

Planning Commission Meeting
April 26, 2012
Verbatim Excerpt

2232-L11-21 – WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SEA 91-L-053-06 – WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Decision Only During Commission Matters
(Public Hearing held on April 18, 2012)

Chairman Murphy: All right, Mr. Migliaccio.

Commissioner Migliaccio: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one decision only tonight. It is the SEA on behalf of WMATA to build a police sub-station and indoor firing range near the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station. There is also a 2232 application attached to it. As you recall, I deferred this for one week to allow all interested parties to adequately examine the original set of development conditions presented in the staff report. I'm glad to state that all parties are now in agreement that their original development conditions will stand as written. This application will simply allow WMATA the opportunity to build modern facilities to house its District 2 sub-station and its very first indoor firing range, both of which will be built to meet LEED Silver standards. The sub-station will replace an undersized building now located at the Huntington Metro that WMATA long ago outgrew. The indoor firing range will allow WMATA's own police force the chance to maintain officers' certification without the added time and travel costs associated with finding other locations to do so. In the long run, this will save WMATA money. The Lee District Land Use Committee, the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and our professional planning staff support this proposal, as do I. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I have a few motions to make this evening. I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION FIND THAT 2232-L11-21 IS SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND SATISFIES THE CRITERIA OF LOCATION, CHARACTER, AND EXTENT AS SPECIFIED IN *VIRGINIA CODE* SECTION 15.2-2232, AS AMENDED.

Commissioner Sargeant: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Sargeant. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to approve 2232-L11-21, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries. Mr. Migliaccio.

Commissioner Migliaccio: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE SEA-91-L-053-06, SUBJECT TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS DATED APRIL 12, 2012.

Commissioner Sargeant: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Sargeant. Discussion? All those in favor of the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it approve SEA 91-L-053-06, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

Commissioner Migliaccio: Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE A WAIVER OF SECTION 17-201 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND SECTION 7.0104 OF THE PFM REQUIRING A SERVICE DRIVE ALONG FRANCONIA-SPRINGFIELD PARKWAY.

Commissioner Sargeant: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Sargeant. Discussion? All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

Commissioner Migliaccio: And finally, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE A MODIFICATION OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 13-303, TRANSITIONAL SCREENING, AND 13-304, BARRIER REQUIREMENT, ALONG THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN PROPERTY BOUNDARY IN FAVOR OF THE LANDSCAPING AND BARRIER SHOWN ON THE SEA PLAT, AS MODIFIED BY THE DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS.

Commissioner Sargeant: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Sargeant. Is there a discussion of that motion? All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Migliaccio: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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(The motions carried unanimously with Commissioners Alcorn and Lawrence absent from the meeting.)

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