Planning Commission Meeting
September 18, 2008
Verbatim Excerpt

RZ 2008-DR-006 – VISIONONLINE, INC.

After Close of the Public Hearing

Parliamentarian de la Fe: I'll close the public hearing. And this is in the Dranesville District; I'll turn to Mr. Donahue.

Commissioner Donahue: Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. I do have one clarification that I'm going to ask staff about. And it could be I misunderstood it, my newness reading the report. Going to Appendix 1 and to the proffers, under Transportation, Proffer 3B.: "The driveway on Lot 2 shall be designed such that a vehicle may turn around in the driveway to avoid backing out onto Seneca Road, as shown on the GDP." Okay. Now, I am in favor, obviously, of that proffer. But as you go back to, under Development Plan, Proffer 2, there is a minor modifications allowance. What I want to make sure of is that that 3B is not impacted and can't be addressed under the minor modification because I want it left as it is. However, as I reread this, it seems to me that that minor modification process applies only to GDP and such and not to proffers. Am I correct about that?

Tracy Strunk: You are correct. And that's actually why we have that proffer in there.

Commissioner Donahue: Okay.

Ms. Strunk: Because even though it's shown on the GDP, we wanted to make sure that they wouldn't be able to come back and do something different with that.

Commissioner Donahue: Okay, okay. And I was going to ask the applicant for a commitment this evening. But given that fact, I don't need the commitment because that clause doesn't affect the proffer that I'm concerned about. Okay. Thank you very much. Mr. Chairman, a good application, I think. It's supported by Great Falls Citizens Association. It really completes what I think probably – and I think Mr. Martin referred to this as well – probably should have been a residential block in the first place. In fact, on page – I think it's page 5 of the staff report. I kind of want to congratulate Tracy for a comment that she made which kind of sums this whole thing up. And what this development would do is consolidate and rezone a disconnected piece of commercially zoned property into a residential neighborhood. And that, basically, is what we are doing here. So with that in mind, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF RZ 2008-DR-006, SUBJECT TO THE EXECUTION OF PROFFERS CONSISTENT WITH THOSE DATED AUGUST 26TH, 2008.

Commissioner Sargeant: Second.

Parliamentarian de la Fe: Seconded by Mr. Sargeant. Is there any discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Parliamentarian de la Fe: Opposed? The motion carries unanimously.

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(The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Alcorn, Harsel, Lusk, and Murphy absent from the meeting.)

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