

**FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013**

PRESENT: James R. Hart, At-Large, Chairman  
Jay P. Donahue, Dranesville District  
Janyce N. Hedetniemi, At-Large  
Timothy J. Sargeant, At-Large  
Ellen J. Hurley, Braddock District  
Frank A. de la Fe, Hunter Mill District

ABSENT: Kenneth A. Lawrence, Providence District

OTHERS: Noel H. Kaplan, Senior Environmental Planner, Environment and Development Review Branch, Planning Division, Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ)  
Kambiz Agazi, Office of the County Executive  
Ellen Eggerton, Land Development Services, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services  
Kimberly Bassarab, Assistant Director, Planning Commission (PC) Office  
John W. Cooper, Clerk to the Planning Commission, PC Office

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment Policy questions for Consideration by the Planning Commission Environment Committee – October 17, 2013
- B. EV and EV-Ready Design Requirements and Guidelines Preliminary – Noel Kaplan October 17, 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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Commissioner de la Fe moved to APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2013 AND MAY 9, 2013 MINUTES.

Seconded by Commissioner Donahue which carried by a vote of 6-0. Commissioner Lawrence was absent from the meeting.

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Noel Kaplan, Planning Division, Department of Planning and Zoning, continued the discussion of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure beginning with information requested during the prior Committee meeting. He stated that he was asked to put AAA on his contact list, which he did, but that they did not have a policy on electric vehicle charging infrastructure nor any

projections to do so. Mr. Kaplan stated that AAA was, however, developing a charging vehicle that would last 10 miles and was also reviewing charging stations. Mr. Kaplan stated that he had also, per the request of the Committee, augmented his contact list and contacted each Board of Supervisors office. Mr. Kaplan continued with follow-up regarding the usage of electric vehicles within the County. He had contacted the Department of Transportation to obtain information on this matter and had conducted research on other localities. Mr. Kaplan stated that he sent emails out to his contact lists with a list of policy questions and the MITRE report and had requested input. Only two responses were received and they were included in the response document.

Commissioner Hurley inquired as to whether local colleges were on Mr. Kaplan's contact list. Mr. Kaplan responded that they were not but that he could add them.

Discussion ensued among Commissioner Donohue and Mr. Kaplan regarding governmental policies and code requirements in other jurisdictions throughout the country. Mr. Kaplan stated that he was aware of some and there may have been many more examples.

The Committee then reviewed the policy questions for consideration set forth in Attachment A. Mr. Kaplan summarized the comments received for questions one through five in the attachment.

Mr. Kaplan discussed Attachment B regarding how other jurisdictions were addressing this issue.

Commissioner Hart stated that he was surprised not more than two sets of comments were received. He suggested that a dialogue instead of written questions may have changed the review of this issue and that the Apartment and Office Building Association (AOBA) may have been concerned about specific requirements or regulations. He added that the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) may have provided more input with a discussion. Commissioner Hart suggested a more general approach to accommodate flexibility with individual cases, changes in technology and the market, and still be encouraging of this use.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Hurley and Mr. Kaplan regarding LEED credit for EV readiness. Mr. Kaplan stated what the credit involved but that his information was from a draft and he would need to confirm it.

Additional discussion ensued regarding hotel and motel uses and the issue of considering specific uses in this process.

Ellen Eggerton, Land Development Services, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, responded to a discussion between Commissioner de la Fe and Mr. Kaplan regarding LEED credit, and involving new construction and how far the county will go with specific policies.

Commissioner Sargeant noted the need for additional input from a variety of groups and the issue of technology out-pacing policy. He questioned whether the issue should be a policy or tied into a goal.

Discussion ensued among Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Agazi, Office of the County Executive and Commissioners Hedetniemi, Sargeant, and Migliaccio regarding the concentration of information

on EV sites on the west coast. Issues of education, climate, gasoline prices, taxes, and state policy were discussed.

Commissioner Hart stated that part of the November 6, 2013 meeting would include a discussion on green buildings. The remainder of the meeting would involve a continuation of the discussion of electric vehicles or, if needed, stormwater.

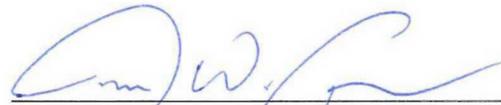
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.  
James R. Hart, Chairman

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

Minutes by: John W. Cooper

Approved: January 14, 2015



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