

**County of Fairfax, Virginia  
Planning Commission Meeting  
July 29, 2020  
Verbatim Excerpt**

*2232-H19-6 – Fairfax County Park Authority, Lake Fairfax Park Master Plan Revision, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA 20190. (Hunter Mill District)*

During Commission Matters

Commissioner Carter: Okay. This is a 2232-H19-6. It's the Lake Fairfax Park, Fairfax County Park Authority. This 2232 is a Master Plan Revision for Lake Fairfax Park. The revision includes a conceptual development plan, an update to the 2001 Master Plan, according to changing community priorities, as identified 2016 Needs Assessment. Individual elements are implemented as funding becomes available. Keep in mind, there is no items in the current CIP. Prior to construction, the Fairfax County Park Authority is required to obtain all necessary approvals for any elements. Lake Fairfax Park is a Countywide park located east of Reston in the RA-2 – RE Zoning District. In addition to existing areas, this conceptual development plan increases the designated use areas from 6 to 16, including a new off-leash dog area, an event pavilion, a central gazebo, a playground, rental cabins in the – in the camping area, an interpretive overlook, a cricket field, a multi-purpose center, a pump track, an adventure course, and a skate park. The park has been designated as a park since 1966. The proposed project is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the Upper Potomac region. It's specifically recommends to upgrade and expand facilities in the Lake Fairfax Park. Connections. The major access to the park will be from Lake Fairfax Drive, future pedestrian connections to the W&OD trail, and to the Wiehle Avenue Metro Station along Sunset Hills Road and Wiehle Avenue should be coordinated with a future Comprehensive Plan amendment for Reston. Any future connection to Hunter Mill Road will be part of a separate review at such time as more details are available. Environment. The areas within the headwaters of the Difficult Run watershed, revegetation areas and extensive Resource Protection Zone of 277 acres are to be expanded. In conclusion, the Fairfax County Park Authority has unanimously recommend approval of the conceptual development plan. The Reston Planning and Zoning Committee reviewed this document on July 18<sup>th</sup>. So, this is a motion to approve. I concur with staff's – unless there's discussion. Any discussion?

Commissioner Cortina: Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Murphy: Yes. Ms. – Commissioner Cortina.

Commissioner Cortina: Yes. Thank you. I just want to note for the record that I'm still concerned with this park in it's periphery with the Reston Wiehle Metro. The Reston Transportation Plan, which calls for a roadway going across this park. It's not on this plan and I approve – I mean I – I wholeheartedly this plan. But I still think we need to look at the southern boundary in the future. Thank you.

Chairman Murphy: Thank you.

Commissioner Carter: And I appreciate that from – from Commissioner Cortina. And I – I didn't push for the road to go through the park. And I hope when – where the Reston Comp Plan is amended, which we're in the process of doing, we will be able to remove those roads.

Chairman Murphy: Okay.

Commissioner Carter: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I concur with staff's conclusion that the Fairfax County Park Authority's proposed Master Plan revision for Lake Fairfax Park, located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, Virginia 20190, satisfies the criteria of location, character, and extent, as specified in *Virginia Code*, Section 15.2-2232, as amended. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION FIND THE SUBJECT APPLICATION 2232-H19-6, SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Commissioner Cortina: Second.

Commissioner Niedzielski-Eichner: Commissioner Niedzielski-Eichner seconds.

Commissioner Cortina: Commissioner Cortina seconds.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Commissioner Cortina and Commissioner Niedzielski-Eichner. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to concur with the determination made in 2232-H19-6, Fairfax County Park Authority, Lake Fairfax Park Master Plan Revision, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

The motion carried by a vote of 12-0.

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