

**Joint Meeting of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the  
Planning Commission (PC)**

**October 12, 2021**

**BOS Members present:**

- Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay, presiding
- Supervisor Walter L. Alcorn, Hunter Mill District
- Supervisor John W. Foust, Dranesville District
- Supervisor Penelope A. Gross, Mason District
- Supervisor Patrick S. Herrity, Springfield District
- Supervisor Rodney L. Lusk, Lee District
- Supervisor Dalia A. Palchik, Providence District
- Supervisor Kathy L. Smith, Sully District
- Supervisor Daniel G. Storck, Mount Vernon District
- Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw, Braddock District

**PC Members present:**

- Commissioner Peter Murphy, Chair, Springfield District
- Commissioner John Ulfelder, Vice-Chair, Dranesville District
- Commissioner Timothy Sargeant, Secretary, At-Large
- Commissioner Julie Strandlie, Parliamentarian, Mason District
- Commissioner Mary Cortina, Braddock District
- Commissioner John Carter, Hunter Mill District
- Commissioner Daniel Lagana, Lee District
- Commissioner Walter Clarke, Mount Vernon District
- Commissioner Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, Providence District
- Commissioner Evelyn Spain, Sully District
- Commissioner Andres Jimenez, At-Large
- Commissioner Candice Bennett, At-Large

**Others present:**

- Bryan J. Hill, County Executive
- Elizabeth Teare, County Attorney
- Jill Cooper, Executive Director of the Planning Commission
- Barbara Byron, Director, Department of Planning and Development (DPD)
- Leanna O'Donnell, Director, Planning Division, DPD
- Meghan Van Dam, Branch Chief, DPD
- Graham Owen, Senior Planner, DPD
- William Hicks, Director, Land Development Services (LDS)
- Michael Davis, Engineer IV, LDS

- Christopher Forinash, Principal, Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates
- Ian Banks, Principal, Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates

The joint meeting was held in the Government Center Board Auditorium and the PC connected electronically. The meeting was accessible to the public through live broadcast on Channel 16, live video stream, and live audio.

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

### **PRELIMINARY MOTIONS FOR PC ELECTRONIC MEETINGS** (9:35 a.m.)

Chairman Murphy stated that to conduct this meeting wholly electronically and to effectuate both the emergency procedures authorized by the Freedom of Information Act and the Emergency Ordinance, the PC needs to make certain findings and determinations for the record.

#### **1. Audibility of Members' Voices**

Chairman Murphy stated that because each member of the PC is participating in this meeting from a separate location, the PC must verify that a quorum of members is participating, and that each member's voice is clear, audible, and at an appropriate volume for all of the other members. Accordingly, a roll call will be conducted and each Commissioner participating in this meeting must state their name and the location from which they are participating. Chairman Murphy asked each PC member to pay close attention to ensure that they can hear each Commissioner. Following roll call, a vote will be conducted to establish that every member can hear every other member.

Chairman Murphy relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Sargeant and moved that the PC certify for the record that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of the PC. Commissioner Niedzielski-Eichner seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

#### **2. Need for an Electronic Meeting**

Chairman Murphy stated that, having established that each member's voice may be heard by every other member, the Commission must next establish the nature of the emergency that compels these emergency procedures, the fact that it is meeting electronically, the type of electronic communication being used, and how it arranged for public access to the meeting.

Therefore, Chairman Murphy moved that the PC certify that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID 19 pandemic makes it unsafe for the PC to physically assemble and unsafe for applicants, staff, and the public to physically attend any such meeting in person, and that as such, an in-person meeting cannot be implemented safely or practically. Chairman Murphy further moved that the PC conduct the meeting electronically through the County's video conferencing system and that the public may access this meeting by watching Channel 16 or its live stream; may listen to live audio of this meeting at 703-324-5300; and

may participate in public hearings by telephone, by YouTube video submission, or by written testimony. Commissioner Niedzielski-Eichner seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

**3. Need to dispense with Freedom of Information Act's Usual Procedures to Assure Continuity in Government/Continue Operations**

Chairman Murphy moved that the PC certify that all of the matters addressed on today's agenda provide for the PC's continuity of operation or the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. Commissioner Niedzielski-Eichner seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Vice-Chair Sargeant returned the gavel to Chairman Murphy.

**SITE-SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT (SSPA) PROCESS DISCUSSION** (9:44 a.m.)

Ms. O'Donnell presented on the following:

- Whether the current SSPA process meets the County and community needs for land use planning
- Potential improvements on the process
- Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program
- North and South County SSPA
- Inclusion and community engagement
- Timeline and prioritization
- Task force and staff resource demand
- Nomination criteria adjustments

**OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REGULATIONS REVIEW** (10:01 a.m.)

The following was discussed next:

- Parking influences
- Parking project goals, activities, and analysis
- County-Consultant Collaboration

- Community engagement
- BOS/PC input and perspectives
- Parking and loading regulations

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

**Meeting materials:**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/board-supervisors-joint-meeting-planning-commission-oct-12-2021>

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