

FS-D14-53 – BC CONSULTANTS FOR THE FALLS CHURCH CITY SCHOOL BOARD  
AND THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

During Commission Matters

Commissioner Ulfelder: This evening we are scheduled to render a decision on the Falls Church City Public Schools Board application to expand and renovate Mount Daniel Elementary School which happens to be located in Fairfax County. At the public hearing in June, a number of questions and serious concerns about the proposed expansion were raised by the Commissioners and others. As a result, the Planning Commission deferred its decision. During the deferral period, the applicant submitted additional information for the record and we continue to receive letters and comments from the public about the proposal. The applicant has requested that we further defer our decision while they proceed with a detailed traffic analysis to help address the impact of the difficult traffic access and circulation issues involving this particular school site now and into the future. As well as to consider possible alternatives to the proposed expansion plan. While the September 16<sup>th</sup> written request for a further deferral did not propose or even suggest a specific date for the decision in this matter, the applicant's representative made it clear to me that a new date in early November would be both appropriate and acceptable to the Falls Church City Public School officials. During this further deferral, it is my understanding that the applicant will be considering information provided by the traffic consultant and its impact on their original expansion plan, as well as other key issues and concerns raised during and after the public hearing and their impact on the original expansion as well. It is clear to me that once the applicant has considered the new information and revisions for the original proposal it will be necessary to provide everyone, including the Fairfax County and Falls Church City residents, with an adequate opportunity to review and comment on the applicant's revised proposal. It may even require a new notice and public hearing before this Commission. I am hopeful that the applicant will use the additional time to further reexamine the original proposal in light of the various questions and concerns raised during this review process and consider all possible options in order to not only meet the needs of their growing school system but to ameliorate potential impacts of any expansion of Mount Daniel Elementary School on their Fairfax County neighbors. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION FURTHER DEFER ITS DECISION ON FS-D14-53 BC CONSULTANTS FOR THE FALLS CHURCH CITY SCHOOL BOARD IN THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA TO A DATE CERTAIN OF NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 WITH THE RECORD REMAINING OPEN FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS.

Commissioners Hedetniemi and Migliaccio: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Migliaccio and Ms. Hedetniemi. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to defer this application further say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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

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