Motion for Concurrence in Filing on RZ Application

LMC Alexandria Crossing Holdings LLC

April 13, 2021

LMC Alexandria Crossing Holdings, LLC (the “Applicant”) has recently submitted a rezoning application to the Department of Planning and Development. The application is filed on approximately 7.61 acres that represents a consolidation of 15 parcels on Richmond Highway between Shields Avenue and Quander Road.

The Applicant has been in discussions with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation regarding the feasibility of a request to vacate and/or abandon that portion of right-of-way that is no longer required for roadway purposes. Under the proposed site layout, the applicant is seeking to include right-of-way owned by the BOS that would be vacated.

County requirements specify that applications on property owned by a party other than the applicant require the endorsement of the property owner before such an application can be heard. Because the County owns this parcel, the applicant is requesting Board concurrence in the filing of the application.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors indicate its concurrence of the inclusion of approximately .3108 acres of right-of-way previously dedicated for Quander Road to be included in a rezoning application submitted by LMC Alexandria Crossing Holdings, LLC. I further move that the Board authorize the County Executive and/or his designees to act as agent of the Board in connection with this application, subject to the execution of an agreement indemnifying the Board as to any proffered conditions associated with the rezoning application.

The inclusion of a portion of Quander Road right-of-way in the rezoning application in no way relieves the applicant of the requirement to process a vacation and/or abandonment request or to comply with all applicable standards of the Zoning Ordinance.

This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation by the Board on the proposed applications and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations or adopted standards.
Solarize Fairfax County
April 13, 2021

For the past four years Fairfax County has joined the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and the nonprofit Local Energy Alliance Program to offer Solarize Fairfax County. This campaign helps make solar panels more accessible to our residents and businesses and has been very successful. Since 2014, more than 540 solar contracts have been signed in Northern Virginia in connection with this program.

I am happy to announce that this year Fairfax County will offer the Solarize campaign once again. The campaign began yesterday, April 12th and will conclude on June 30th. Once again, homeowners and businesses will be able to receive a free, no-obligation solar site assessment. Participants who decide to install solar panels will benefit from discounted prices, access to a pre-qualified vendor, financing options, a federal tax incentive, and Fairfax County’s solar incentives which include a waiver for the permit application fee and a five-year solar energy equipment tax exemption.

This year, for the first time, the Solarize program is offering participants the opportunity to install battery storage systems at a discount in conjunction with their solar arrays. Residential Solarize participants are also eligible for a complimentary, virtual home energy assessment to help improve their home energy performance holistically. Finally, Solarize allows participants to bundle electric vehicle charging stations with their solar system purchase, making EV charging technology available at a discount.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board direct the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination to proceed with the promotion of the 2021 Solarize Fairfax County campaign.
Motion for Concurrent Processing of Building Permits associated with
SE 2020-MV-020/ PCA 89-V-059
The Shoppes at Lorton Valley

April 13, 2021

Background:

Lorton Valley Retail, LLC (the “Applicant”) is currently processing two concurrent applications identified as SE 2020-MV-020 and PCA 89-V-059, located in the Shoppes at Lorton Valley. The site is located on the northeast side of Ox Road across from Palmer Drive. The site is zoned C-6 and is developed with a suburban shopping center.

The applications propose to convert a vacant financial institution into a restaurant with a drive-through. The proposed Special Exception will not alter the footprint of the existing building, but simply change the stacking lanes to accommodate restaurant operations. The Applicant has been working diligently with staff and the community to receive a recommendation of approval and would like to pursue building modifications as soon as possible. Accordingly, the Applicant seeks concurrent processing of the building plans with the pending application.

Motion:

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Land Development Services to accept for concurrent and simultaneous processing any building plans or other drawings as may be necessary in conjunction with the application filed on behalf of the Applicant.

This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation by the Board of Supervisors and does not relieve the Applicant from compliance with the provisions of all applicable ordinances, regulations or adopted standards.
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Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 13, 2021

Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay, Supervisor Storck, and Supervisor Foust

Seeking Adoption of the Current and Unedited Version of the International Energy Conservation Code, and Establishment of a Voluntary Fairfax County Program for Green Building

On February 5, 2019, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted the Fairfax Green Initiatives Board Matter, introduced by Supervisors Storck, Foust and (now Chairman) McKay. Of these initiatives, Land Development Services (LDS) has the lead role in item 2.b., which proposed the following:

“2. Refer to the Development Process Committee for discussion and consideration whether County staff should review and report back to the Committee on the costs and benefits of the following:

"b. Building design and code changes, including the International Green Construction Code, that could inspire and expedite energy saving practices on all new construction and significant renovations."

In discussions with staff, it is apparent that the County does not currently have the delegated authority from the state necessary to adopt the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) as a requirement for construction. However, the Board can pursue this energy conservation goal in two complimentary mandates.

First, staff could work at the state-level to seek adoption of the current and unedited version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and the energy provisions of the International Residential Code (IRC) into the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) during the 2021 code development cycle. The state has historically rolled back portions of residential energy conservation requirements to levels in the 2009 IECC and IRC. Second and in advance of the adoption of the current provisions of the IECC and IRC into the USBC, LDS staff could establish a voluntary program within 90-days that publicly recognizes designers and contractors who build green in Fairfax County. This could be established by providing a simple, self-reporting mechanism for applicants during the permitting process when submitted projects meet or exceed the national energy standards in the most recent IECC or IRC.

THEREFORE, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD direct the Director of LDS to do the following:
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1. Make every possible effort at the state-level to seek adoption of the current and unedited version of the IECC and the energy provisions of the IRC into the USBC during the 2021 code development cycle; and
2. Establish a voluntary program within 90-days that publicly recognizes designers and contractors who build green in Fairfax County. This program will be detailed to the Board in a future NIP.