

Planning Commission Meeting
February 5, 2014
Verbatim Excerpt

CSPA 2009-HM-014 – RESTON HOSPITAL CENTER, LLC

After Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: Okay, the public hearing is closed; recognize Mr. de la Fe.

Commissioner de la Fe: Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVE CSPA 2009-HM-014, SUBJECT TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS DATED FEBRUARY 5TH, 2014, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

- IN DEVELOPMENT CONDITION 2, DELETE THE LAST SENTENCE WHICH READS, “IRRESPECTIVE OF THAT SHOWN ON THE CSPA, FREESTANDING SIGN NUMBER 1 SHALL NOT CONTAIN AN LED DIGITAL DISPLAY AREA;”
- THEN ADD IN DEVELOPMENT CONDITION NUMBER 4, REPLACE THE BEGINNING OF THE SENTENCE WITH, “IRRESPECTIVE OF THAT SHOWN ON THE CSPA” WITH, “WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SIGN 1,” AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CONDITION;
- AND THEN ADD A NEW CONDITION 5, WHICH STATES “ON SIGN 1, THE WAIT TIME IS THE ONLY INFORMATION THAT SHALL BE DISPLAYED ELECTRONICALLY AS SHOWN ON PAGE 8 OF THE CSPA. THE ELECTRONIC PORTION OF THE SIGN SHALL BE UPDATED NO MORE FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE EVERY 15 MINUTES AND ONLY THE NUMERALS SHALL CHANGE;” AND
- AND SINCE WE’RE ADDING A NEW CONDITION 5, ALL OF THE OTHER CONDITIONS WILL BE RENUMBERED AS REQUIRED.

Commissioner Hedetniemi: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Ms. Hedetniemi. Is there a discussion of the motion?

Commissioner Hart: Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Murphy: Mr. Hart.

Commissioner Hart: Thank you. I agree largely with Commissioner de la Fe’s observations. I don’t think this sign in and of itself is going to be particularly bothersome and I don’t think it’s going to be a traffic hazard. At the same time, until such time as the ordinance has sorted out where they should go, how far from residential, or under what circumstances – it’s very difficult to start approving them. And then it’s going to be even more difficult to deny the next one that comes along until we’ve sorted that out. I think it’s incumbent upon us to figure out what we’re

doing with these digital signs. It puts applicants in an awful situation too where they're applying for things where they're apparently prohibited, but we're going to try and sort this out later but we haven't. I don't know where this is on the Work Program. I thought we were going to see this in 2014, but this is something we've got to get sorted out. Thank you.

Chairman Murphy: Further discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to approve CSPA 2009-HM-014, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

Commissioner Hart: Abstain.

Chairman Murphy: Mr. Hart abstains. Thank you very much.

Commissioner de la Fe: Thank you very much.

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(The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-1. Commissioner Hart abstained. Commissioners Flanagan, Hall, Hurley, and Sargeant were absent from the meeting.)

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