

## **Hunter Mill District Land Use Advisory Committee Minutes May 18, 2010**

Members Present: Sarah Newman (acting chair), Genaro Pedroarias (recorder), Ellice Stern, and David Gibson

Frank de la Fe and Goldie Harrison were also present.

The meeting began at 7:40 PM.

### New Committee Business

#### Information Gathering Presentation by Lyn Strobel on the Lohia Property on Beulah Road

- The land owners, Mr. and Mrs. Lohia, are seeking a special exemption to establish a child nursery, childcare center, and Montessori school on the premises
  - The current facility on the property is approved for 50 students
  - The development is to take place in three phases:
    - Phase 1 – Admit 50 students and the Lohia's will live on the property
    - Phase 2 – Admit more than 50 students and make improvements to the property
    - Phase 3 – Build a larger facility
- Ms. Strobel claims that the Lohia's have made contact with some of the neighboring resident and home owner association and there had been general support for the project
- Mr. Saint Clair Williams of the of the Fairfax County Planning Commission is assigned to the case. He has expressed a few concerns, but staff seems to be receptive to the project
- The Lohia's would like to be in operation by the fall of 2010
- The applicants told the Committee that the 50 student threshold would be met in about two years
- Mr. Gibson asked about parking requirement once the facility is in full operation

#### Presentation by Pat Rosen on Stratton Woods Park

- Ms. Rosend gave a background statement about Stratton Woods Park and its recreation facilities
- Ms. Rosend went on to discuss amendments proposed to the master plan
  - Most of the changes deal with relocating or improving some of the athletic fields in Stratton Woods Park
  - The changes also include new lighting on the fields and in the parking areas
  - Ms. Rosend went on to talk about the improvements process do-date and the site design mitigation
- Ms. Laurie D. raised the issue of lighting and the effect this would have on neighboring residents
- General open discussion (a bit spirited at times) took place between the Committee, the presenters, and the audience
  - County representatives stated that there is a severe shortage of 90-foot baseball diamonds in the county

- It was made clear that field lighting hours are to be from dusk to 11:00 P.M. on game days only
- Some residents questioned the motives of the petitioners
- There seemed to be a general concern over noise pollution brought on by late baseball games during weekday nights
- Bruce Hall spoke in support of the lighting as he is a baseball coach
- There was a question about the age of the players
- A point was made about insufficient landscape screening, especially off Fox Mill Road
- Comments were also made about the fiscal impact to the county
- There were a total of seven (7) comments in favor of the new lighting and twelve (12) against from the participants
- The case goes to the Planning Commission in July 2010
- Mr. Pedroarias volunteered to be the case manager for Stratton Woods Park

#### Administrative Business

- Next meeting scheduled for June 15, 2010

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.