

# **Minutes for the January 11, 2017 PDC MEETING**

## **Providence District Council (PDC) Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday January 11, 2017

**Time:** 7:30pm - 9 pm

**Location:** Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax (Classroom #2)

**Primary Speakers:** Fairfax County Department of Planning & Zoning (Meghan Van Dam, Chief of Policy and Planning and Bernard Suchicital, Senior Planner)

### **Agenda:**

- Welcome and PDC Administrative Items
- Program: The Next Generation of Fairfax Forward – Plan Review Process

## **1) Welcome and PDC Administrative Reports**

### **PDC President Report (Tania Hossain):**

Welcomed guests and reviewed the meeting agenda.

### **Membership Chair Report (Kosmo Tatalias):**

There were approximately 18 members the prior membership year. All but 3-4 renewed.

**Recording Secretary Report (Marie Gerritz):** The minutes for the November PDC meeting were approved.

### **Treasurer Report (R. Dana Opp III):**

There was no financial activity in the month of December 2016. The bank balance remains \$1001.14.

### **Transportation Committee Chair Report (Julie Hirka):**

Julie Hirka attended a meeting on I-66 and noted that the contract was signed, so unlikely that changes could occur afterward. Julie also attended a Transportation Town Hall meeting December 14, 2016 with Secretary Layne, CTB members and many supervisors and transportation officials. She asked about the P3 and the quality of the lanes they would build after they took taxpayer-built center lanes for Express Lanes and was answered extensively by Layne and Kilpatrick about safeguards in place in the contract.

Supervisor McKay was there and he spoke about not having reversible lanes on I-395 when the new Express Lanes are built there but didn't mention the BOS position on trucks on the Express Lanes nor did anyone else.

## **2) Program: The Next Generation of Fairfax Forward – Plan Review Process**

Meghan Van Dam (Chief of Policy and Planning) and Bernard Suchicital (Senior Planner) of the Fairfax County Department of Planning & Zoning (DPZ) spoke about the next generation of Fairfax Forward.

Fairfax Forward is the regular process for Comprehensive Plan review and includes community engagement. The Comprehensive Plan provides long-range guidance for land use, transportation, public facilities and services, parks and recreation, housing, heritage resources, and the environment.

Suggested modifications for the “next generation” of Fairfax Forward take components from the former Area Plans Review (APR) process, Fairfax Forward, suggestions from the Planning Commission and the public. The process remains structured around a Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program that schedules county-wide, area-wide and site-specific amendments; however the review process for the work program would be modified to incorporate a four-year, North and South County review cycle for citizen-initiated amendments called the “Site Specific Amendments Process”).

The next generation of Fairfax Forward will divide the county into 2 parts, North and South. If this process is approved, it could begin this summer 2017. The North will be implemented first, followed by the South.

Overall conclusions of the proposed Site-specific Process changes include...

- Clearer process for citizen participation and review schedule
- Enhanced screening process necessary to manage expected volume of nominations
- All parts of the county would be eligible for review once every four years
- Familiar process due to similarities to APR
- Board-authorization process remains available for nominations not eligible for site-specific process, or others of greater urgency
- Public education about process and expectations for screening process critical to success

For additional information about the proposed changes above, refer to:

[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/proposed\\_fairfax\\_forward\\_changes.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/proposed_fairfax_forward_changes.pdf)

For a schedule of Public Outreach meetings, and other updates regarding the Fairfax Forward Process Evaluation, refer to:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/whatsnew.htm>