

HOUSING COMMISSION

APPROVED MEETING NOTES – July 9, 2020

| Attendance | | | |
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| | Present | | Present |
| Arthur, Ben | X | Serfis, Karen | X |
| Berkey, Eric | X | Sims, Charles | X |
| Blank, Rolf | | | |
| Bray, Holly | X | Staff: | |
| Browne, Paul | X | Franklin, Joel | X |
| Edwards, Laura Saul | X | Planning Comm. Liaison: | |
| Gee, Evelyn | X | | |
| Hogan, Alice | X | | |
| Montgomery, Anika | X | Disability Advisory Comm Liason | |
| Norris, Haley | X | Ray, Doris | X |
| Quist, Dannielle | X | | |

Held in: Virtual public meeting held through electronic communication. This meeting was recorded and is available on the Housing Commission website.

Other Staff Present: Melissa Danowski and Akeria Brown of the Housing Division, Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development (CPHD) and Matt Mattauszek of the Planning Division, CPHD.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of Notes

Laura Saul Edwards moved approval of the February 13, 2020 notes, Evelyn Gee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Columbia Pike Neighborhoods Form Based Code Cash Contribution Housing Amendment

The Commission supports the amendment because, while there is an affordable housing requirement for residential projects, there is not currently an affordable housing requirement for a non-residential project. In limited instances, the N-FBC allows a limited set of commercial uses which were deemed appropriate in helping achieve the vision previously established for the commercial nodes. Should those sites redevelop, it is possible that a developer could propose a non-residential project, creating a scenario which currently remains unaddressed by the N-FBC affordable housing requirement. Adoption of this amendment would close a gap in which all new N-FBC developments, regardless of their proposed use, would contribute to the creation or preservation of affordable housing.

The Commission advises the County Board to adopt the ordinance to amend, reenact, and re-codify the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance to allow for a cash contribution into the AHIF in limited instances when the proposed N-FBC development includes commercial uses. The Commission vote on the motion was 9-2-1. Members in favor are Mr. Berkey, Ms. Bray, Mr. Browne, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Gee, Ms. Hogan, Ms. Montgomery, Ms. Norris, and Ms. Serfis, with Mr. Arthur and Ms. Quist against

and Mr. Sims abstaining. Mr. Arthur voted against the motion because he feels there is not sufficient office space along Columbia Pike and that this will be a disincentive to commercial development. Ms. Quist voted against the motion because she feels this will be destructive to commercial businesses and will have a great impact on small businesses being able to afford rents. She is opposed to bringing these requirements into the N-FBC.