing it at the forefront of preservation efforts
- Ms. Lori Diroco asked what impact the new ordinance has had so far this year
- Mr. Knapp talked about the incentives used to entice developers to follow the new ordinance
  - Developers may also defer tree preservation to other projects if they are unable to apply preservation at a given development (establishing a “tree fund account”)
- Ms. Little asked about the overall effect on the environment with regards to healthy plant life

### Administrative Business

- Ms. Harrison noted that no meeting is scheduled for August

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.