

**FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, July 25, 2013**

PRESENT: James R. Hart, At-Large, Chairman  
Jay P. Donahue, Dranesville District  
Janyce N. Hedetniemi, At-Large  
Ellen J. Hurley, Braddock District  
James Migliaccio, Lee District

ABSENT: Frank A. de la Fe, Hunter Mill District  
Kenneth Lawrence, Providence District  
Tim Sargent, At-Large

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment Policy questions for Consideration by the Planning Commission – July 10, 2013

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Chairman James R. Hart called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., in the Board Conference Room, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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Noel Kaplan, Planning Division, Department of Planning and Zoning, continued the discussion of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Mr. Kaplan began with a recap of discussions to date that included a review of the July 10, 2013, memo that provided a list of policy questions that should be answered prior to the committee developing a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Kaplan asked the committee to confirm that this is the correct approach to review each of the questions identified.

Commissioner Hurley articulated that she agreed that the questions were appropriate and requested the addition of a question to include clarification of the ability to regulate usage of charging station during peak hours.

Commissioner Donohue questioned if developing a policy statement is necessary long term, suggesting that a comprehensive discussion with the car industry was needed to understand the sustainability of electronic vehicles in the automotive market. Mr. Kaplan responded that staff had anticipated further meetings with industry, however, in an email from Northern Virginia's Commercial Real Estate Development Organization, they were not able to attend, instead provided input that they do not object to EV ready design, however, they do object to further policy and suggested allowing the market to drive the need. They also recommended that if policy is proposed, it allows for a broader approach rather than an approach limited to one type of use.

Mr. Kaplan, looking to question Number 17 regarding Public Input, asked the committee to consider to what extent is there a public component, and whether or not staff should reach out to contact groups. Commissioner Hart agreed that continued public input was necessary, suggesting though that the 18 questions identified by staff were complete. He also suggested that some of the questions may be better answered at a later date.

Commissioner Hedetniemi moved THAT THE NEXT STEPS FOR STAFF WILL BE CIRCULATION OF THE 18 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS TO STAFF'S CONTACT LIST, ALONG WITH A FINITE PERIOD OF TIME FOR COLLECTION OF WRITTEN INPUT ON ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS; DEVELOPMENT OF A STRAWMAN DRAFT PLAN AMENDMENT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT; AND THEN HOLD A PUBLIC WORKSHOP.

Seconded by Commissioner Donohue.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Commissioners de la Fe, Lawrence and Sargeant were absent from the meeting.

Mr. Kaplan pointed the committee to question Number 14 related to data collection and discussed the various types of data that may be collected, referencing Commissioner Sergeant's questions during the last meeting. Commissioner Donohue noted that data will need to be collected to determine usage and need, suggesting that data will also need to be collected on commuters travelling outside the county. Mr. Kaplan suggested that the Department of Transportation may have data, such as commuting patterns. Mr. Kaplan agreed to inquire with AAA on any data they may have captured.

Commissioner Donohue questioned if staff had benchmarked with local jurisdictions. Kambiz Agazi, Environmental Coordinator, Office of the County Executive, responded that Arlington County had recent discussions regarding electric vehicle charging stations; however, not to the extent Fairfax County has. He noted that because this is emerging technology, many jurisdictions have not begun considering options. Mr. Agazi stated that in considering the long term policy objectives, he feels electric vehicles are a viable technology that will continue and as such require a long term policy development approach. He encouraged the committee to focus on the big picture long term verse current data that may be collected at this time.

Commissioner Hart and Mr. Kaplan agreed that a very general policy is needed that includes a set of guidance points that can be flexible with added experience.

Eric Long with ECotality, added a response to a discussion regarding data collection. He stated that ECotality had a great deal of data available on their website as well as some data available through the Council of Governments (COG) and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) that included driving patterns.

In considering the questions developed by staff, Commissioner Hart suggested that the answers to questions Number 1 and Number 2 were "Yes"; a Comprehensive Plan Amendment will be necessary to support the provision of the electric vehicle charging stations and EV ready design

in the form of a Policy Plan change rather than through the Area Plan guidance process. Commissioner Hedetniemi recommended that question Number 3 should be split into two or more additional questions.

Commissioner Hurley requested clarification on question Number 4, and suggested using a percentage rather than an "All" statement.

Mr. Kaplan requested that the committee submit any questions or additional comments to him through email.

Commissioner Hart reminded committee member that the upcoming meeting schedule is as follows:

September 19, 2013 – Stormwater Discussion

October 17, 2013 & November 6, 2013 – EV Charging Stations

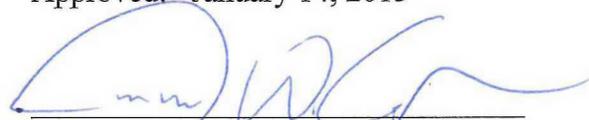
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.  
James R. Hart, Chairman

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

Minutes by: John W. Cooper

Approved: January 14, 2015



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John W. Cooper, Clerk to the  
Fairfax County Planning Commission