

Planning Commission Meeting  
July 10, 2013  
Verbatim Excerpt

SEA 93-M-047 – THE PARKLAWN RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.  
2232-M08-26 – NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC

After Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: Public hearing is closed; recognize Ms. Hall.

Commissioner Hall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll put my mic on this time. Ms. Horner, I just want to confirm that the final date for the proposed development conditions are June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Rebecca Horner, Zoning Evaluation Division (ZED), Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ): That is true for the Special Exception Amendment and you did receive an amended set of development conditions for the Special Permit Amendment tonight, which was misdated. It should reflect today's date - - July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Kristen Abrahamson, Chief, ZED, DPZ: But if we talk a little longer, it will be right. We're almost to the eleventh.

Commissioner Hall: Okay. I just want to make sure I have the correct dates before I start.

Commissioner de la Fe: It's dated tomorrow. It's dated July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Hart: You don't need the SP conditions. That's not for us. That's for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Commissioner Hall: Good. All right. I think - - I think we're good. First of all, I would like to thank everyone who came out and spoke this evening and expressed your concerns about this application. This is an application that has been around since 2009. And typically, when you have a public hearing where people will speak in opposition to an application, typically, I know that I would postpone the decision until I could work out any last-minute details to try and get everything resolved. The reality of it is, I could work on this for the next year or two and nothing's going to change. The people who are on Teton are going to see the pole. The bottom line that people believe that you can disguise a monopole 100 percent is just wrong. It can't happen. I mean, it's sticking up there, you know, 128 feet, and you're not going to hide it completely. But we do try our best to work within the parameters of the Comprehensive Plan, and the community and the applicant, to come up with the very best solution, and I think we are probably there. A single pole, I hope and I believe, will not degrade the total vista of this beautiful area. If that were the case, those tacky wooden electrical poles would definitely impact what's going on. Yes, when you moved in 20 years ago - or 25 years ago - there were no poles, but - - there were no monopoles. Sorry. There's lots of poles out there; it's hard to keep them all straight. But the reality of it is that the technology has come this far and people are demanding the monopoles. They want the service. They want to be able to use all their gadgets. And the government wants to sell the licenses. And they do. And I know that most young people

nowadays, they don't have land lines. They've got cell phones. And most people – and we had testimony to this – that when you retire, you really don't want to have to pay for a landline and a cell phone. And I retired and, guess what, I got rid of my land line. And I don't miss all of those courtesy calls that you get during dinner or all those political calls you get during the elections. I don't miss those at all. Not that cell phones are the end-all or the begin-all, but the reality of it is people are using them. And while we try to do the very best to make them fit within our community, sometimes it's not perfect. And I really believe that, after all the work that has gone through with the community, with the citizens, with the applicant, with the staff, with the Commission, we're there. And so, Mr. Chairman, I RECOMMEND THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION FIND THAT THE PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY, SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO APPLICATION 2232-M08-26, BY NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS, PCS, LLC, WITH PARKLAWN RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC., DOES SATISFY THE CRITERIA OF LOCATION, CHARACTER, AND EXTENT, AS SPECIFIED BY SECTION 15.2-2232 OF THE *CODE OF VIRGINIA*, AND IS SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORD WITH THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Commissioner Flanagan: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Is there a discussion of the motion?

Commissioner Flanagan: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I would like say I'm going to support the motion, even though there were 12 speakers that were in opposition to the application and only 10 in favor of it; not that we award those that win the pluses and minuses. But I would like to say I think that the staff did their job. And I think those who were opposed to this application have a method to pursue their interests privately.

Commissioner Hall: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate my fellow commissioner's comment. But as I said at the beginning, this is not a numbers game. It's not how many people show up. It's not how many people sign and submit the - - what do they call the ...

Commissioners: Petitions.

Commissioner Hall: Thank you. It's been a long day. The petitions. It's a matter of hearing the testimony, applying the ordinances, applying all of the other things that we have to use. So I appreciate you pointing that out, but as I said, it goes beyond that. Thank you.

Chairman Murphy: All those - - further discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to approve 2232-M08-26, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries. Ms. Hall.

Commissioner Hall: I RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF SEA 93-M-047, SUBJECT TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS NOW DATED JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2013.

Commissioner Flanagan: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Is there a discussion of that motion? All those in favor of the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it approve SEA 93-M-047, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

Commissioner Hall: And finally, I RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL SCREENING AND BARRIER REQUIREMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED FENCING, EXISTING VEGETATION, AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL LANDSCAPING DEPICTED ON THE SEA/SPA PLAT.

Commissioner Flanagan: Second.

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

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(The motions carried unanimously with Commissioner Lawrence absent from the meeting.)

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