

Notice of Public Hearing

City of Richmond, Virginia – Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Richmond City Planning Commission is scheduled to consider the subject ordinance at the meeting of Monday, February 7, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.. This meeting will be held through electronic communication means pursuant to the current ongoing declaration of a local emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic confirmed by Res. No. 2020-R025, adopted Mar. 16, 2020, and as permitted by section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. This meeting will be open to participation through electronic communication means by the public and closed to in-person participation by the public. Most, if not all, Planning Commission members and other staff will participate in this meeting by teleconference/videoconference via Microsoft Teams. Those who may be assembling for this meeting will do so in the 5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall at 900 East Broad Street in Richmond, Virginia.

The meeting will be streamed live online at the following web address: <https://richmondva.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. To listen to the meeting's live stream at the web address provided, find and click the link that reads, "In Progress" in the farthest right hand column entitled, "Video". The agenda for the Richmond City Planning Commission meeting is accessible through the City's legislative website at the following web address: <https://richmondva.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. To view the agenda at the web address provided, find and click the link that reads, "Agenda" associated with the Planning Commission meeting listed in the calendar for the date referenced above.

Interested individuals who wish to speak at the Richmond City Planning Commission meeting will be given an opportunity to do so by following the "Public Access and Participation Instructions" attached to the Richmond City Planning Commission meeting agenda for the date referenced above. Citizens are encouraged to provide their comments in writing to PDRLandUseAdmin@richmondgov.com in lieu of speaking through audio or video means during the meeting. All written comments received via email prior to 10:00 a.m. on the day of the Planning Commission meeting referenced above, will be provided to all members of the Planning Commission prior to the beginning of the meeting and will be included in the record of the meeting. The person responsible for receiving written comments is Matthew J. Ebinger, Secretary to the Planning Commission, (804) 646-6304.

The City Planning Commission conducts public hearings as required by the City and State Codes on special use permits, rezonings, community unit plans, institutional zoning master plans and other specified matters. The Commission considers each such ordinance in order to forward a recommendation to the City Council. Final Action is taken by City Council, and the Council is not required to follow the recommendation of the Commission. Copies of the full text of all ordinances are attached to the agenda for the Richmond City Planning Commission meeting.

City of Richmond, Virginia - City Council

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Richmond has scheduled a public hearing open to all interested citizens, on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held through electronic communication means pursuant to the current ongoing declaration of a local emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic confirmed by Res. No. 2020-R025, adopted March 16, 2020, and as permitted by section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. This meeting will be open to participation through electronic communication means by the public and closed to in-person participation by the public. Less than a quorum of Richmond City Council will assemble in the Council Chamber on the 2nd floor of City Hall at 900 East Broad Street in Richmond, Virginia 23219, and most Council members will participate by teleconference/videoconference via Microsoft Teams. The public will have the option to provide their comments by teleconference/videoconference via Microsoft Teams, or in writing via email. Interested citizens who wish to take advantage of either option must do so prior to 10:00 a.m., on Monday, January 24, 2022, by either calling the Office of the City Clerk at (804) 646-7955 and selecting option 3 or sending written comments and virtual comment requests to CityClerksOffice@rva.gov. All written comments received prior to the deadline will be provided to all members of the Council prior to the beginning of the meeting and will be included in the record of the meeting.

Candice D. Reid, City Clerk
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Ordinance No. 2022- 019 - Special Use Permit for 729 St. Christopher's Road

PURPOSE: To authorize the special use of the property known as 729 St. Christopher's Road for the purpose of athletic fields illuminated by lighting structures in excess of 35 feet in height, upon certain terms and conditions.

REASON: The subject property is located in the R 4 Single Family Residential zoning district and stadium lighting is a permitted use. However, Section 30 408.7 of the zoning ordinance states that no building or structure shall exceed 35 feet in height. The proposed lighting plans call for lighting structures that exceed 35 feet in height. Therefore a special use permit is necessary for this request.

RECOMMENDATION: In accordance with the requirements of the City Charter and the Zoning Ordinance, the City Planning Commission will review this request and make a recommendation to City Council. This item will be scheduled for consideration by the Commission at its February 7, 2022 meeting.

BACKGROUND: The 27 acre subject property is located in the Three Chopt neighborhood and is bounded by St. Christopher's Road to the west; Wesley and Ferguson Roads to the south; Maple Street to the east; and Henri Street to the north. The subject property is improved with multiple buildings and athletic fields and other uses accessory to a private school. The lighting installations are proposed for the football, soccer and baseball fields. The City's Richmond 300 Master Plan designates a future land use for the subject property as Institutional. This designation is defined as a "Public and quasi-public entities, such as local, state, and federal government, hospitals, universities, schools, and religious institutions." Primary Uses: Institutional, cultural, government, and open space. Secondary Uses: Retail/office/personal service and multi-family.