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

Meeting #1
 7:00 PM, Thursday, February 23, 2017
 9th Floor, 913 Conference Room
 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington VA 22201

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

JFAC:

Greg Greeley
 Ginger Brown
 Rachel Silberman
 Steve Young
 Todd McCracken
 Rodney Turner

County Staff:

Jill Griffin-AED
 Jennifer Fioretti-DPR
 Aaron Shriber-CPHD
 June Locker-DES
 Tim O’Hora-DES

APS Staff:

Zachary Larnard

Others:

Rick Epstein

Meeting Summary

Work Plan

Greg Greeley (GG) reviewed the draft work plan/schedule (distributed) for this use determination process with the subcommittee and noted additional information about some of the elements. The subcommittee will be investigating uses for the Carlin Springs site, the Lee Highway sites, the 16th Street N sites; additionally, the subcommittee will be reviewing the cash option. The primary goal of this study is to look at shorter term uses, but the subcommittee can think about longer term uses as well. Civic Associations will be provided opportunities for input.

Virginia Hospital Center Agreement

Aaron Shriber (AS) provided an overview of the Virginia Hospital Center (VHC) Agreement (powerpoint presentation). Members asked questions about the timing for the options; raised concerns about the community feeling rushed; and generally wanted to understand the necessity for the earlier dates. AS explained the timing and its rationale to allow for clarity and surety for the County. He further informed the subcommittee that VHC required an appropriate amount of time to obtain the Certificate of Public Need (COPN) and land use application approvals. Finally, VHC requires time to find an alternative location for the urgent care [**a question was raised about COPN for urgent care**]. Ginger Brown (GB) explained the proposed community engagement process to alleviate concerns of rushed determinations.

With respect to the agreement, members also had questions pertaining to the valuation of the properties; the explicit ceiling within the current agreement; and the scenic easement were the County to become the property owner. AS and Tim O’Hora provided answers.

Area Plans

Jill Griffin gave an overview of the various area plans for both Carlin Springs and the Lee Highway properties (powerpoint), as well as the neighborhood perspectives pertaining to uses at Carlin Springs. **GB suggested that the subcommittee receive an update of the Lee Highway process once the scoping is finished.**

Site Characteristics & Facility Requirements

AS provided a more detailed overview on the site characteristics for the VHC properties. Members had questions about the RPA, the historic nature of the Moses Spring and the relationship of the Natural Resources Management Plan as they all pertain to the Carlin Spring site. Members also suggested it would be valuable to have a larger context map to show the schools, park and adjacent road network. It is important to understand the traffic, the narrow (or lack of) sidewalks and general safety along Carlin Springs Road. **A recent traffic study was mentioned and staff will obtain that for the subcommittee.**

The Lee Highway properties generated several questions/concerns from members: whether the County can be a landlord? If not, is this a showstopper? Are there advocates for this site? Concern about the significant trees that are on the properties on the south side of Lee Highway. **Members asked if County staff could generate a memo indicating the constraints of the County if it is a landlord.** There was some discussion about the 16th Street N properties and the potential for group homes (use permit required, not in the 10 year, + priority list) and expansion of the Healing Garden (one lot away).

June Locker (JL) provided additional detail on the elements in the 10 year, + needs list distributed to JFAC, including specific uses, vehicle types, building vs. site size needs, etc. GG expressed the need to understand not only the first decade of needs but the 2nd and 3rd decades as well and to strive to understand the ramifications of potential short term solutions on long term needs. JL explained the term “anywhere” within the needs list to mean within the County. There are very limited uses which are permitted outside of the County.

Zachary Larnard (ZL) described APS facility needs identified for the next 10 years (powerpoint), including both school seats and field needs. He noted that the APS Facilities Advisory Committee is evaluating the location of the new high school. He also mentioned APS/County efforts to reduce vehicle needs, including promotion of walking biking, and use of ART buses. There was some discussion about the siting of school buses on school sites: numerous concerns and constraints limit this practice – mechanical needs, security, school parking and shared parking needs. There was a short discussion of APS’ AFSAP (Arlington School Facilities and Student Accommodation Plan), which is currently underway, to be presented this spring, and with adoption by the School Board in June. GG spoke to various joint uses of the schools – including schools, seats and programming.

Announcements and Public Comment

There was one speaker at public comment: Rick Epstein. Mr. Epstein raised the following points:

1. Does the County own the brewery located in 4MRV? Staff, no the County does not own that site.
2. Understand the traffic impacts on the various uses and the concern about the traffic on Carlin Springs Road.

3. Explain that while cash may be seen as the appropriate option for some, neighbors need to recognize that VHC may opt to sell the property and would another neighbor be as good as the County as a neighbor?
4. There is no overflow swing space for the HS. Could Carlin Springs provide the swing space?

A member requested if there was a master plan for the Trades Center. JL explained yes, but nothing has been adopted.