

**FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter L. Alcorn, At-Large
Frank A. de la Fe, Hunter Mill District
Jay P. Donahue, Dranesville District
Earl L. Flanagan, Mount Vernon District
James R. Hart, At-Large, Chairman
Timothy J. Sargeant, At-Large

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kenneth A. Lawrence, Providence District
James T. Migliaccio, Lee District

FAIRFAX COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:

Fred R. Selden, Acting Director, Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ)
Pamela Nee, Chief, Environment and Development Review Branch (EDRB),
Planning Division (PD), DPZ
Noel H. Kaplan, Senior Environmental Planner, EDRB, PD, DPZ
Maya P. Dhavale, Environmental Planner, EDRB, PD, DPZ
S. Robin Ransom, Assistant Director, Planning Commission Office
Kara A. DeArrastia, Clerk to the Planning Commission

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Chairman James R. Hart called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., in the Board Conference Room, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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Commissioner Sargeant **MOVED THAT THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2011, BE APPROVED.**

Commissioners Donahue and de la Fe seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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Maya Dhavale and Noel Kaplan, Environment and Development Review Branch, Planning Division, Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ); Fred Selden, Acting Director, DPZ; and Committee members discussed the summary of changes, as outlined on pages 2 through 4 of the revised Green Building Comprehensive Plan Policy Review strawman document dated April 28, 2011, a copy of which is in the date file.

Committee members suggested additional modifications to the following Policy language:

- Use "comparable" rather than "equivalent" in references to alternatives to the ENERGY STAR qualification for homes;
- Revise the beginning of the fourth sentence in the first paragraph under the "Resource Conservation and Green Building Practices" heading on page 4 to read, "Recent events and trends";
- Replace the period at the end of each bullet except the last one under Policy a on pages 4 through 5 with a semicolon;
- Change the last new bullet under Policy a on page 5 to read, "Solid waste and recycling management practices";
- Spell out LEED-NC and LEED-CS in the first reference followed by their acronyms in parentheses under Policy a on page 5 and use the acronyms in subsequent references;
- Add "(e.g., at 90 percent of the maximum planned density or intensity or more)" after "proposed" in the third sentence in the last paragraph under Policy a on page 5 to provide an example of "exceptional intensity or density";
- Replace "substantially equal to" with "comparable to" in the fifth sentence in the last paragraph under Policy a on page 5;
- Replace "an equivalent level of energy performance" with "a comparable level of energy performance" at the end of the first sentence under Policy c on page 6;
- Change the beginning of Policy g on page 6 to read, "Encourage provision of charging stations and related infrastructure for electric vehicles..."; and
- Revise the beginning of Policy h on page 7 to read, "Encourage recording [or tracking] of aggregated energy and water consumption data for a defined period of time...."

Answering a question from Commissioner Alcorn, Mr. Kaplan said that Ellen Eggerton, Land Development Services, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, and Lorrie Kirst, Zoning Administration Division, DPZ, foresaw no issues in the Building Code and Public Facilities Manual regarding the establishment of charging stations for electric vehicles.

Chairman Hart pointed out to the Committee that the Policy would not prohibit new innovations for alternative fuels.

Ms. Dhavale noted that she would incorporate the suggestions in a revised strawman document.

Chairman Hart announced that the following Committee meetings would be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Conference Room:

- Thursday, May 26, 2011 – Finish discussion on the remaining outstanding issues as outlined on the bottom of page 7 of the strawman document, clean up the additional changes to the Policy text, and determine the process for informing stakeholders in the development and environment communities about the strawman document and solicit their input; and

- Thursday, July 7, 2011 – Possible review of the strawman document by stakeholders.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.
James R. Hart, Chairman

An audio recording of this meeting is available in the Planning Commission Office, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 330, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Minutes by: Kara A. DeArrastia

Approved: May 26, 2011

Kara A. DeArrastia, Clerk to the
Fairfax County Planning Commission