

Planning Commission Meeting
December 5, 2012
Verbatim Excerpt

7940 JONES BRANCH DRIVE - MRP TYSONS, LLC (ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS)
(Providence District)

During Commission Matters

Commissioner Lawrence: I have next an administrative review of architecture for 7940 Jones Branch Drive. This is MRP Tysons, LLC. Last week, I informed the Commission I intended to move on that this week. Everybody got copies of the drawings. I trust everybody's had a look at them. Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION EXPRESS SUPPORT OF THE ARCHITECTURE SHOWN IN DRAWINGS SUBMITTED IN THE CASE OF MRP TYSONS AT 7940 JONES BRANCH DRIVE.

Commissioner de la Fe: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. de la Fe. Is there a discussion of that motion? All those in favor of the motion to –

Commissioner Hurley: Hold on – that's the one we're talking about, right? This is the – we were just talking about this one. I just have a question. When we did the Public Safety Headquarters parking garage, we went into some detail about having a green screen and planting the climbing trellises, which would better hide this than just a metal screen. I'm just wondering why - - has that been considered as a possibility at this site as well?

Commissioner Lawrence: Is there an applicant - - representative of the applicant here? I think –

Commissioner Flanagan: Yes, here's Lynne Strobel.

Commissioner Lawrence: – if we could recognize Ms. Strobel, we'll have an answer.

Chairman Murphy: Surprise.

Lynne Strobel, Esquire, Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich & Walsh, PC: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, members of the Planning Commission, my name is Lynne Strobel and I do represent the applicant that's presenting these drawings. Planning Commissioner Hurley, I would say that it was not an issue that was discussed during the processing of the Special Exception Amendment. We went through a Special Exception Amendment process on this property for – it was actually a combination of either two office buildings, an office building and hotel, or a single tower and this parking garage – and the requirement of the condition was that we come back and present architectural drawings consistent with what was shown during the processing. So it wasn't something that we were asked to do. I know that these drawings have been reviewed by Suzanne Lin, who is the staff coordinator in the Zoning Evaluation Division, and I think that she found them to be consistent and compatible with what was shown during the public hearing review process. It just wasn't something that we discussed. I don't know if it's because the frontage is right on the Beltway. It just wasn't something that was discussed. Thank you.

Chairman Murphy: Further discussion? All those in favor of the motion, as articulated by Mr. Lawrence, on MVR Tysons, LLC [*sic*] Elevations and Renderings, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(The motion carried unanimously.)

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