

**FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
PARKS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2005**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

John R. Byers, Mount Vernon District
Frank de la Fe, Hunter Mill District
Ronald W. Koch, Sully District
Rodney L. Lusk, Lee District
Laurie F. Wilson, At-Large

PARK AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:

Harrison A. Glasgow, Fairfax County Park Authority Board (FCPAB), At-Large

STAFF PRESENT:

Barbara J. Lippa, Executive Director, Planning Commission Staff
Sara Robin Hardy, Assistant Director, PC Staff
Linda B. Rodeffer, Clerk, Planning Commission
Kirk Holley, Manager, Park Planning Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA)
David B. Marshall, Assistant Director, Planning Division (PD), Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ)
Sandra Stallman, Long Range Planner, FCPA
Lynn Tadlock, Director, Planning and Development Division (PDD), FCPA

OTHERS PRESENT:

James R. Hart, At-Large
Kenneth A. Lawrence, Providence District
Peter F. Murphy, Jr., Springfield District
Vivian Morgan-Mendez, Citizen
Fernando Mendez, Citizen

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Planning Commission Vice-Chairman John R. Byers constituted the meeting at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to Section 4-102 of the Commission's *Bylaws & Procedures*, in the Board of Supervisors' Conference Room, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035, and indicated that the first order of business was to elect a committee chairman.

Vice Chairman Byers MOVED TO NOMINATE FRANK A. DE LA FE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE 2005 PARKS COMMITTEE.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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Vice Chairman Byers turned the gavel over to Chairman de la Fe.

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Chairman Frank de la Fe indicated that the first order of business was approval of minutes.

Vice Chairman Byers MOVED TO APPROVE PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2004 AND JANUARY 13, 2005.

Commissioner Koch seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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Chairman de la Fe noted that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to review the suggested changes to Out-of-Turn Plan Amendment S01-CW-15CP concerning the Parks and Recreation Section of the County Comprehensive Plan made by staff and citizens groups. He noted that the proposed markup as well as a clean text version had been distributed to the committee, copies of which are in the date file. He then called upon Sandra Stallman, Long Range Planner, Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) to review the proposed changes, noting that the amendment was scheduled for a decision by the Planning Commission on May 12, 2005

Ms. Stallman reviewed the markup document for Out-of-Turn Plan Amendment S01-CW-15CP, dated April 28, 2005, and said after each highlighted change, a notation indicated who had recommended the change.

Chairman de la Fe noted that stakeholders, who had reviewed the proposed markup on Monday night, had not recommended any substantive changes.

In response to a question from Commissioner Murphy, Chairman de la Fe said Policy f, Objective 5, page 15, did not ban monopolies from being located on park property.

Ms. Stallman responded to questions from Commissioners Wilson and Byers about the definitions and sizes of both urban and suburban parks. Commissioner Hart suggested that "urban area parks" be substituted for "urban scale parks."

Responding to a question from Commissioner Byers, Chairman de la Fe agreed that the wording on page 27 under C., Resource-Based Parks, Character and Extent of Development, should be changed from "restore to natural state" to "restore degraded areas."

Ms. Stallman called the Committee's attention to the proposed changes to the Policy Plan and Area Plans Glossary on page 35, which she said had been made in response to suggestions by Park Authority Board members, the Audubon Society, and the McLean Citizens Association.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Wilson about equestrian facilities, Lynn Tadlock, Director, Planning and Development Division (PDD), FCPA, said that Laurel Hill would be the only Park Authority facility with a stable.

In response to a question from Commissioner Byers, Ms. Tadlock said that the population-based Countywide Service Level Standards for park facilities, shown on pages 33 and 34 of the markup

document, had been based on surveys, benchmarks with parks throughout the country, a consultant database, and data from user groups and focus groups. She explained that a matrix had been created from that information and each element had been assigned a certain weight. Responding to another question from Commissioner Byers, Ms. Tadlock said that these service level standards would be undated every three to five years.

Ms. Tadlock responded to questions from Commissioner Wilson about monetary contribution levels adopted by the Park Authority Board and said specific needs in each local area would be negotiated during the rezoning process.

Mr. Holley responded to questions from Commissioner Byers about the adequacy of youth baseball fields.

At the request of Chairman de la Fe, Ms. Stallman reviewed suggestions that had not been incorporated into the proposed markup document or had been handled in a different way as noted on the Summary of Comments from the Planning Commission Public Hearing and Comment Period, a copy of which is in the date file.

In response to a question from Commissioner Hart, Ms. Stallman said that the markup, as proposed by staff and the Committee tonight, would be put on the DPZ website.

Chairman de la Fe requested that if Committee members had further changes, they be given to Barbara Lippa, Executive Director, Planning Commission Office.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Frank A. de la Fe, Chairman

Note: Due to technical difficulty, there is no audio recording of this meeting.

Minutes by: Linda B. Rodeffer

Approved: October 26, 2006

Linda B. Rodeffer, Clerk
Fairfax County Planning Commission

Note: The final proposed markup, dated April 28, 2005 and a clean text version, dated May 10, 2005, for Out-of-Turn Plan Amendment S01-CW-15CP, are in the date file. For further information, see the Planning Commission date file for May 12, 2005 which contains the decision made on this case.