

**MINUTES OF
FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2003**

PRESENT: Walter L. Alcorn, Commissioner At-Large
Frank A. de la Fe, Hunter Mill District
Joan M. DuBois, Dranesville District
Janet R. Hall, Mason District
Suzanne F. Harsel, Braddock District
Ronald W. Koch, Sully District
Ilyong Moon, Commissioner At-Large
Linda Q. Smyth, Providence District
Laurie Frost Wilson, Commissioner At-Large

ABSENT: John R. Byers, Mount Vernon District
John B. Kelso, Lee District
Peter F. Murphy, Jr., Springfield District

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The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Secretary Suzanne F. Harsel, in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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COMMISSION MATTERS

Commissioner Koch noted that due to unresolved issues, the approval of Site Plan #9491-SP-02, Redwood Square Center, would be scheduled at a later date.

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SEA-84-M-089-3 - JERRY'S FORD, INC. (Decision Only)
(The public hearing on this application was held on March 12, 2003. A complete verbatim transcript of the decision made is included in the date file.)

Commissioner Hall MOVED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF SEA-84-M-089-3, SUBJECT TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS NOW DATED MARCH 13, 2003.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion which carried unanimously with Commissioners Byers, Kelso and Murphy absent from the meeting.

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ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Secretary Harsel noted that tonight's agenda would consist of a workshop on the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2004-2008.

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FAIRFAX COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) WORKSHOP - A public workshop will be held, in accordance with Sect. 15.2-2232 of the *Code of Virginia*, on the Advertised CIP, Fiscal Years 2004-2008 (with future Fiscal Years to 2010), with briefings from various County agencies. WORKSHOP.

Secretary Harsel explained that tonight's workshop provided an opportunity for the Planning Commission to be briefed on proposed capital improvement projects of various County agencies prior to the public hearing scheduled for March 20, 2003. Commissioner DuBois, Chairman of the CIP Committee, noted that a CIP Committee meeting was scheduled for March 26, 2003, and that markup would be held on April 3, 2003.

Secretary Harsel introduced Robert Stalzer, Deputy County Executive, and Martha Reed, Department of Management of Budget, for introductory remarks.

Mr. Stalzer explained that extensive changes in the format of the CIP document had been made to facilitate its use and understanding. He and Ms. Reed reviewed the recommended FY 2004 through FY 2008 CIP, contained in their handout, a copy of which is in the date file. After the conclusion of her remarks, Ms. Reed noted that the Board of Supervisors' public hearings would be held on April 7, 8 and 9, 2003, with markup on April 21, 2003, and adoption of the budget on April 28, 2003.

Mr. Leonard Wales, Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget responded to questions from Commissioner Alcorn about the projected debt service ratio for FY 2004. Presentations were then made by the following agency representatives:

1. James Patteson, Director, Facilities Management Division, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services

Mr. Patteson responded to a question from Commissioner de la Fe concerning capital renewal funding. (A copy of Mr. Patteson's presentation is in the date file.)

2. Ted Zavora, Capital Facilities and Budget Administration Branch
Fairfax County Park Authority

Mr. Zavora and Ms. Lynn Tadlock, Director, Planning and Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, responded to questions from Commissioners de la Fe and Alcorn concerning funding for new park facilities and the criteria used for land acquisition. In response to a request from Commissioner Smyth, Mr. Zavora said he would provide the Commission with statistics on park acreage per Supervisory District, including a needs assessment.

3. Edwin Clay, Director
Fairfax County Public Library

Dr. Clay responded to questions from Commissioner de la Fe concerning the acquisition of land for the expansion of the Reston Regional Library; from Commissioner Wilson about plans for a new library in Kingstowne and the expansion and renovation of existing libraries; from Commissioner Smyth about how the need for additional libraries was determined and funding for online resources; and from Commissioner Harsel about updated standards for regional and community libraries.

4. Pam Gannon, Director, Planning, Resource and Site Development,
Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

In response to questions from Commissioner Harsel, Ms. Gannon said that the facility located behind Fairfax Hospital was the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute, a state facility, and that the décor of Woodburn Center was scheduled to be updated. (A copy of Ms. Gannon's presentation is in the date file.)

5. Kathy Froyd, Director, Children, Youth and Family Division,
Department of Family Services

Ms. Froyd responded to a question from Commissioner Wilson about the average number of homeless families waiting for shelter. In response to a question from Commissioner Koch, Ms. Froyd said the goal for the opening of the West County Family Shelter was early 2004. (A copy of Ms. Froyd's presentation is in the date file.)

6. Evan Braff, Division Supervisor, Therapeutic Recreation and Teen Centers,
Department of Community and Recreation Services

Mr. Braff and Mr. Robert Cordova, Department of Community and Recreation Services, responded to questions from Commissioners Smyth, Wilson, and Harsel about the funding, maintenance, and lighting of athletic fields. Mr. Braff responded to questions from Commissioner de la Fe about the construction of the proposed Southgate Neighborhood Community Center. In response to a question from Commissioner Smyth, Commissioner de la Fe said that the Board of Supervisors controlled the Land Acquisition Reserve fund, Number 15 of "Current Project Descriptions." (A copy of Mr. Braff's presentation is in the date file.)

7. Gary Chevalier, Director, Facilities Planning,
Fairfax County Public Schools

Mr. Chevalier responded to questions from Commissioner Smyth about school capacity and enrollment; from Commissioner de la Fe about funding for the proposed Coppermine elementary school and the South Lakes High School renovation; from Commissioner Wilson about classroom and student deficits and the funding of the new South County high school; and from Commissioner Moon about project costs and cash flow for the next ten years.

8. John Payne, Director of Design, Development and Construction Division,
Department of Housing and Community Development

Mr. Payne responded to a question from Commissioner de la Fe regarding sources of funding for community development, as shown on page 64 of the CIP.

9. Major Shawn Barrett, Commander, Technical Services Bureau,
Fairfax County Police Department

In response to a question from Commissioner de la Fe, Major Barrett said that the renovation of the Reston District Station was identified in the CIP as a long term need and that long term was considered to be five years. Commissioner Harsel noted that no new police stations had been built since 1976, despite the fact that the population of the County had increased significantly since that time. (A copy of Major Barrett's presentation is in the date file.)

10. Assistant Chief Michael Neuhard, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department

Chief Neuhard responded to questions from Commissioner DuBois concerning the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Station, and from Commissioner Harsel about proposed stations at Tysons II and Wolf Trap. (A copy of Chief Neuhard's presentation is in the date file.)

11. Harbans Matharoo, Chief, Storm Drainage Projects Branch, Stormwater
Planning Division, Department of Public Works & Environmental Services

12. Mike Lake, Senior Transportation Planner
Department of Transportation

Mr. Lake responded to a question from Commissioner Smyth about the cost to construct links needed to fill in the gaps in the County's trail system, and from Commissioner de la Fe about the expansion of the Reston East park-and-ride lot.

Following the workshop, Secretary Harsel thanked the speakers for their informative presentations. Commissioner DuBois reiterated that the CIP public hearing would take place on March 20, 2003 with markup scheduled for April 3, 2003.

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ADJOURNMENT

March 13, 2003

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 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: Linda B. Rodeffer

Approved on: March 17, 2005

Linda B. Rodeffer, Clerk to the
Fairfax County Planning Commission