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JOINT FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION
Facilities Bus Tour

9:00 AM, Saturday, February 11, 2017
 1426 N. Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22207

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Cunningham
 Sue Robinson
 Matthew De Ferranti
 William Ross
 Jerry Gidner
 Katie Rouse
 Eric Goldstein
 Cicely Whitfield

Gabriel Rubalcava
 Angelika Goodman
 Laura Simpson
 Todd McCracken
 Rachel Silberman
 Steve Young
 Janine Valasco

Chair: **Ginger Brown**
 Vice Chair: **Greg Greeley**

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rodney Turner, Theodore Black, Devanshi Patel, Joseph Leitmann-Santa Cruz

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Fioretti, Dawnita Altieri, June Locker, Carol Mitten, Michelle Cowan, Bryna Helfer, Kris Krider, Kimberly Haun, Jill Griffin, Roger Munter, Michael Collins, Aaron Shriber, Tim O’Hora, Kurt Larrick

GUESTS: Arlington County Board Vice Chair Katie Cristol, Arlington School Board Vice Chair Barbara Kanninen, School Board Member James Lander.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Hale Montgomery, Ruth Shearer, Steve Severn; Sports Commission, Robin Rodensky, Maurine Fanguy, Paul Moyer, Marjorie Green, Tenley Peterson; FAAC Chair, Valerie O’such, Dawn Cooper, Pete Smith, Carrie Johnson, Kathleen McSweeny, Erik Sunderquist, Maurya West Meiers.

1. Welcome and Introduction

- JFAC Role - community engagement process to address facilities issues
- Produce a draft of the public engagement plan – to be discussed at the Feb 16th meeting.

2. Overview of siting process and use determination process

- Ginger provided an overview of the siting and use determination process as outlined by the Community Facilities Study.
- Greg Greeley reminded the group that the tour is considered a public meeting. Commissioners shall not conduct meeting business on the bus.

3. Buck Property

- Aaron Shriber reviewed information in the bus tour packet.
- He explained zoning and planning designation and GLUP meaning.
- Tim O'Hora reviewed the site purchase option, site features, zoning designations, utilities & easements, and exchange proposal with Arcland.
- Questions:
 - How far does the site go?
 - Answer – far eastern fence at the tree line
 - What is surrounding the site?
 - Answer – Interstate 66, County Park Land, residential neighborhoods, a park and N, Quincy Street.

4. Virginia Hospital Center (VHC) site @ intersection of George Mason & Lee Highway

- Aaron Shriber reviewed the site purchase option with VHC, site features, zoning designations.
- Questions:
 - Are there special restrictions due to proximity to cell tower?
 - Answer – No
 - What are the lengths of the current leases?
 - Answer – they vary
 - Is the County able to purchase all 4 properties?
 - County can acquire up to the value of the Edison site.
 - What are the square footages of each building?
 - Answer – will provide later
 - What are the environmental conditions? Has the County Studied?
 - Answer – yes, we have conducted Phase 1 ESA's as part of the due diligence.

5. Virginia Hospital Center (VHC) site @ 5136 and 5130 16th street

- Aaron Shriber reviewed the site purchase option with VHC, site features, zoning designations.
- Questions:
 - What is the County to do with these sites?
 - Part of their JFAC charge. Reminder that property is zoned residential.
 - Is there an opportunity to purchase the house that is in between the 2 houses?
 - County has not discussed with the current property owner.

6. Virginia Hospital Center (VHC) site @ Carlin Springs

- Aaron Shriber reviewed the site purchase option with VHC, site features, and zoning designations.
- Walked to observe the scenic easement
- Questions:
 - How many acres in the RPA and Scenic Easement?
 - Answer- will provide later
 - What is the access to the site?

- Answer- The only existing access is from Carlin Springs Road and it does not connect to the site.
- Is the County aware of the existing uses of Mosses Creek which has been associated with George Washington?
 - Answer- we will review.
- The outflow area at the site is called Salamander Creek. A rare Salamander has been spotted there.
- What is the value of the property?
 - Answer- \$9.8M
- Does the County need to acquire the entire property?
 - Answer- yes
- What is the park adjacent to the Site?
 - Answer- Long Branch Nature Center

7. Shirlington Lease Property

- Tim O’Hora reviewed the site use and current lease, site features, zoning designations, utilities & easements, and exchange proposal with Arcland.
- Carol Mitten noted that there is a scarcity of property zoned for the light industrial uses that permit the County’s essential and operational and support services, and very little property zoned for light industrial use north of Columbia Pike.

Questions:

- What are restrictions within Resource Protection Area (RPA)?
 - Answer- There are building restrictions but the current parking use complies.
- Dennis Leach said that the site will be home to 2/3 of the ART fleet and essential to operations.
- ART provides service to approximately 11,000 people daily.

8. Trade Center

- Michael Collins reviewed current site uses.
- Many industrial uses on a small site.
- More services which equals far more demand for space.
- Due to lack of storage facilities, County forced to store materials outside exposed to the weather.

Questions:

- What is the construction at the garage?
 - Answer – Add a 3 third level to increase parking
- What is the issue?
 - Answer- Provide information that there are main constraints on this site to provide essential operations to the County.

9. Public Comment

- Edith Wilson noted that the trades center site is part of Shirlington life.
- She recommends that the JFAC consider involving area neighbors in local level problem solving.
- She also said for the future, she recommends that the County plan sites that are not overcrowded and the noisy activities should be sited in the middle.

10. General Comments

- School Board Member James Lander Focus on impact to school process, green spaces, parking spaces, transportation, and school bus relocation. Currently buses are all stored on the south side. Think about street capacity and traffic impact.
- County Board Vice-Chair Katie Cristol thanked the group for participating on the tour.
- Ginger Brown went over some housekeeping items including the next meeting date which was planned for Thursday, February 16, 2017.

11. Adjourn

- Meeting Adjourned 12:07 PM.