

Meeting Notes

Land Use Information Accessibility Advisory Group

17 May 2006

Chairman Walter Alcorn welcomed the members and brought the Advisory Group meeting to order.

David Molchany discussed the Land Use Information Accessibility Advisory Group member agreement and asked the members in attendance to sign the agreement and return it to him. The agreement is a requirement of membership per the group's charter.

The group agreed to the meeting dates for the remainder of the year. All meeting times will start at 7:00 and meetings other than June 7th will be in the Main Government Center Building 12000 Government Center Parkway.

The June 7th meeting will be in the Herrity Building across the Street from 12000 Government Center Parkway, on the ground floor level in rooms 106/107. Directions to the Herrity Building can be found at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/locatMap.htm>

Meeting schedule for the Advisory Group:

- **June 7th**
- **July 12th**
- **September 6th**
- **October 11th**
- **November 8th**

Tom Conry discussed the Digital Map Viewer and the My Neighborhood applications:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/map.htm>

My Neighborhood and Digital Viewer Demo:

Questions asked by the committee:

- 1. Is it possible to display information on bus routing, tracking of bus stops? – Answer: Not available with this feature. This information is available elsewhere on the Web Site at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/>**
 - 2. Can accident reports be displayed? – Answer: Not currently. The Police Department only displays crime information.**
 - 3. For INFIL applications, can the # of Building units be summarized and displayed on a map, to account for density? – Answer: Not done currently, this would be a new initiative.**
- Clarification provided on digital viewer. It is in PDF format, supports vector data and property and zoning data is updated daily.**

Linda Boaz discussed enhancements for LDSNet. The current LDSNet application can be found at:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/>

LDSnet Enhancements:

Question asked:

- 1. Is it possible to notifying Home Owner's via county e-mail, about rezoning activity in the neighborhood? – Answer: There are various listservs available today; this function is not currently available. This would be a new project. Current email subscriptions: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists/>**

- 2. Staff reports currently only displaying ZED part of information. Can appendices and affidavits coming from other agencies be added to the existing staff report? Answer: Currently only the final summarized staff report is published.**

Requests:

- 1. Adding street information on Search by Magisterial district Map for a more readable map.**
- 2. On address search, be able to vary the search distance from ¼ mile, for flexibility in searching.**
- 3. Provide links to additional information found in LDSnet to summary page.**

David Amey of Department of Tax Administration (DTA) reviewed the tax assessment pages:

<http://icare.fairfaxcounty.gov/Main/Home.aspx>

DTA Demo:

Question asked:

- 1. Possibility of searching for commercial property without tax map #. Answer: Can be done, but not as reliable as tax map #. Not all commercial properties have street addresses.**
 - Clarification provided – a persons name can be withheld from the property data displayed on the Web Site if they make a request to DTA. Building footprints dated from 1997. Aerial photography dated 2002.**

Brian Foley of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) demonstrated the new Web Pages for building construction and land use.

New Web pages:

Clarification sought on target audience while creating pages. Brian explained that the Land Use & Development page has a target audience that is a more sophisticated business user. The page was developed keeping that in mind. For the Building Permit Page, the target audience is generally home owners' who are novice at the business process, so the page was designed differently.

For all of the County's current e-Services, you can look at the e-Services area on the Home Page of the County Web Site:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/>

Walter Alcorn led a discussion of the members' backgrounds and interest in the land development topic. He also discussed the committee's future work, which included final recommendations. He asked the committee members to begin to think about the format for these final recommendations.

For future meetings, Walter suggested a review of best practices from other jurisdictions, a review of what the industry is doing in presenting their projects to the public, Outside speakers from groups such as ESI, possibility of looking functionality such as a County-wide map that could show all development in the County and a look at new tools such as three dimensional imaging.

Mr. Alcorn adjourned the meeting, the next meeting will be the 7th of June at 7:00. The room location will be announced before the next meeting. *The meeting will be in the Herrity Building across the street from the main Government Center building in ground floor rooms 106/107.*

Advisory Group Members in Attendance:

Walter Alcorn - Chairman

Judith Anderson – League of Women Voters

Allison Anderson - EQAC

Anne Kanter – ITPAC

James Katcham – Federation of Citizens Associations

David Kochendarfer – Sully District

Linus Upson – Providence District

Jon Lindgren – NVBIA

Not Present

David Dale – Mount Vernon District

Daniel Gonzales – Northern Virginia Technology Council

Not Nominated

Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Member