County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of July 8, 2006

DATE: June 30, 2006

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

Applicant:
Arland Towers 1101, LLC

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C.M. RECOMMENDATION:
Defer the subject request to convert the former Newseum space to the September 16, 2006 County Board meeting.

ISSUES: None.

DISCUSSION: This is a site plan amendment to convert the former Newseum space to accommodate another user other than a museum. Staff and the applicant have been in discussions about the issues related to the site plan amendment request and the proposed 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 possible approaches for the use of the space. 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 September 16, 2006.