

Board of Supervisors Land Use Policy Committee

February 15, 2022

Government Center Board Auditorium

Board of Supervisors (Board) Members present:

Jeff McKay, Chairman
Penelope Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman)
James Walkinshaw, Braddock District
John Foust, Dranesville District
Walter Alcorn, Hunter Mill District
Rodney Lusk, Lee District
Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District
Dalia Palchik, Providence District
Pat Herrity, Springfield District
Kathy Smith, Sully District (Committee Chair)

The Land Use Policy Committee (Committee) meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Without objection the Committee accepted of the summary of the October 26, 2021, meeting.

National Capitol Planning Commission (NCPC) Review Process:

Barbara Byron, Director, Department of Planning and Development (DPD) introduced Marcel Acosta, Executive Director, NCPC and Matt Flis, Senior Urban Designer, NCPC. Mr. Acosta described the jurisdiction, membership, authorities and responsibilities of the NCPC. The NCPC reviews plans for development in and around Washington, DC to enhance historic, cultural and natural resources. NCPC core programs include preparation of a Comprehensive Plan, focus areas in the District, federal capital improvements program, and urban design and plan review. However, NCPC does not review maintenance or replacement-in-kind projects.

NCPC refers master plans or individual projects to intergovernmental local planning agencies for comment and feedback. NCPC works to find solutions to issues that meet the needs of all stakeholders. Mr. Acosta described recent projects include the review of the Wolfrap National Park and Fort Belvoir North Area master plans. NCPC also has an annual regional outreach initiative to foster engagement and collaboration with local jurisdictions.

Discussion ensued regarding the coordination environmental and traffic issues, periodic review of master plans, particularly with a focus on elements that may not have yet been implemented and timing and limitations of the review opportunities. NCPC does reach out to federal facilities to review master plans and address issues and contact the local jurisdictions for the opportunities to provide input.

Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) Retrospective:

Ms. Byron introduced Graham Owen, Principal Planner, Planning Division, DPD to present the results of the community outreach on the SSPA retrospective assessment. Also in attendance were Leanna O'Donnell, Meghan Van Dam and Michael Burton of DPD. The retrospective is an analysis of current comprehensive plan amendment review process to inform possible changes to the process. This phase of the retrospective is a multi-faceted assessment including interviews of stakeholders and other jurisdictions, and a public community survey.

Mr. Owen described the feedback received from interviews and outreach from the stakeholder groups and other jurisdictions categorized into two goals: 1) to increase inclusion and community engagement; and 2) achieve a better balance of community, Board, Planning Commission and staff resources related to timeline and nomination criteria. Mr. Owen concluded with a description of the next steps, including a working group to develop recommendations for the Board's consideration in the summer of 2022.

Discussion ensued regarding the time and resources it takes for the review of applications, the frequency of the nomination cycle, property owner consent, neighborhood notification and engagement, options for out-of-turn amendments, and possible process for initial screening.

Ms. Byron stated staff will work with the working group and return to the Board in the near future.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.