

Planning Commission Meeting
July 25, 2013
Verbatim Excerpt

PCA 2008-PR-009-02 – INOVA HEALTH CARE SERVICES

After Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: Mr. Lawrence in the Providence District; PCA 2008-PR-009-02.

Commissioner Lawrence: Mr. Chairman, I intend to move this matter. If I may, however, I have a question that I want to ask the applicant before I move.

Chairman Murphy: All right.

Commissioner Lawrence: Mr. Sampson, during the course of the last couple of weeks, I had occasion to make a site visit to Inova Fairfax Hospital. And I have to recognize the excellence of County employee performance and its's engine truck 430. The EMTs were wonderful. Professional services and facilities on my site visit were provided on Ward 633, if I recall it, and those people deserve a shout-out. However, during the time that I was there, various members of my family came to visit me and the first trouble they had was finding me. I know we've had earlier discussions about Wayfinding and I know I've let you know that we'd like very much to hear what is happening with the phased Wayfinding program that Inova has embarked on at that hospital. Could you tell us, please?

Timothy Sampson, Esquire, Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich & Walsh, PC: I can. First of all, I'm very glad that you're back here instead of there. Secondly, the hospital at Fairfax, as at Fair Oaks and Mount Vernon, is under construction substantially at this time. And that has – it causes a disruption to the ability to get around the campus and to get around within the – within the complex, given all the changes that are occurring. In connection with the construction effort, there is a Comprehensive Sign Plan for Wayfinding that the hospital has prepared and is implementing in phases as the construction progresses. The first substantial phase of that was implemented last summer when the new boulevard – Wellness Boulevard was opened to traffic. That's the one that comes in from the south off of Woodburn Road. There is – you know, so there are, I believe, 30 new Wayfinding signs that have been installed with that phase of the project. As the project continues – the completion of the women's hospital is expected in late 2015 – and with that would come the second phase of the exterior Wayfinding signs, which is about another 35 signs on the exterior, if I remember correctly. So it is a concern that is appreciated and understood and is not – you're not the only one having expressed it. It's something the hospital is working on as the construction progresses and will hopefully be something that is improved condition as the construction nears completion.

Commissioner Lawrence: Well then perhaps you can help us all to find the way. Mr. Chairman, I'm ready to move.

Chairman Murphy: Okay.

Commissioner Lawrence: I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PCA 2008-PR-009-02, SUBJECT TO THE EXECUTION OF PROFFERS CONSISTENT WITH THOSE NOW DATED JULY 16TH, 2013.

Commissioner Hedetniemi: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by 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 approve PCA 2008-PR-009-02, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you very much everyone. Thank you, Mr. Sampson, Mr. O'Donnell, and Ms. Brady. Thank you very much.

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(The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Hall and Sargeant absent from the meeting.)

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