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Meeting Minutes - Draft Planning Commission

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

1:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

Call To Order

Mr. Poole called the meeting to order at 1:30p.m.

Roll Call

Present 9 - Mr. Rodney Poole
Mr. Melvin Law
Ms. Amy Howard
Mr. David Johannas
Ms. Jane Ferrara
Ms. Lynn McAteer
Mr. Jeffrey Sadler
Mr. Doug Cole
Ms. Ellen Robertson

Chair's Comments

Mr. Poole welcomed everyone who was present.

Director's Report

There was no Director's Report.

- Annual Report

ID 2015-001 City Planning Commission
2014 Annual Report

Attachments: [2014 Annual Report Draft](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Law, seconded by Ms. Howard, that the Planning Commission's 2014 Annual Report be approved and forwarded to the City Council in accordance with the City Charter. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- Council Action Update

There was no update on Council actions on items recommended by the Planning Commission.

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

- 1. ORD. 2015-006** To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$240,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation; to

transfer \$60,000 in matching funds from the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget, Bike Sharrows / Lanes project in the Transportation category; to amend the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget by establishing a new project in the Transportation category called the Franklin Street and Main Street Cycle Track project; and to appropriate the total amount of \$300,000 to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Franklin Street and Main Street Cycle Track project by \$300,000 for the purpose of designing and constructing cycle tracks on Franklin Street and Main Street between Belvidere Street and 9th Street.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Location Map](#)

[Ord. No. 2015-006](#)

A motion was made by Ms. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Johannas, that this ordinance be continued for two-weeks to the Commission's February 2, 2015. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Amenendments

A motion was made by Mr. Johannas, seconded by Mr. Law, to move item number 4, Preliminary approval of the Adams Park Subdivision, Sections 3 & 4, at 5107 Kenmare Loop (81 lots), to the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 9 - Mr. Poole, Mr. Law, Ms. Howard, Mr. Johannas, Ms. Ferrara, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Sadler, Mr. Cole and Ms. Robertson

Consent Agenda

4. **Subd. No.** Preliminary approval of the Adams Park Subdivision, Sections 3 & 4, at
2015-01 5107 Kenmare Loop (81 lots).

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Location Map](#)

[Exception Request](#)

[Exception Request Information](#)

[Ord. No. 2014-74-69](#)

[Preliminary Plat](#)

Ms. Markham informed the Commission that the applicant had withdrawn the request for an exception to the requirement to install sidewalks on both sides of the streets within the proposed subdivision. She stated that the applicant had agreed to install sidewalks on both sides of the streets and staff was, therefore, supportive of the tentative subdivision.

The Commission was supportive of the provision of sidewalks on both sides of the streets and agreed with the approval of the tentative subdivision subject to the following conditions:

(1) All applicable provisions of the Subdivision Ordinance shall be met, with the

exception of Sec. 94-71 and Sec. 94-101.

(2) All applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and Ord. No. 2014-74-69 shall be met.

(3) All applicable provisions of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance shall be met.

(4) All applicable City utility and drainage standards and specifications shall be met.

(5) All applicable Building Codes shall be met.

A motion was made by Mr. Johannas, seconded by Mr. Law, that this tentative subdivision be approved subject to the aforementioned conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mr. Poole, Mr. Law, Ms. Howard, Mr. Johannas, Ms. Ferrara, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Sadler and Ms. Robertson

Abstain: 1 - Mr. Cole

Regular Agenda

2. **UDC No. 2015-01** Final Location, Character and Extent Review of traffic calming improvements to Floyd Avenue, from N. Thompson Street to N. Laurel Street

Attachments: [UDC Report to CPC](#)
[Staff Report to UDC](#)
[Location Map](#)
[Application & Plans](#)
[Letters of Support](#)
[Letters of Opposition](#)

Mr. Jeff Eastman provided a presentation as outlined in the staff report.

Mr. Eastman stated the Urban Design Committee agrees with and celebrates the Bike Walk Trail. It is important to the Committee that as the first of it's kind, the project be done well and comprehensively. The Committee felt the plans did not go far enough to create a safe place for bicyclists and pedestrians; it did not add branding and signage. The construction is scheduled to be complete by the summer of this year. It is the suggestion of the Urban Design Committee that the Planning Commission deny the final plans.

Mr. Andy Baneau provided a presentation. They have addressed all of the sixteen issues that were before them from a couple of months ago, such as trees, curb ramps, lighting and bicycle parking, they are making sure everything suggested is consistent with City plans. ADA ramps and the Wayfinding program will also be addressed.

