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4:30 p.m. Item - SEA-81-C-081 - GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL
Centreville District

On Wednesday, September 11, 1991, the Planning Commission voted unanimously (Commissioner Strickland absent from the meeting) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve SEA-81-C-081, subject to the proposed development conditions dated August 28, 1991.

The Commission then voted unanimously (Commissioner Strickland absent from the meeting) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve modification of the transitional screening requirement along the periphery of the site in favor of the existing on-site vegetation.

The Planning Commission also voted unanimously (Commissioner Strickland absent from the meeting) to recommend that the Board waive the barrier requirement along the entire periphery of the site in favor of the existing fencing shown on the SEA plat.

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After Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: The public hearing is closed; recognized Mr. Bobzien.

Commissioner Bobzien: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As a former Boy Scout and Boy Scout Master, I'm very much in favor of this application and I think that it's important to point out that this was -- this fish was ready to fry several months ago but I -- but the neighbors had preferred that the lodge be located back to where it was originally approved and I think that it was very gracious of the Girl Scouts, and probably wise, for them to spend the additional time to accomplish that. But they have been very good citizens and they have -- and good neighbors, and they have gone out of their way to make sure that the neighborhood is happy with the plan. And apropos of that I'd like to make sure we get into the record a letter from Diane Dumas, the president of Berryland Farm Homeowners Association, in support of the proposal and also a letter from Thornton W. Burnet and Mary Elizabeth C. Burnet who also approve the application and speak to the good neighborliness of the Girl Scouts and bringing this plan to fruition. Mr. Chairman, I agree with the proposed development conditions that had been advanced tonight by the applicant. I think that for the reasons stated it is appropriate to make the changes that have been suggested. And I think that Mr. Hanlon hit on what I would call the fourth reason that it's probably appropriate to delete the requirement for the asphalt trail. And that is that along with the safety of these young women, it is probably best that they be able to enjoy the woods and the natural surrounding in a pristine a state as possible. And I don't think that that necessarily would accommodate the inclusion of an eight (8) foot asphalt trail. So, Mr. Chairman, for the reasons stated in the staff report, and for the reasons that we discussed tonight in regard to the proposed development conditions, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT THE BOARD APPROVE SEA-81-C-081, SUBJECT TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TONIGHT THAT ARE DATED AUGUST THE 28TH, 1991.

Commissioner Huber: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Ms. Huber and Mr. Hanlon. Is there a discussion of the motion?

Commissioner Hubbard: Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Murphy: Mr. Hubbard.

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Commissioner Bobzien: Mr. Chairman, for the --

Chairman Murphy: That's a separate motion, I think, when you get to that stage.

Commissioner Hubbard: I'm asking --

Commissioner Harsel: No, that's a condition.

Commissioner Bobzien: Since that is one of the development conditions, I think for the sake of consistency that thirty (30) months would be appropriate and I'll change it to thirty (30) months.

Chairman Murphy: All right. Discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it approve SEA-81-C-081, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? The motion carries. Mr. Bobzien.

Commissioner Bobzien: Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE A MODIFICATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL SCREENING ALONG THE ENTIRE PERIPHERY OF THE SITE IN FAVOR OF THE EXISTING VEGETATION ON THE SITE.

Commissioner Huber: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Hanlon, and Mrs. Huber. Discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? The motion carries. Mr. Bobzien.

Commissioner Bobzien: Mr. Chairman, lastly I recommend to the Board of Supervisors -- I recommend that the plan -- I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT IT APPROVE A WAIVER OF THE BARRIER REQUIREMENT ALONG THE ENTIRE PERIPHERY OF THE SITE IN FAVOR OF THE EXISTING FENCING SHOWN ON THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION AMENDMENT PLAT.

Commissioner Hanlon: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Discussion of the motion? All

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Chairman Murphy: Opposed? The motion carries. Thank you very much. Thank you Ms. Abrahamson. For all you ladies that are with us this evening, and gentlemen who work so well with the youth of the County, we appreciate the many hours of volunteer service that you provide. And you do a great job. And good luck with your new endeavors out there at the camp.

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(The motions passed unanimously with Commissioner Strickland absent from the meeting.)

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