



County of Fairfax, Virginia

**2014 Planning
Commission**

July 14, 2014

Peter F. Murphy, Jr.
Chairman
Springfield District

Russell M. Wolfe
4139 Halsted Street
Fairfax, VA 22033

Frank de la Fe
Vice Chairman
Hunter Mill District

**RE: FDPA 84-P-007-04 – Russell Wolfe
Springfield District**

Janet R. Hall
Secretary
Mason District

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

James R. Hart
Parliamentarian
At-Large

This will serve as your record of the Planning Commission's action on FDPA 84-P-007-04, an application by Russell Wolfe, LLC, in the Springfield District.

On Thursday, June 12, 2014, the Planning Commission voted 11-0 to approve FDPA 84-P-007-04 (Commissioner Litzenberger was absent from the meeting), subject to the development conditions dated May 28, 2014, as attached.

John C. Ulfelder
Dranesville District

Earl L. Flanagan
Mount Vernon District

Also attached for your information is a copy of the verbatim excerpt from the Planning Commission's action on this application. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Janyce N. Hedetniemi
At-Large

Ellen "Nell" Hurley
Braddock District

Sincerely,

John L. Litzenberger
Sully District

Jill G. Cooper, AICP
Executive Director

Kenneth A. Lawrence
Providence District

James T. Migliaccio
Lee District

Attachments (a/s)

Timothy J. Sargeant
At-Large

cc: Pat Herrity, Supervisor, Springfield District
Peter Murphy, Planning Commissioner, Springfield District
William O'Donnell, Planner, ZED, DPZ
June 12, 2014 Date File

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Assistant Director

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Planning Commission Meeting
June 12, 2014
Verbatim Excerpt

FDPA 84-P-007-04 – RUSSELL WOLF (Springfield District)

After Close of the Public Hearing

Vice Chairman de la Fe: The public hearing is closed; Mr. Murphy.

Commissioner Murphy: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Wolf, you caused a lot of controversy in the Springfield District in Fairfax County with this outrageous application. This is one of those application where you scratch your head and say, “Why is this even coming to the Planning Commission?” But Mr. Wolf desires to put a pergola – and you sent me to Google on that one because I didn’t know what it was – but it’s a trellis basically on his back deck. And it’s higher than what is normally accepted unless you have an application to approve – it’s over four feet or four feet high. So we had 12 citizens meetings on this. I’m sorry you didn’t show up to any of them. They were quite interesting, but actually – there’s no problem, obviously, with this application. So I WOULD MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVE FDPA 84-P-007-04, SUBJECT TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS CONTAINED APPENDIX 1 OF THE STAFF REPORT DATED MAY 28TH, 2014.

Commissioners Hall and Hedetniemi: Second.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Seconded by Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Hedetniemi. Any discussion?

Commissioner Hart: Mr. Chairman?

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Yes.

Commissioner Hart: Just a comment. I think that the reason we get a case like this is because this is a P-District and when we do a P-District, if we don’t anticipate what homeowners want to do, then they can’t do it. And they go to the counter and they – they have a problem. And something very slight like this – above the railing – turns a deck into an addition. And they won’t get a building permit. So when we do a P-District – and staff can help us – we have to make sure that customary homeowner projects which don’t bother anybody can be done without a homeowner having to file an FDPA to put some boards above a railing on their deck. It’s – we have to catch these before the P-District approval. Thank you.

Commissioner Murphy: And I – I can admit –

Vice Chairman de la Fe: I agree with you.

Commissioner Murphy: -quite frankly, I had no idea he was going to do this when it was –

Commissioner Hall: You didn’t tell him?

Commissioner Murphy: Well, it was actually in the Providence District at the time.

Commissioner Lawrence: Well, I thought –

Vice Chairman de la Fe: We're on verbatim.

Commissioner Lawrence: I thought a pergola was a carbonated energy drink.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Never mind. Any further discussion? Hearing and seeing none, please signify saying aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Opposed? The motion carries.

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(The motion carried by a vote of 11-0. Commissioner Litzenberger was absent from the meeting.)

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