

Planning Commission Meeting
October 30, 2013
Verbatim Excerpt

S13-II-M3 – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (MCLEAN COMMUNITY
BUSINESS CENTER)

After Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: The public hearing is closed; recognize – it doesn't happen this fast. I'm assembling all of my words – Mr. Donahue.

Commissioner Donahue: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a quick comment or two. This started about two or three years ago when we had – and I think it was a rezoning, maybe, which didn't get too far anyway, and it's probably coming back – but we did discover that in the Comprehensive Plan concerning the CBC in McLean we needed some wording change, and it started back then with the final work of staff, Ms. Van Dam, Mr. Klibaner. We've gotten here tonight and I think we're in good shape to go. The one comment I will make is – and I hope I'm not just setting up Commissioner Hart here – with respect to the roundabout that is being planned, I'm neither for nor against automatic roundabouts. I would say to you that roundabouts, I think, work if they are designed properly, if they are sized properly, if they are constructed properly. So I hope if we actually ever do go to a roundabout, we would be very careful about the way it's put together. And with that, Mr. Chairman, this item was deferred from October 17th in order to allow additional time for public review. The McLean Planning Committee unanimously voted to support the subcommittee recommendations that were developed as part of a joint effort with staff. And these recommendations contributed to the recommended staff alternative. There are three instances in the proposed Plan where it appears that the word "convenience" should be replaced with the words "community and/or neighborhood serving," with regard to retail uses. Therefore, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT THE STAFF ALTERNATIVE FOR PLAN AMENDMENT S13-II-M3, AS SHOWN ON PAGES 2 THROUGH 45 OF THE STAFF REPORT DATED OCTOBER 3RD, 2013, MODIFIED SUCH THAT THE WORD "CONVENIENCE" IS REPLACED WITH THE WORDS "COMMUNITY AND/OR NEIGHBORING [sic] SERVING" ON PAGES 17, 22, AND 29."

Commissioners Litzenberger and Hedetniemi: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Litzenberger and Hedetniemi. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it adopt Comprehensive Plan S13-II-M3, the staff alternative regarding the McLean Community Business Center, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(The motion carried by a vote of 12-0.)

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