

Planning Commission Meeting  
June 23, 2011  
Verbatim Excerpt

RZ 2010-MV-011 -- MEMORIAL VENTURE, LLC

After the close of the public hearing

Chairman Murphy: Public hearing is closed; Mr. Flanagan.

Commissioner Flanagan: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think - - there was a question as to why we had the public hearing this evening. And I think the questions of the Commissioners have been most helpful and I didn't defer the public hearing because I knew you would come up with all the things that need to be considered during this interim period. And I appreciate what your - - all of your comments. And I've taken notes over here to be sure I address them in the interim period here. So, with that in mind, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEFER THE DECISION ONLY WITH THE RECORD REMAINING OPEN FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR RZ 2010-MV-011 TO JULY 20, 2011.

Commissioner Lawrence: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Is there a discussion of the motion? July 20, did you say?

Commissioner Flanagan: July 20.

Chairman Murphy: Two-zero?

Commissioner Flanagan: Two-zero.

Chairman Murphy: Okay. All those in favor of the motion to defer decision on RZ 2010-MV-011 with the record remaining open for written comments, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Alcorn not present for the vote; Commissioners Donahue and Sargeant absent from the meeting.)

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Decision only During Commission Matters  
(Public Hearing held on June 23, 2011)

Commissioner Flanagan: Well, I'm sure – I hope this goes a little faster than the public hearings, but – yes, Mr. Chairman, I think the first item I want to bring up would be the deferral motion for Memorial Venture. That's RZ 2010-MV-011. If you remember, we had the public hearing not only with staff recommending denial of this application, but also the Land Use Committee of the Mount Vernon Council was also recommending denial. And on top of that, the applicant came in and during their testimony offered an alternate to the proposal as it was presented in the staff report, so consequently that was the basis for my recommending that we defer the decision until tonight. And so we're at this point now. I would like to say that I think that the community has spent many, many times on this and finally I have the support of the Land Use Committee of the Mount Vernon Council and we have the support of the staff as well, so I MOVE THAT THE COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF RZ 2010-MV-011, SUBJECT TO THE EXECUTION OF THE PROFERS DATED JULY 19, 2011.

Commissioners Litzenberger and Sargeant: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Litzenberger and Mr. Sargeant. Is there a discussion of the motion?

Commissioner Litzenberger: Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Murphy: Mr. Litzenberger, please.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make an important point on this application in that when I was on the Housing Authority, one of our big concerns was urban blight, especially along the Route 1 corridor. And in the past we've had plenty of federal dollars on how to fight that kind of fight. Those dollars have gone away, yet this proposal to rezone will improve the tax base, make the citizens happy, and also not cost the taxpayers a cent. So I just want to put that in the record.

Chairman Murphy: Thank you very much. Further discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it approve RZ 2010-MV-011, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries. Mr. Flanagan?

Commissioner Hall: Abstain. Not present.

Chairman Murphy: All right, Ms. Hall abstains. Not present for the public hearing.

Commissioner Donahue: Mr. Chairman? Also, Mr. Chairman, I abstain.

Chairman Murphy: Yes, Mr. Donahue abstains. Not present for the hearing.

Commissioner Sargeant: Mr. Chairman? May I make a note? I was not present for the public hearing, but I did review the video of that entire public hearing. So I am available.

Chairman Murphy: So noted. Mr. Flanagan?

Commissioner Flanagan: Just a request of the Chair. I have six more motions. Is it possible to make them a part of an omnibus motion?

Chairman Murphy: Sure.

Commissioner Flanagan: Okay, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL SCREENING AND BARRIER REQUIREMENTS ALONG THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN PROPERTY LINES. AND I ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION OF THE PERIPHERIAL PARKING LOT LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS ALONG THE NORTHERN, EASTERN, AND SOUTHERN PROPERTY LINES. AND I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION OF THE RICHMOND HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION DISTRICT STREETScape REQUIREMENTS ALONG RICHMOND HIGHWAY AND EAST LEE AVENUE, IN FAVOR OF THAT SHOWN ON THE GENERALIZED DEVELOPMENT PLAN. AND I ALSO MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF A DEVIATION FROM THE TREE PRESERVATION TARGET REQUIREMENT TO THAT SHOWN ON THE GDP. I NEXT MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF A WAIVER OF THE MINIMUM LOT WIDTH REQUIREMENT. AND FINALLY, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF A WAIVER OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE SERVICE DRIVE REQUIRED ALONG RICHMOND HIGHWAY.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Second by Mr. Litzenberger. Is there a discussion of them there motions? All those in favor of the motions as articulated by Mr. Flanagan, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

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Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(The motions carried by votes of 10-0-2 with Commissioners Donahue and Hall abstaining.)

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