The Planning Commission felt the required amendments should be implemented and evaluated after completion. The public should be invited back for a public hearing after one year. The plan should put safety first. They are trying to find the most workable solution with the safest outcome.

Mr. Poole opened the public hearing and asked those in support of the plan to speak. The following individuals spoke in support of the Floyd Avenue improvements:

Michael Gilbert - Union Hill
 Jackie Krestresvy - Museum District

Sean Winter - Fitzhugh Avenue
Bradley Barr - Fan resident
Tim Himbet - Northside
Josh Jackson - Jackson Ward
Dean Walton - Lower Fan, FDA Board
Liz Marshall - Near West End
Tim Treinen - 1117 Grove Avenue
Naomi Safolk - Chesterfield resident
Brian Wilson - 3rd District
Joan Overly - Fan resident
Betsy Town - Floyd resident
Mary Sullivan - 2000 Block of Grove
Max Buchanan - Sports Backers
Jeff Erda - Henrico resident
Christopher Dunn - Floyd resident
Emily Thompson - Northside resident
Nicholas Smith
Joe Cafarella - Floyd resident
Ms. Bab's
Parker Agelasto - Floyd resident - 5th District

Mr. Poole asked those in opposition of the plan to speak. The following individuals spoke in opposition to the Floyd Avenue improvements, citing concerns over the loss of on-street parking spaces:

Kirk O'Brien - Northside
David Robinson - Plum and Floyd resident
Chuck Pflugrath - 1819 Grove
Manny Pearsall - 2011 Floyd Avenue
Dan Marks - Fan resident, North Rowland
Jim Tannor - 1607 Floyd Avenue
Lisa Simms - Plum Street
Kenneth Stewart - 1424 Floyd Avenue
Anne Innis - 1501 Grove Avenue
Jane Carlson - 111 N. Plum Street
Melissa Savenko - 1618 Floyd Avenue
Nan Stewart - 1424 Floyd Avenue
Tom Innis - 1501 Grove Avenue
Denise Kernen - Floyd resident
Marianne Pitts - Charles Samuels Office
Anne Marks - Fan resident, North Rowland

The Commission stated that they would like to see the following issues raised by the Urban Design Committee included in the plan when it returns at the February 17, 2015 meeting:

- (1) Addressing a lower speed limit for the length of the project. This would be in the form of a recommendation to City Council.
- (2) Committing to a full planting plan including street trees along the extent of the bike/walk route.
- (3) Making the project fully accessible with accessible ramps along the corridor.
- (4) Addressing unique signage and pavement markings and identity that celebrates this as a bike/walk trail as part of a larger way finding effort.
- (5) That the project be evaluated 12 months after the completion of construction and adjusted as needed, and that that evaluation involves the public and a presentation to the Planning Commission.
- (6) That the project address lighting along the length of the corridor.

(7) That the project more fully considers the impact on parking and considers limits on types or permits of parking specifically in Zones 1 and 2 of the project.

The Commission also requested the applicant to include the following issues raised by the Commission in the plan when it returns at the February 17, 2015 meeting:

- (1) Explore pedestrian initiated signals at Belmont and Harrison.
- (2) School X-ing or Ped-Xing markings replace one of the sharrow markings on each block.
- (3) Safety should be the first priority.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Law, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, that this Location, Character and Extent Item be continued for 30-days to the Commission's February 17, 2015 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Poole, Mr. Law, Mr. Johannas, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Sadler and Mr. Cole

No: 1 - Ms. Ferrara

Excused: 2 - Ms. Howard and Ms. Robertson

- 3. **UDC No. 2015-02** Final Location, Character and Extent Review of the fence and gate detail for the Brown's Island Way arch over the James River and Kanawha Canal

Attachments: UDC Report to CPC
 Staff Report to UDC
 Location Map
 Application & Plans
 Letter of Opposition

Mr. Jeff Eastman provided a presentation as outlined in the staff report.

Ms. Jeannie Welliver provided a presentation.

The Commission agreed to continue this item to their next meeting on February 2, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Sadler seconded by Mr. Cole, that this Location, Character and Extent Review item be continued for two-weeks to the Commission's February 2, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Poole, Mr. Law, Mr. Johannas, Ms. Ferrara, Mr. Sadler and Mr. Cole

Excused: 3 - Ms. Howard, Ms. McAteer and Ms. Robertson

Upcoming Items

Adjournment

Mr. Poole adjourned the meeting at 4:36p.m.

Rodney M. Poole, Chair

Lory P. Markham, Secretary