

Planning Commission Meeting  
July 15, 2015  
Verbatim Excerpt

PRC 80-C-111 – CORPORATION FOR THE PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (Hunter Mill District)

After Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: Public hearing is closed; Mr. de la Fe.

Commissioner de la Fe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this is – appears a simple case, but it is a – for me and I think for a lot of people, as well as Mr. Brazier, a difficult decision because in Reston we tend to really value trees. We really try to discourage cars as much as possible. We have some very robust public transportation system; however – and I might say when this was voted on by the Reston Planning and Zoning, unlike most of their decisions this was a split decision. I think it passed by one vote in favor, primarily for the reasons of sacrificing trees for cars. On the other hand, I believe that as times change I – we have to recognize at some point reality and in this case the church is not increasing its seating capacity. What they are doing is, in effect, recognizing that cars are being parked outside of their parking lot as their – the number of cars that come with their congregants increases for each service. And as difficult as it is, we've taken as much as we can as far as mitigating the increase in parking by having permeable surfaces, increasing the landscaping, and so forth. And at this time I tend to agree with staff that, although it's a difficult decision, I think at this point I would agree with staff that we should recommend approval. So, Mr. Chairman, I request that the applicant come forward and confirm for the record their agreement to the proposed development conditions dated June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Andrew Yeagle, Rinker Design Associates, PC: I do affirm.

Commissioner de la Fe: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF PRC 80-C-111, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS DATED JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2015.

Commissioners Hart and Flanagan: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Hart and Mr. Flanagan. Is there any discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it approve PRC 80-C-111, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

Commissioner de la Fe: Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL SCREENING TO PERMIT THE LANDSCAPING AS SHOWN ON THE PRC PLAN AND A WAIVER OF THE BARRIER REQUIREMENTS.

Commissioners Hart and Flanagan: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Hart and Mr. Flanagan. Discussion? All those in favor of that motion, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(Each motion carried by a vote of 11-0. Commissioner Lawrence was absent from the meeting.)

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