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**JOINT FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION
 VHC Agreement (Carlin Springs) Subcommittee**

Meeting #4
 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 6, 2017
 9th Floor, 913 Conference Room
 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington VA 22201

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

JFAC:

Greg Greeley
 Gabriel Rubalcava
 Jerry Gidner
 Rachel Silberman
 Steve Young
 Sue Robinson
 Rodney Turner

County Staff:

Jill Griffin-AED
 Jennifer Fioretti-DPR
 Michelle Congdon-DES

Others:

Adrian Stanton
 Jeff Liteman
 Rick Epstein

Meeting Summary

Welcome

Greg Greeley (GG) provided an overview of the agenda and discussed the reports that he and co-chair, Ginger Brown, were writing.

Minutes

GG presented the meeting minutes from March 30 to the subcommittee. The minutes were approved with one amendment (add Susan Cunningham to the attendees list).

Community Roundtable Comments

GG presented the Community Roundtable Comments to the subcommittee and asked the members to review the information contained within to ensure it reflected the conversations the members had at their respective roundtables.

Jennifer Fioretti (JF) provided an overview of the discussions and the magnitude of comments that have been received to date. She explained that the themes may not be 100 percent reflective but are a high level representation of the comments. She further stated that the subcommittee members would be provided the raw comments to review in advance of the April 24, 2017 meeting.

There was general discussion about the comments. Clarification of terms (i.e. open space v. natural resources) was important. GG reiterated that subcommittee members had homework to review the themes against the raw comments.

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Constraints (SWOC)

Jill Griffin (JGriffin) provided a summary of the findings from the SWOC exercise.

Sue Robinson (SR) raised a question about the County leasing back property. JGriffin responded that there has not been a definitive answer but that it is not a preferred situation. There was discussion among subcommittee members about this topic. GG stated that there was a push on the County Attorney for an opinion. Jerry Gidner (JG) stated that he had been in two roundtables where owners of businesses at Buck requested that the County not kick them out and let the property sit vacant as they do serve the community.

Rodney Turner (RT) and SR both stated that the SWOC exercise did not seem to capture the future uses on the sites. JGriffin explained that the opportunities listed may start to address such future uses. The subcommittee members wanted to make certain it was captured.

RT reflected on the roundtable themes – general interest to purchase the property but that the community has a say for what comes next. SR suggested that the roundtable discussions were prior to the full breadth of information about the needs and the site characteristics. Future discussions will be necessary as the input was quite preliminary.

Steve Young (SY) asked how the questions raised during the roundtables would be addressed. JF explained that answers were being compiled in a comment matrix and it will be sent out to the commission.

JF reminded the subcommittee that there would be additional points for community feedback including the May 24 community forum.

SY asked about traffic and single access along Carlin Springs as a constraint. JGriffin provided an explanation about the difference between weaknesses and constraints per the definitions used for the SWOC.

There was significant discussion about traffic on Carlin Springs. SY spoke of the Arterial Management Plan and suggested that it be resurfaced as part of this discussion. JF responded that staff would supply the most recent traffic data. Rachel Silberman (RS) stated that the commission needs to raise the issue of traffic to the County Board. GG indicated that traffic is a use consideration and will require further analysis in Phase 2.

Use Considerations & Framework

JF provided an overview of the proposed changes to the use considerations from the Buck subcommittee. The first change was to move existing utilities to the tier 2 considerations.

The subcommittee members spent some time discussing the utility question. SR suggested that the message about placement on/over the utilities be changed from CAN'T to constraint. It currently comes across as quite negative. Buildings already exist on the site.

RS stated that uses (and utilities) should not preclude the future use of the site.

Gabe Rubalcava (GR) asked about the size of the storm drain and the potential for failure. Michelle Congdon (MC) stated that staff could obtain the information associated with relocation costs (magnitude) and the easements.

JF stated that the Buck subcommittee also moved access to transit up to tier 2. The subcommittee agreed with this recommendation.

The subcommittee had general discussion about the street network around the Carlin Springs site. It was suggested that a larger context map would be helpful to understand this network.

SY suggested that the least impact to natural resources be moved to tier 2. There was general discussion and agreement that all environmental considerations would be considered in tier 2.

The subcommittee agreed to strike the word “like” with the colocation and multi-use consideration.

GG explained the process of reviewing the primary uses and the various passes for the use considerations.

The subcommittee went through the rest of the SWOC elements and had no additional changes to the use considerations.

SR asked about affordable housing. It was explained it was a complementary use. She also asked about group homes. SY suggested that would be a unique opportunity. JF showed the narrative section within the use considerations & framework.

Purpose Statement

After some discussion, GR made the motion to accept the purpose statement without change; it was seconded by JG and accepted by the subcommittee.

Announcements and Public Comment

Rick Epstein spoke during public comment. He raised three specific points:

1. The County needs to address the issue of leasing and have a coherent and consistent policy. He cited Arlington Mill as an example.
2. Need to use context to analyze the various factors. Rather than listing utilities, etc. as impediments to siting facilities, state that they are site constraints.
3. Need to balance the community perspective with the community needs. He suggested that the Community Facilities Plan did a good job in working with the community.

Meeting adjourned.