

Planning Commission Meeting
October 20, 2010
Verbatim Excerpt

RZ 2010-BR-003 – CHRISTOPHER LAND, LLC

After the Close of the Public Hearing

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

Commissioner Harsel: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I want to thank the people that came out tonight to testify against this application. I want to thank the people that came out from the community that did not testify – one way or the other. We have the mayor of Lincolnwood who has stood very fast, supported the Kadys, and Popoviches, and – oh, there he is – Mr. Katahiri, throughout the whole thing. And I appreciate that. I appreciate all the work. And I messed up the last time I had a case, which was the Danbury Forest one, that Susi Zottl has put in the time and effort for what was supposedly probably a very tiny case compared to some of the others; compared to some cases that Mr. Murphy has had with huge, huge amount, compared to what you have in Reston and everything. She has spent more time on this than, I think, people have spent on either one of those big cases. However, as Mr. Hart has brought up and has promised to give us earlier time – and the applicant has agreed to work the proffer concerning the fences and everything on that – also, as Ms. Hall said, and brought up the fact... and that was my concern, Ms. Hall, that, you know, there's lots of things dumped behind these fences. However, at the time we were talking, the fence – it came out there are gorgeous, very mature, pine trees right on the property line. If this fence went on the property line, the neighbors wouldn't even have those trees. But I'm going to take you at this, because I am going to defer. We have a Board date of November 18th – or 16th. Well, let me see here.

Chairman Murphy: November 15th.

Commissioner Harsel: – 16th. And we do meet on the third of November, and by then we would have the new proffers done with that. I would also say if the neighbors want the fence along the property line as opposed to what is being presented now, I wish you would contact the Planning Commission Office – Fairfax County Planning ... What? Ms. Lippa, what is our email, so they could send it here? I don't know.

Chairman Murphy: w-w-w defer decision only dot com.

Commissioner Harsel: What is it?

Commissioner Hall: We really should do that.

Commissioner Harsel: Oh, let's set up our own –

Chairman Murphy: Barb would kill me because I said that once and some people called in and said it's not that.

Commissioner Harsel: It's plan.com

Planning Commission Clerk: plancom –

Commissioner Harsel: Ok, but it's w-w-w

Planning Commission Clerk: No if they're emailing, it's just plancom – p-l-a-n-c-o-m@fairfaxcounty.gov

Commissioner Harsel: Ok. Once again. It is: plancom – p-l-a-n-c-o-m dot –

Commissioners: No – at –

Commissioner Harsel: at fairfaxcounty dot gov. And if not, you have my email, so, let's – if you want the fence... No they have my email. I will say this: we have met – we have met onsite. And talking about the tree save – and they met all the arborists – right away the first meeting – said those trees will be saved. I don't care what you do. Those trees will be saved. So we got the center site saved. We've had two citizens meetings. We invited the Springfield representatives to the first one at the supervisors office, and they've never come back. So I think they might be okay with it. We've had three meetings onsite. We have had two meetings in the supervisors office with the three that spoke tonight trying to come to some type of an agreement. And like Ms. Hall said, the original plan – you know you have to put it right on the property line so there is no fussing. At one time, they – these three neighbors wanted the fence on their property so they could maintain it. But that is making the developer build offsite. We have discussed this fence many times – many times. But if they want us to put it on the property line, it would be a lot easier. I think it's probably because we could clear. And there is some vegetation, except on Mr. Katahiri – he has the most impact; he has absolutely nothing at the property line. He doesn't have pine trees. He doesn't have fences. He has nothing but level green space. And the fence will come and curve with the door. And it's in the proffers that this homeowners association will go ahead and maintain. And they've got the fence to maintain. But that's where we are. I'm going to defer it so we can get the proffers and the concerns that were brought up this evening. I appreciate the support from the Springfield District. I appreciate the support from Mr. Hart. So, therefore, Mr. Chairman, in the case of Rezoning 2010-BR-003, I MOVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEFER FOR DECISION ONLY, LEAVING THE RECORD FOR WRITTEN COMMENT, EITHER BY EMAIL OR OTHERWISE, TO A DATE CERTAIN OF NOVEMBER 3RD.

Commissioner Hall: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Ms. Hall. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to defer decision only on RZ 2010-BR-003 to a date certain of November 3rd, with the record remaining open for comment, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Alcorn not present for the vote.)

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