

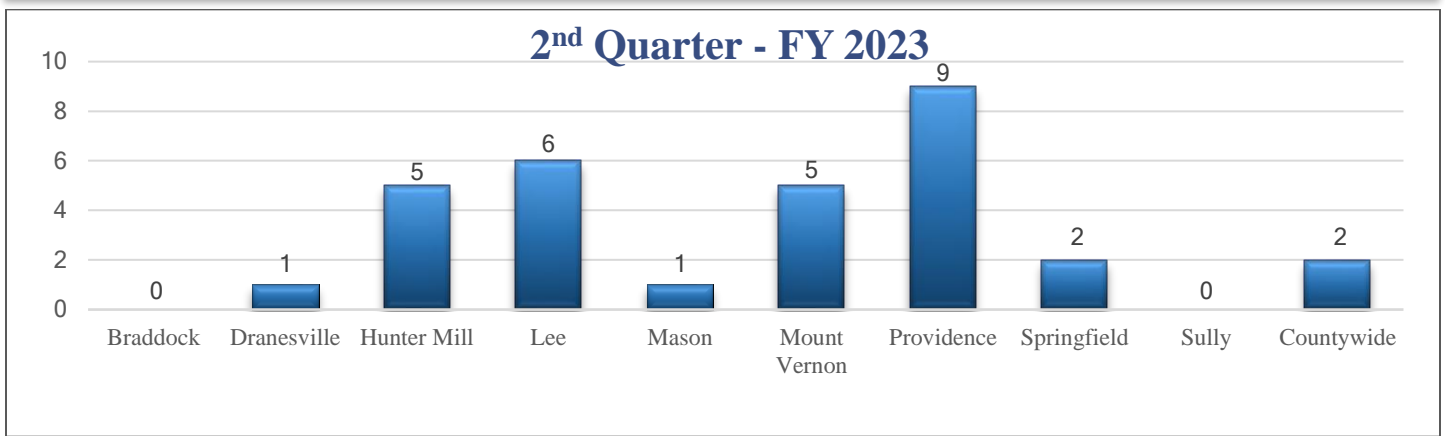
# PLANNING COMMUNICATOR

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## LAND USE ACTIONS

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of Fiscal Year 2023, the Planning Commission acted on **31** applications; affording 27 citizens an opportunity to speak at the 8 public hearings held. The district with the highest number of applications considered was the Providence District with 9 applications acted upon.



## COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

### Environment Committee

Met on October 6<sup>th</sup> with the Department of Planning and Development staff for updates on the Urban Design Guidelines, proposed changes for Street Trees in Tysons, Transit Station Areas, and Community Revitalization Districts/Areas. Staff responded to questions from the Committee and shared community feedback.

### Land Use Process Review Committee

Met on October 6<sup>th</sup> with the Department of Planning and Development staff for updates to the Public Facilities Policy Plan Amendment (2020-CW-1CP). The topics included: Public Outreach Update, 2232 Public Facility Review Process Discussion, and Environmental Policies Summary. Staff also responded to questions from the Committee.

## **Land Use Process Review Committee – Continued**

Met on November 17<sup>th</sup> with the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) staff for a presentation on updates to the Public Facilities Policy Plan Amendment (2020-CW-1CP). The topics included: discussion of co-location of Public Facilities and PPEAs (Public-Private Partnerships) for Public Facilities. This was followed by a presentation by DPD on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program. The Committee discussed issues raised and staff shared community feedback.

Met on December 1<sup>st</sup> with the Department of Planning and Development staff for a presentation on the County's Parking Reimagined effort. Staff responded to questions from the Committee.

## **Housing Committee and Land Use Process Review Committee**

On December 1<sup>st</sup> the Housing Committee held a joint meeting with the Land Use Process Review Committee. Staff from the Department of Planning and Development and the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) gave a presentation on the proposed Preservation of Existing Affordable Housing Amendment. This was followed by a presentation by DHCD and the Task Force on the Task Force's recommendations for the Manufactured Housing Amendment. The Committee discussed issues raised.

## **Schools Committee**

Met on December 14<sup>th</sup> with the Fairfax County Public Schools and the Department of Planning and Development staff for presentation on the public engagement process for school facility construction, additions, and renovations. The Committee discussed issues raised, the timeline for public engagement, and the role of the Capital Improvement Program on school facility projects.

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## A FOND FAREWELL TO JULIE M. STRANDLIE – FORMER COMMISSIONER MASON DISTRICT

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The Planning Commission would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation for former Commissioner Julie M. Strandlie's dedicated public service work on the Commission. Ms. Strandlie was a champion for Mason District residents and represented them well. She was appointed to the Planning Commission by Mason District Supervisor Penelope A. Gross on December 2, 2014 and was sworn in as a member of the Commission on January 7, 2015.

Ms. Strandlie was elected as the Planning Commission's Parliamentarian in January of 2020 and served in that capacity for two years. During her eight years with the Planning Commission, she served as a member of the Housing (Chair, 2019-2022), Environment, Capital Improvement Program, Schools (Chair, 2022; Vice Chair, 2018-2021), Parks, Land Use Process Review, Transportation, Telecommunications, and Personnel and Budget Committees, and as the Planning Commission's representative to the Economic Advisory Commission and the Affordable Housing Advisory Council.

In her time as a Planning Commissioner, Ms. Strandlie worked with County staff, applicants, and members of the community on a number of cases that included rezonings, special exceptions, final development plans, and plan amendments. Ms. Strandlie led the effort to restore the 2232 process for the Fairfax County Public School CIP Bonded school construction renovations, along with a timely public engagement plan. For individual zoning applications, Ms. Strandlie championed voluntary contributions for traffic signal preemption devices, a policy that was adopted in the CIP. Ms. Strandlie also advocated that any reference of the word "shall" be replaced with the word "must" in proffers and development conditions, in order to strengthen applicant commitments.



Cheers, Ms. Strandlie  
All the best in your future endeavors.