

Planning Commission Meeting
July 19, 2012
Verbatim Excerpt

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – HEIGHT LIMITS FOR CERTAIN INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES

After the Close of the Public Hearing

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

Commissioner Hart: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First, let me thank our staff coordinator, Donna Pesto, for her fine work on this case. Also, let me thank our speaker for coming out tonight. The proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment entitled, “Height Limits for Certain Independent Living Facilities,” was prompted by comments we received at the January 26th public hearing regarding changes being made to the independent living facility use. Specifically, we heard testimony regarding a potentially inappropriate height limit of 50 feet for structures that utilize standard residential setbacks in certain R-Districts. In February, the Commission forwarded a recommendation of approval of that Amendment with a follow-on motion recommending another amendment be promptly authorized to address the building height concern. The proposal tonight is that follow-up and it adequately addresses the height limit issue. It is an example of a follow-on motion that didn’t just stay up on the shelf. We have received a resolution in support from the McLean Citizens Association. The Amendment also has staff’s favorable recommendation, with which I concur. Therefore, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGARDING HEIGHT LIMITS FOR CERTAIN INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES AS ADVERTISED AND FURTHER SET FORTH IN THE STAFF REPORT DATED MAY 22, 2012.

Commissioners Hall and Sargeant: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Sargeant and Ms. Hall. Is there a discussion? All those in favor of the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it adopt the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Height Limits for Certain Independent Living Facilities, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Alcorn absent from the meeting.)

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