

Planning Commission Meeting  
October 20, 2011  
Verbatim Excerpt

2232-P11-11– METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY (MWAA) IN  
COORDINATION WITH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION (VDRPT) ON BEHALF OF WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WMATA)  
SEA 2008-MD-034 – MWAA IN COORDINATION WITH VDRPT o/b/o WMATA

After the Close of the Public Hearing

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

Commissioner Lawrence: Mr. Chairman, we have here no very good options. The ultimate design of this kiss-and-ride and the pavilion that accesses it is much to be applauded and commended. We want to integrate the rail with Tysons and this represents such an integration in its ultimate form. However, we do not have the ultimate form before us tonight. We have instead an interim condition, in which people will be inconvenienced for some time to come. We don't know how long that time is because it depends on the market, but we know it's going to happen. I've spent a fair amount of time thinking about the MCA's resolution and the concerns that they have. I believe they're absolutely valid. I believe that this is the kind of interim condition that we're going to have to live with in Tysons and this may be just one instance of it. There may be other kinds of things happening as time goes by. But what can we do? We can't – deferring serves us nothing. There are no funds available, nor is there any prospects of funds available to build any sort of temporary road. We just have to wait for the market to tell us that the problem is resolved and that's some years away. To attempt to deny this is – I think not profitable. I don't see any basis for denial. The conditions are congested and inconvenient, but they're safe and I think staff is correct in its appraisal of what the situation is, with respect to the Special Exception Amendment. So, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION FIND THAT THE FACILITY PROPOSED UNDER 2232-P11-11 DOES SATISFY THE CRITERIA OF LOCATION, CHARACTER, AND EXTENT AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 15.2-2232 OF THE *CODE OF VIRGINIA* AND IS subsequently – SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Commissioners Hall and Hart: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded Ms. Hall and Mr. Hart. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to approve 2232-P11-11, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries. Mr. Lawrence.

Commissioner Lawrence: I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF SEA 2008-MD-034,

SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THOSE NOW DATED OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2011.

Commissioner Hart: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Hall – Mr. Hart. Is there a discussion of that motion? All those in favor of the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve SEA 2008-MD-034, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you very much.

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(The motions carried unanimously with Commissioners Donahue and Sargeant absent from the meeting.)

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