

**MINUTES OF
FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998**

PRESENT: Walter L. Alcorn, Commissioner At-Large
John R. Byers, Mount Vernon District
Judith W. Downer, Dranesville District
Janet R. Hall, Mason District
Suzanne F. Harsel, Braddock District
John W. Hunter, Commissioner At-Large
Ronald W. Koch, Sully District
Peter F. Murphy, Jr., Springfield District
John M. Palatiello, Hunter Mill District
Alvin L. Thomas, Commissioner At-Large

ABSENT: Carl A. S. Coan, Jr., Providence District
John B. Kelso, Lee District

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The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m. by Chairman Peter F. Murphy, Jr., in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

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ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Murphy noted that there was only one item on tonight's agenda:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) WORKSHOP

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) WORKSHOP - The Planning Commission will hold a workshop on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 1999-2003 with presentations from various County agencies.

Chairman Murphy announced that Commissioner Palatiello, Chairman of the CIP Committee, would conduct tonight's proceedings.

Commissioner Palatiello noted that the presentations by agency representatives would take place in the following order:

- Schools
- Transportation
- Parks
- Fire and Rescue
- Libraries

David Marshall, Assistant Director, Planning Division, Office of Comprehensive Planning, presented an overview of the advertised CIP for Fiscal Years 1999 through 2003 with Future Years to Fiscal Year 2006. (A copy of the proposed CIP is in the date file,)

Commissioner Byers said he had questions regarding solid waste management and sanitary sewers and expressed disappointment that there were no representatives from the Department of Public Works present. Mr. Marshall said he would answer Commissioner Byers' questions as best he could. Commissioner Byers said he would wait until after the presentations had been made to raise those issues.

Commissioner Palatiello thanked Mr. Marshall and others who had worked on the CIP and apologized to Commissioner Byers for the lack of a Public Works representative. He explained that he and Mr. Marshall had discussed the agenda and requested presentations by the relevant agencies based on new projects and issues of primary concern to the Commission in the past.

In response to questions from Commissioner Palatiello, Mr. Marshall explained that the format used for tables was already as large as was manageable, but said he would see what could be done to include an additional column representing current year funding. He confirmed that three of the projects the Commission had recommended for accelerated funding last year had been adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

James Johnson, Director, Facilities Planning Services, School Administration, introduced Dr. Roger Webb, Director, Administrative, Logistical and Operations Services, and Eugene Kelly, Director, Design and Construction Services. Together they presented information on new and continuing school projects and responded to questions from Commissioners Palatiello, Hall, and Downer concerning those projects.

Andy Szakos, Chief, Transit Operations Division, Office of Transportation, and Sam Chamberlain, Chief, Traffic Operations Division, Office of Transportation, presented information on new and continuing transit and road programs. They then responded to questions from Commissioners Palatiello, Alcorn, and Byers regarding those programs.

Frank de la Fe, Chairman, Park Authority Board, and Lynn Tadlock, Director, Planning and Development Division, Park Authority, presented information on new and continuing park projects. Mr. de la Fe and Ms. Tadlock responded to questions from Commissioners Byers and Palatiello concerning the projects and to Commissioner Harsel regarding bond referendums in general. Commissioner Downer commented on revenue producing activities by the Park Authority, which she supported.

Deputy Chief Mark Wheatley, Fire and Rescue Department, spoke about the Department's new and continuing fire and rescue programs. In reply to a question from Commissioner Murphy, Chief Wheatley confirmed that the Department did not have land for the proposed Crosspointe Fire Station at this time.

Mr. Marshall responded to questions from Commissioner Alcorn regarding the CIP and how it related to the County's budget.

Edwin S. "Sam" Clay, Director, Library Administration, presented information on new and continuing library projects and responded to questions from Commissioners Byers, Alcorn, and Hall regarding the projects.

At the conclusion of the presentations, Chairman Murphy thanked all those involved and noted that the public hearing on the CIP would be held on Thursday, March 19, 1998, with markup being deferred to Thursday, March 26, 1998.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 p.m.
Peter F. Murphy, Jr., Chairman
Suzanne F. Harsel, Secretary

Audio and video recordings of this meeting are available at the Planning Commission Office, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 330, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Minutes by: Gloria L. Watkins

Approved on: September 22, 1999



Mary A. Pascoe, Clerk to the
Fairfax County Planning Commission