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

Meeting #5
 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 27, 2017
 Key Elementary School Library
 2300 Key Blvd., Arlington VA 22201

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

JFAC:

Greg Greeley
 Ginger Brown
 Angelika Goodman
 Cicely Whitfield
 Devanshi Patel
 Jerry Gidner
 Rachel Silberman
 Steve Young
 Sue Robinson
 Rodney Turner

County Staff:

Jill Griffin-AED
 Jennifer Fioretti-DPR
 Bryna Helfer-CMO
 Michelle Cowan-CMO
 Brett Wallace-CPHD
 Kris Krider-CPHD
 Allison Blanchard-DES
 June Locker-DES
 Michelle Congdon-DES
 Tim O’Hora-DES

APS Staff:

Zach Larnard
 Ben Burgin
 Lisa Stengle

Other:

Meeting Summary

Welcome

Greg Greeley (GG) provided an overview of the agenda.

Minutes

GG presented the meeting minutes from April 6, 2017 to the subcommittee. The minutes were approved with one amendment by Rodney Turner (RT) to change “the community has the say...” to “the community has a say..” on page two.

Tier 1 Use Consideration Analysis

GG presented the Tier 1 Use Consideration Analysis to the subcommittee. This analysis applied the Tier 1 Use Considerations to the Facility Needs 10 Years, + and if they passed or failed the various Carlin Springs sites. He highlighted the 16th Street N sites to indicate that none of the needs could be accommodated. The 16th Street N sites were removed from consideration.

Jennifer Fioretti (JF) indicated that the new elementary school should have shown as “pass” on the Carlin Springs site.

The subcommittee asked clarifying questions about the placement and needs for the elementary school to Zach Larnard (ZL). Lisa Stengle (LS) of APS reiterated that no decision has been made about the high school. She invited members of the subcommittee to participate in an upcoming (May 3) meeting.

JF provided a more detailed explanation as to how the considerations were applied and pass/fail scores were documented. Steve Young (SY) asked about the ability to carve out part of the land at Carlin Springs to accommodate existing uses. JF clarified that the current agreement with Virginia Hospital Center would prohibit that option.

GG called the question to accept the Tier 1 Use Consideration Analysis and hearing no objection, the subcommittee accepted.

Sue Robinson (SR) noted that the meeting date on the agenda should read May 4, 2017 and not May 5.

What Fits Activity Part 1 - Schemes

GB provided a quick synopsis of lessons learned from the Buck subcommittee: not an exercise in maximization; space out uses to accommodate complementary uses; take time to think through scenarios.

SY asked about topography and whether it had to remain as is or could there be some cut and fill. The answer is the latter. GB suggested that this may play into the short-term/low-cost v. long-term/high-cost discussions.

GB also suggested that the subcommittee think about noise, buffers, etc. as well as considering general themes or ideas for each scheme.

Kris Krider (KK) provided an overview of the exercise.

What Fits Activity Part 1 - Strawman

The subcommittee came back to review the 11 schemes that were developed (1 Lee Highway and 10 Carlin Springs). These schemes may be found in a supplemental document.

There were a couple of themes that were identified.

- Stay away from the natural area
- Fields make sense near the natural area (grass)
- Turf fields with lighting
- Buildings at the top of the site – closer to the road for buffers
- Bus parking could provide land banking
- Stacking the various uses is expensive – long-term option

Devanshi Patel (DP) stated that she understands the urgency but wants to make certain we are not taking a band-aid approach. Provide an element of cost/time analysis.

GB stated the possibility of reusing buildings at Buck. SR reiterated that it is a 30-40 year time horizon and Jerry Gidner (JG) stated that within that horizon the cost calculus may flip.

DP stated that it would be a wasted opportunity for just a field and that such a use would be hard to undo. The subcommittee spent some time speaking about fields and GB stated that there is the on-going POPS study (Public Spaces Master Plan update initiative) and JF stated that this update would state where parks/fields are needed. There was general agreement within the subcommittee that certain uses are hard to take away. Rachel Silberman (RS) pointed out that it can be just as hard to place uses (i.e. bus parking) and not readily relocated.

SY stated that there was general opinion from the broader community to get the land.

DP suggested that back-of-house operations may be more appropriate at Carlin Springs. SR stated that it is challenging to have something where it has never been and that there will be some level of outcry. Need to balance.

SY stated that on the bus tour it was clear that there was no master plan for the Trades Center and that space was being used inefficiently. There may be an ability to start to rectify.

There was subcommittee discussion around APS needs, forecasting and trends and how this relates back to the priorities.

Announcements and Public Comment

There were no public comments.

GG reminded the subcommittee of the APS HS discussion on Wednesday, May 3.

Meeting adjourned.