Airpark Liaison Committee Meeting

August 30, 2000

Members Present Members Absent

G. McLeod Ann Swain M. Atz J. Geiger M. Kaminsky E. Casey N. Maskal Nancy Shenk M. Lilley

R. Wilson J. Simkins

H. Layer Other

R. Arkoian Doug McNeeley

D. Gray Fred Boyd, Park and Planning K. Clarke Steve Federline, Park and Planning

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Howard Layer at 4:00 p.m.

Real Estate Disclosure Form

An incident was reported by the airpark manager about invalid disclosure information concerning the volume of traffic and the proximity of the airpark to a new housing development. Doug McNeeley, Airpark Manager, has asked Consumer Affairs to investigate. Planning Board Staff informed the committee that disclosure information is available on record plats at Park and Planning and at all locations where record plats are kept. This information is disclosed for the entire surrounding area of the airpark.

Fred Boyd, from Park and Planning, displayed a detailed map of the Redland Park Area (where the incident occurred). One hundred-seventy residential units are planned to be built at this location under cluster development. Potomac Investment Corporation is the developer. A motion was made and approved to send a letter to the developer concerning the incident with a copy to Planning Board Chair, Bill Hussmann. The Committee Chair, Howard Layer, agreed to write the letter.

Upper Rock Creek Master Plan

Fred Boyd briefed the committee on the Planning Board's work on the Upper Rock Creek Master Plan. The Planning Board is in the midst of redoing the master plan. The Plan will probably be ready to be sent to the Council at the beginning of next year. An advisory committee meets once a month on the master plan with Planning Board Staff. Planning Staff stated that language will be included about the Airpark in the revised master plan. Doug McNeeley offered to provide updated information about the airpark to Planning Staff.

The Webb Tract

Nellie Maskal and Steve Federline discussed the possibilities for development of the Webb Tract as a regional park in the mid-county area. The Webb Tract is needed to provide better access to the Green Farm Conservation Park. One of the options would be to acquire a portion of the Webb tract and merge it with the Green Farm property. This option would allow the access road to be relocated on the Webb Tract. Another option would be to purchase the entire 130-acre Webb Tract. Because of the proximity of the Webb Tract to the Airpark, the Committee is concerned about high activity uses for this land. Committee members suggested that the land remain undeveloped. It was suggested and agreed that a letter be written to the Planning Board stating the committee's position.

Extend Term of the Committee

The committee unanimously agreed to ask the Council to extend its term for at least another 18 months or more. Committee members feel that the committee provides a useful forum for communication between the airpark management and its day-to-day operations and the residents of the surrounding neighborhoods. Council Staff will prepare for the Council a resolution to extend the term. Also, included in the resolution will be a request to appoint Doug McNeeley as an official member to the Committee.

New Chair

Committee members agreed to appoint a new chairman once the Council approves the request to extend the committee's term.

Other

Mrs. Arkoian circulated an article written in the Eastgate Express Newsletter regarding complaints about airpark noise. As mentioned in the article Doug McNeeley is working with the Eastgate Homes Corporation members to resolve the issue. It was suggested that the representatives from Eastgate Homes be invited to a committee meeting. Howard Layer offered to write a letter inviting them to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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