DATE: April 19, 2006

SUBJECT: SP #89 SITE PLAN AMENDMENT to convert former Newseum space; premises known as 1101 Wilson Blvd. (RPC #16-039-002)

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C.M. RECOMMENDATION:  
Defer the subject request to convert the former Newseum space to the July 8, 2006 County Board meeting.

ISSUES: None.

SUMMARY: This is a site plan amendment to convert the former Newseum space to accommodate another user other than a museum. Additional time is needed to thoroughly analyze and evaluate this request and change in use. Therefore, staff recommends deferral of this site plan amendment request to the County Board meeting of July 8, 2006.

DISCUSSION: Staff and the applicant have been in discussions about the issues related to the site plan amendment request and the change in use. Staff continues to work with the applicant on several elements of the proposal which include continued marketing of the space to potential museum tenants; further clarification of the space requirements; and a possible tiered approach in releasing the space if an appropriate tenant can not be secured within a defined time frame. Therefore, additional time is needed to evaluate the applicant’s request in the context of these points, the surrounding Rosslyn area, and input from both the Rosslyn Renaissance and the civic associations. Staff recommends deferral of this site plan amendment request to the County Board meeting of July 8, 2006.