

**FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**

PRESENT: James R. Hart, Commissioner At-Large, Chairman
Mary Cortina, Commissioner At-Large, Vice Chairman
Ellen J. Hurley, Braddock District
John C. Ulfelder, Dranesville District
Walter C. Clarke, Mount Vernon District
Timothy J. Sargeant, At-Large

ABSENT: Donté Tanner, Sully District

OTHERS: John Carter, Hunter Mill District
Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, Providence District
Joseph Gorney, Planning Division (PD), Department of Planning and
Zoning (DPZ)
Glenda Booth, Audubon Society of Northern Virginia
Teresa Wang, Senior Deputy Clerk, Planning Commission

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. PowerPoint Presentation: Natural Landscaping at County Facilities Plan Amendment 2018-CW-2CP, dated September 26, 2019
- B. Natural Landscaping at County Facilities, Proposed Language, dated September 26, 2019
- C. Natural Landscaping at County Facilities, Stakeholder Feedback and Staff Response, dated September 26, 2019
- D. Environment Minutes for the following meetings: February 21, 2019; March 21, 2019; April 25, 2019; and June 27, 2019

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Chairman James R. Hart called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia, 22035.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ulfelder made a MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 21, 2019; MARCH 21, 2019; APRIL 25, 2019; AND JUNE 27, 2019 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Commissioner Hurley seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 6-0. Commissioner Tanner was absent from the meeting

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Joe Gorney, Planning Division, Department of Planning and Zoning, provided a presentation on Plan Amendment 2018-CW-2CP, Natural Landscaping at County Facilities, a copy of which is included in Attachment A, that covered the following topics:

- Staff's progress in reviewing the amendment;
- Staff stakeholder themes;
- Community stakeholder themes;
- Stakeholder suggested edits;
- The National Garden and Bartholdi visit highlights and staff's takeaways from that visit; and
- The next steps in the review process.

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Mr. Gorney; Glenda Booth, Audubon Society of Northern Virginia; and multiple Committee members discussed the following issues:

- The various entities within Fairfax County that would be included in the review of the amendment;
- Other jurisdictions that have implemented a natural landscaping policy;
- The importance of trained personnel to handle the installation and maintenance of natural landscaping facilities;
- Strategies implemented by the City of Philadelphia that allowed the public and private sector to assist with a variety of tasks;
- The year-round maintenance requirement for natural landscaping;
- The different landscaping needs for rural areas versus urban areas;
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) points and rating systems;
- Minor edits to Objective 6, Policy a;
- Minor edits to the Natural Landscaping paragraph.

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ENDORSEMENT OF APPROVAL OF THE NATURAL LANDSCAPING AT COUNTY FACILITIES

Commissioner Ulfelder made a MOTION TO ENDORSE THE PROPOSED TEXT, AS AMENDED, TO THE FULL PLANNING COMMISSION.

Commissioner Clarke seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 6-0. Commissioner Tanner was absent from the meeting.

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Chairman Hart announced that the proposed text would be distributed to the Planning Commission and the vote would take place during the October 2, 2019 meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
James R. Hart, Chairman

An audio recording of this meeting is available in the Planning Commission Office,
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Minutes by: Teresa Wang

Approved: May 20, 2021

Jacob Caporaletti

Jacob Caporaletti, Clerk to the
Fairfax County Planning Commission

County of Fairfax
Commonwealth of Virginia

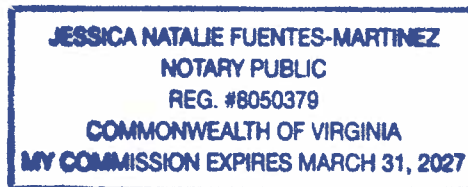
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16 day of May 2023 by

Jessica Natalie Fuentes-Martinez
Signature of Notary

Notary Seal

Notary registration number: 8050379

Commission expiration: 03/31/2027



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