

Planning Commission Meeting
May 2, 2013
Verbatim Excerpt

S11-CW-3CP – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (PHASE ONE: PARKS AND RECREATION SECTION OF THE POLICY PLAN)

Decision Only During Commission Matters
(Public Hearing held on April 18, 2013)

Commissioner Migliaccio: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one decision only tonight from a public hearing on April 18th regarding the Park's new Plan Amendment. Before I begin, I would like to thank the staff, Anna Bentley, Sandy Stallman, and Sterling Wheeler for their efforts on this Amendment – and also the citizens who provided input, either at the public hearing or throughout the process via email and correspondence to the staff. In December 2011, the Board authorized this Amendment to update the Parks and Recreation text, tables, and maps in the Policy Plan and Area Volumes. Tonight, we have before us Phase One of the process that deals with the Policy Plan, which was last amended in 2005. Based on staff analysis and input from various stakeholders, including the public and members of this Commission, this Plan Amendment includes the following revisions: one, it incorporates Urban Parks Guidance throughout the Parks and Recreation section and appends the Urban Parks Framework; two, it describes certain aspects of park natural resources more accurately; three, it clarifies specific elements of the Park Classification System; and four, it updates both Fairfax County Park Authority's and Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's acquisition criteria to reflect current policies. The modifications and additions proposed in this Plan Amendment will bring Parks and Recreation policy language in line with current practice in adopted Plan guidance in the Area Plan Volumes. Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE ADOPTION OF THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR PLAN AMENDMENT S11-CW-3CP, AS SET FORTH IN THE STAFF REPORT DATED MARCH 21, 2013, SUBJECT TO THE REVISIONS TO THE PUBLISHED DRAFT TEXT DESCRIBED IN THE HANDOUTS BEFORE YOU DATED MAY 2, 2013.

Commissioners Flanagan, Hedetniemi, and Sargeant: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Sargeant and Mr. Flanagan and Ms. Hedetniemi. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it adopt S11-CW-3CP, Comprehensive Plan Amendment regarding the Recreation Section of the Policy Plan, as articulated by Commissioner Migliaccio, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

Commissioner Hall: Abstain, not present for the public hearing.

Chairman Murphy: Ms. Hall abstains, not present for the public hearing.

Commissioner Migliaccio: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Murphy: Yes?

Commissioner Hedetniemi: I just wanted to thank staff –

Chairman Murphy: Put your mic –

Commissioner Hedetniemi: I'm sorry.

Chairman Murphy: Mic.

Commissioner Hedetniemi: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to thank staff for responding to many of the concerns that I had raised. And working with Commissioner Migliaccio, I think that we got a lot accomplished in terms of interpretation and certainly some additional language that clarifies my concerns about linear parks and linear open space. Thank you very much.

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

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