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JOINT FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION

7:00 PM, Thursday, January 19, 2017
1st Floor Conference Room
Navy League Building (2300 Wilson Blvd., Arlington VA 22201)

MEETING SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theodore Black
Matthew De Ferranti
Jerry Gidner
Eric Goldstein
Angelika Goodman
Joseph Leitmann-Santa Cruz
Todd McCracken
Devanshi Patel
Sue Robinson
William Ross
Katie Rouse
Gabriel Rubalcava
Rachel Silberman
Laura Simpson
Cicely Whitfield
Steve Young

Chair: Ginger Brown
Vice Chair: Greg Greeley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janine Velasco, Susan Cunningham

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Fioretti, Zach Larnard, Stephen MacIsaac, Jennifer Smith, Bryna Helfer, Lynne Porfiri, Lisa Maher, George May

GUESTS: Arlington County Board Vice Chair Katie Cristol, Rodney Turner

1. Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order by Ginger Brown, JFAC Chair at 7:00 PM; quorum present.
- Chair Ginger Brown and Vice Chair Greg Greeley welcomed the new commission and provided a brief personal introduction.
- Special guest County Board Vice Chair Katie Cristol thanked the commissioners for volunteering to serve. She underscored the importance of the commission's work in engaging the community and for its role in bringing a county wide view in addressing the County's facility needs.



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- The Chair invited each commission member, staff, and members of the public to introduce themselves.
2. **Public Comment**
 - Three members of the public provided public comment.
 3. **JFAC Charge and Responsibilities**
 - The Chair provided an overview of the Commission's charter.
 - Arlington County Attorney Stephen Maclsaac discussed advisory board rules and code of ethics.
 - If Commissioners have questions about their individual situation they should contact Jennifer Fioretti or the County Attorney's Office directly for further guidance.
 - Other items discussed were the annual disclosure form, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the definition of a public meeting including the specific circumstances when electronic meetings are permitted and the required content of meeting minutes.
 4. **Background and Community Facilities Study**
 - The Chair discussed ground rules for the Commission.
 - Jennifer Smith, Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development presented an overview of the Arlington County Community Facilities Study (CFS).
 - It was announced that there is an upcoming Joint County and School Board work session on January 24, 2017 regarding demographics. The Chair encouraged members to attend as this information is relevant to JFAC's work.
 5. **Overview of Arlington County Use Determination Process**
 - The Chair presented an overview of the Arlington County Use Determination Process. She noted that it is a four phase process, but that the process is not necessarily intended to be followed sequentially.
 - Members inquired about the type of public engagement, asking that the Commission consider perspectives of individuals whose first language is not English.
 6. **Next Steps/Work Plan/Subcommittees**
 - The Vice Chair provided an overview of the two special projects, Buck and Carlin Springs that the County Board has tasked the Commission with evaluating over the next six months. He noted that the County must make a decision on the purchase of the Buck site by November. The Commission will want to make recommendations on the potential uses for the Buck site as well as at the Arcland site on Shirlington Road. The Vice Chair also provided an overview of the Virginia Hospital Center (VHC) / Carlin Springs / Lee Highway / 16th Street North potential land swap. He noted that the County may elect to either take cash for the value of the Edison property that VHC will purchase or VHC land, or a combination of both. That decision needs to be made in June 2017 timeframe.
 - At the February commission meeting the Chair will create two subcommittees, which are committees of the whole, to focus on the Buck and Carlin Springs projects.
 - Commissioners asked about the need to look at these two projects first before evaluating the County's larger long term needs. The Chair noted that the Commission's charter includes special projects. The County Board has tasked the Commission with focusing on these two projects immediately. The Chair provided an overview of the draft work plan for the next six months.
 - The group discussed the importance of a robust engagement process. Arlington County Assistant County Manager Bryna Helfer provided initial ideas for a draft plan which will be shared and discussed in further detail at the February meeting. Members expressed interest in ensuring a



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communication strategy that includes outreach to as many people as possible to educate the community on what the JFAC is doing and the related challenges.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.