

Planning Commission Meeting
May 5, 2011
Verbatim Excerpt

PUBLIC FACILITIES MANUAL AMENDMENTS (DESIGN OF PUBLIC STREETS AND SIDEWALKS)

After the Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: Public hearing is closed; recognize Mr. Hart.

Commissioner Hart: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me first thank staff. Ms. Cronauer and, I see, Mr. Friedman is here, and also Battalion Chief Burkhammer, for – for coming out tonight and their work on this dilemma. Our job is not - maybe it's never easy, or rarely easy, but something like this, I think, we really have to work through very carefully. We have competing considerations between things like Chesapeake Bay, which we've been talking about for years, and trying to minimize impervious surface to stop all the junk from washing down into Chesapeake Bay. And then we - we - we've worked to - to get urban design and - and trying to reduce things in places like Tysons Corner. And at the same time we have public safety considerations that we need to accommodate public safety and public safety equipment, we're given this mess where VDOT has set one set of standards in their regulations and the Statewide Fire Prevention Code gives us other numbers. And we have to somehow reconcile all this in coming up with what our standards are. We need a little more time to do that. And I hope that we'll be able to close the gap, or at least try to, or figure out what trumps what and where we're going with this. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEFER THE DECISION ONLY ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC FACILITIES MANUAL TO THE COMMISSION'S MEETING ON MAY 26, 2011, WITH THE RECORD REMAINING OPEN FOR WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC COMMENT.

Commissioner Alcorn: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Alcorn. Is there a discussion? All those in favor of the motion to defer the decision only on Public Facilities Manual Amendments on the Design of Public Streets and Sidewalks to a date certain of May 26th – excuse me – with the record remaining open for comments, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(The motion carried unanimously.)

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