

Planning Commission Meeting
April 30, 2015
Verbatim Excerpt

PA 2013-CW-4CP – CONSERVATION AREAS AND COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD
IMPROVEMENT AREAS (Countywide)

After Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: Public hearing is closed – Ms. Hedetniemi.

Commissioner Hedetniemi: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought I understood this when I started the evening out, but obviously there are more twists and turns that need to be addressed. Accordingly, I MOVE TO DEFER A DECISION ON THIS UNTIL MAY 6 – next Wednesday – and hope that between now and then, we'll be able to meet with the community, address any of the nuances that have been raised around the table today, and – so that's my motion.

Chairman Murphy: Is there a-

Commissioner Hedetniemi: WITH THE RECORD REMAINING OPEN.

Commissioner Flanagan: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Is that – hold on – is that – just a question – is that going to be enough time, you think, to do this community meeting and what not?

Commissioner Flanagan: Two weeks would probably be better.

Chairman Murphy: Feel free.

Meghan Van Dam, Planning Division, Department of Planning and Zoning: My sense is that it wouldn't be enough time to – to complete the re-planning of the conservation area plan. However, as far as whether or not you would want to support or – how you would want to treat the staff recommendation, it perhaps could better inform that or realize them.

Chairman Murphy: Okay. Is there a second to the motion?

Commissioner Hedetniemi: We can-

Chairman Murphy: Oh Ms. Hedetniemi, go ahead.

Commissioner Hedetniemi: WE CAN DO IT ON MAY 13TH.

Chairman Murphy: All right. Want to change that?

Commissioner Hedetniemi: It gives us-

Chairman Murphy: We'll amend the motion to May 13th.

Commissioner Flanagan: Second.

Commissioner Migliaccio: With the record remaining open.

Chairman Murphy: Okay.

Commissioner Hedetniemi: WITH THE RECORD REMAINING OPEN.

Chairman Murphy: Is there a second to that motion?

Commissioner Flanagan: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Is there a discussion? Mr. Ulfelder.

Commissioner Ulfelder: I thought that what Commissioner Hart was suggesting is that the key question for us to move forward with this Amendment is to determine whether leaving in Gum Springs, for example, and not changing it would be a more – would give us a better position to move forward with the community on some form of community – new community plan versus taking it out, along with the others, and not – because it really won't make any difference as to whether you can move forward easily or not with a – with something for Gum Springs particularly. I thought that was what you were driving at and that that was what we needed in order to make a decision on the overall Amendment. But we can't – we can't make a decision, I think, even in two weeks if – or about the broader issues about what the community thinks they need. It's about what, legally, makes the best – most sense in terms of trying to preserve the opportunity for a new conservation plan for that community.

Chairman Murphy: Mr. Migliaccio.

Commissioner Migliaccio: I thought what Mr. Hart was talking about, to your point, and what Mr. Flanagan was talking about for the deferral periods was to have the community meeting with staff to see if the conservation plan needs to be even redone – reactivated. And that's the only thing. We're not trying to re-write it. We're not trying to determine anything else. It's just to determine if the conservation plan needs to be reactivated, as it was authorized in 2008 or 2010. And if not – if staff can talk to the Gum Springs Community that – everything that they want in the conservation plan is now found elsewhere in the plan – we can move forward. So – and that's how I see it.

Commissioner Ulfelder: That's another way-

Chairman Murphy: Mr. Ulfelder.

Commissioner Ulfelder: I would agree with you that that's another way of coming at the same issue, but to try to put us in a position to make the decision about whether to clean up the Comprehensive Plan for all of these outdated, outmoded, inactive plans. And so I – you know,

that – that’s fine. I mean I guess we can do that – if we can see what we can do in two weeks’ time and make a decision at that point.

Chairman Murphy: Right. Is there a second to that motion?

Commissioner Flanagan: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Mr. Flanagan seconded. Discussion? All those in favor of the motion to defer decision only on PA 2013-CW-4CP to a date certain of May 13th, with the record remaining open for comment, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you very much. Thank you, Ms. Cox, for coming out.

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(The motion carried by a vote of 10-0. Commissioners Lawrence and Sargeant were absent from the meeting.)

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