

# Planning Commission Communicator

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## Fairfax County's New Public Safety Headquarters

The new Public Safety Headquarters is a nine-story building (eight occupied levels, plus a mechanical penthouse) under construction next to the Herrity Building. The facility will have future public access from Government Center Parkway, and has frontage on Monument Drive and Random Hills Road. An adjacent five-story parking garage is included in the project. The building will serve as the new headquarters for both the Police Department and the Fire and Rescue Department. Scheduled to open in early 2017, the Public Safety Headquarters building will replace the aging and badly deteriorating Massey Building, which currently serves as the headquarters for those two departments.

The main components of this project will be the construction of a nine-story, 274,000-square-foot facility and an 850-space secured parking structure for public safety vehicles. Other improvements will include a pedestrian refuge in the median at the intersection of Government Center Parkway and the Herrity/Pennino access drive, improvements to the bus stop on Monument Drive and the installation of a traffic signal at the four way stop between Post Forest Drive and Random Hills Road. The first three floors of the building will have areas accessible to the public including shared recruiting, interview and testing areas; multi-purpose and training rooms; Occupational Health and Fire Prevention Offices (Fire Marshal); and the Police Department's Central Records Division and False Alarm Reduction Unit.

The new Public Safety Headquarters was designed to achieve LEED Silver certification, the building will be the county's first large facility to use energy-efficient LED lighting throughout. Other green features include:

### LEED Certification

LEED, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices. LEED stands for green building leadership. To receive LEED Certification, building projects satisfy prerequisites and earn points to achieve different levels of certification. There are four levels of certification and the number of points a project earns determines the level of LEED certification. The four levels are Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum; points are earned within credit categories.

Here is how it works . . .

LEED projects earn points across nine basic areas that address key aspects of green buildings-- Integrative process; Location and transportation; Sustainable sites; Water efficiency; Energy and atmosphere; Materials and resources; Indoor environmental quality; Innovation; and Regional priority.

- Green roofs
- Low-flow plumbing fixtures
- Eco-smart environmental controls
- Permeable pavements
- Rain water harvesting
- Maximizing day light inside the building

### DID YOU KNOW? I-66 HOV 2

#### Inside the Beltway

**Both lanes are reserved for HOV-2**

**From: Capital Beltway (Interstate 495) To: Theodore Roosevelt Bridge**

**Days: Monday - Friday**

**Eastbound: 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Westbound: 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

#### Outside the Beltway

**The far left lane is reserved for HOV-2**

**From: Route 234 in Manassas To: Capital Beltway (I-495)**

**Days: Monday - Friday**

**Eastbound: 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Westbound: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

#### Shoulder lane hours (far right lane)

**Eastbound: Open weekdays to all traffic from 5:30 a.m. until 11 a.m.**

**Westbound: Open weekdays to all traffic from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m.**



## PLANNING COMMISSION COMMITTEES

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Capital Improvement  
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# Committee Meetings

The Fairfax County Planning Commission maintains two standing committees and several committees covering special topics, which usually meet prior to regularly scheduled Commission meetings. Each committee elects its own Chair, and separate sets of minutes detailing these meetings can be found at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/committee\\_minutes.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/committee_minutes.htm).

With the exception of the Personnel and Budget Committee, which meets in closed session, committee meetings are open to the public and listings of members and meeting times can be found online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/committee.htm>.

**Environment Committee** met on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup> to continue its review of the MITRE Corporation Report and associated staff recommendations concerning Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

**Land Use Process Review Committee** met on October 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Alternative Learning Institutions.

## Halloween Safety Tips

Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone:

- Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters such as low-calorie treats and drinks. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and cheeses.
- Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.
- Keep candle-lit jack o'lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

# Land Use Update

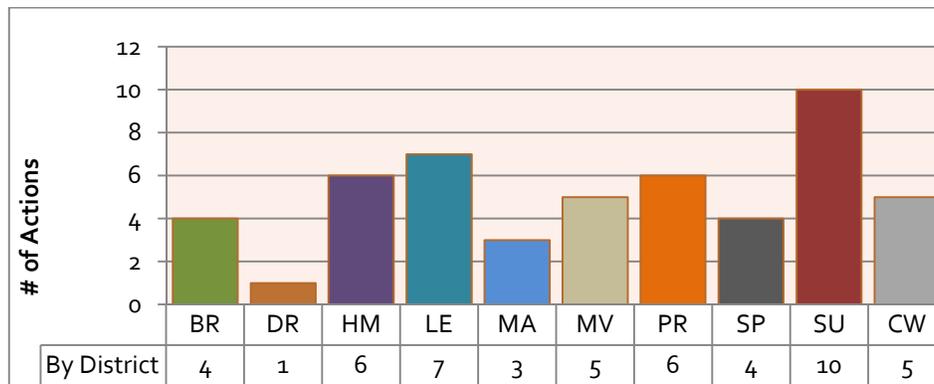
## Overview of Fiscal Year 2016 First Quarter Activity

The Planning Commission held eight regular meetings during the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2016 (FY 2016). The Planning Commission is in recess during the month of August and no meetings are held during that time. As noted in the graph below, the Commission continues to meet on a consistent basis; however, the actions taken by the Commission have increased significantly since FY 2014.

	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>Meetings</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Speakers</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Actions</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>51</b>

### District Breakdown

There were 51 actions taken by the Planning Commission during the First Quarter of FY 2016. The Sully District had the highest number of land-use actions, with 10 cases favorably recommended to the Board of Supervisors. All 51 recommendations were forwarded to the Board of Supervisors. The least active district during the First Quarter of FY 2016 was the Dranesville District. The figure below depicts the activity for each District.



### Types of Applications

Of the 51 land-use actions taken in the First Quarter of FY 2016, 34 were Rezoning, Associated Development Plans, or Special Exception applications.

Special Exception applications & amendments .....	13
Rezoning applications & Associated Development Plans.....	21
Comprehensive Signage Plan applications & amendments.....	2
Public Facility Applications.....	5
Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.....	6
Agricultural and Forestal District applications.....	1
Code Amendments.....	2
Policy Procedural and Miscellaneous Recommendations.....	0
Capital Improvement Plan.....	1

# PC Roundtable Update

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The *Planning Commission Roundtable*, a 30-minute panel discussion on Cox Cable Channel 16, is broadcast every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. (when the Commission is not in session or the meeting has finished) and features guest experts on land use-related issues of interest to Fairfax County residents. A summary of each broadcast is included on the Planning Commission website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/roundtable.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/roundtable.pdf). Former broadcasts can be viewed at the Planning Commission Office, Suite 330, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. In addition, since July 2009, DVD copies are available from the Commission Office's "video lending library" and are also available any time via Video on Demand on the Fairfax County's website at: [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/pc\\_roundtable.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/pc_roundtable.htm).

## **The Fairfax Center Area Study – Broadcast October 2015**

This edition of the Planning Commission Roundtable features discussion on the Fairfax Center Area Study. Joining Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy are his guests, Jim Katcham, President of the Western Fairfax County Citizens Association, and Kim Rybold, Planner with the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning as they discuss the process, current state, and future of the Fairfax Center Area Study.

## **Economic Success Strategic Initiative Update – Broadcast August/September 2015**

This edition of the Planning Commission Roundtable featured an updated on the County's Economic Success Strategic Initiative. Joining Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy were his guests, Robert A. Stalzer, Deputy County Executive and Meaghan Kiefer, Regulatory Initiatives Implementer, Office of the County Executive as they discussed the progress and process of the new economic strategic plan for Fairfax County.

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