

Planning Commission Meeting
October 29, 2009
Verbatim Excerpt

2232-M09-23 – FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

After Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: The public hearing is closed; recognize Ms Hall.

Commissioner Hall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I'd like to thank all the citizens who came out and spent this evening. I promised my daughter this was going to be a quick meeting. I lied again. Anyway, you all can rest assured that I am very familiar with Lake Barcroft and with this park and with the high school. And why there aren't more people here is probably because of the communications we received, the petitions of support from your neighbors, which are part of the public record. It is clear there is a need under Title 9 that the girls' teams get the same opportunities as the boys. But also, we have all of these little leagues that need places to play also. I'll never forget when Jessica played basketball; at that time there were two gyms. The boys got the larger, dry gym to play basketball, and the girls had the opportunity to run around the pails of water which were dripping from the old roof. And all we had to do was pray that they didn't get hurt. So, I'm very happy with the changes at J.E.B. Stuart. I'm sorry that I cannot support your positions that these lights are going to be the end of your neighborhood. I truly do not believe that is the case. And I have to judge these 2232s, as you heard, by character, location, and extent. I know. I'm tired. I've been up since 4:00 a.m. It was one of those early days. Anyway, I do believe this application meets all of the requirements for approval. So I MOVE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE *VIRGINIA CODE* SECTION 15.2-2232, AS AMENDED, I RECOMMEND THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION FIND THE PROPOSAL BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE LIGHTING AND OTHER SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT J.E.B. STUART PARK, LOCATED AT 3312 PEACE VALLEY LANE, FALLS CHURCH, IS SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Commissioner Alcorn: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Alcorn. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to approve 2232-M09-23, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed?

Commissioner Litzenberger: Abstain.

Chairman Murphy: Motion carries. Mr. Litzenberger abstains.

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(The motion carried by a vote of 10-0-1 with Commissioner Litzenberger abstaining;
Commissioner Flanagan absent from the meeting.)

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