

Board of Supervisors Land Use Policy Committee

May 25, 2021

Government Center Board Auditorium

Board of Supervisors (Board) Members present:

Jeff McKay, Chairman
Penelope Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman)
James Walkinshaw, Braddock District
John Foust, Dranesville District
Walter Alcorn, Hunter Mill District
Rodney Lusk, Lee District
Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District
Dalia Palchik, Providence District
Pat Herrity, Springfield District
Kathy Smith, Sully District (Committee Chair)

The Land Use Policy Committee (Committee) meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.

The summary of the March 16, 2021, Committee meeting was accepted.

Localized Flooding Policy for Infill Development:

Mat Hansen, Branch Chief, Plan Review and Inspections – Residential Infill Development, Land Development Services (LDS) presented a proposed drainage policy regarding Infill Lot Grading (INF) plans. Mr. Hansen described current challenges with in regulating stormwater runoff from development activities, focusing on single-family home development and associated INF Plans. He highlighted an upcoming Technical Bulletin from the LDS which will clarify expectations of our current regulations and provided plan preparers new County-standard stormwater detention design details intended to improve the speed, predictability, and consistency of the design and review process for stormwater detention on INF plans.

Supervisor Alcorn asked about the percentage of INF developments that would now be subject to detention. Mr. Hansen said he would perform an analysis and provide a precise number. With the consensus of the Committee, staff will move forward with the policy as described.

Reston Data Visualization:

Beth Elliott, Urban Centers Section, Department of Planning and Development, presented the Reston Data Visualization webpages [Reston Transportation Data Hub \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com) published in January 2021.

Ms. Elliott introduced the new reporting tool while displaying the landing page and the transportation story map. She provided a high-level overview of the data presented in the story

map, explained the beneficial shift in approach compared to static documents, and highlighted the coordination efforts between agencies to produce the visualization components.

Ms. Elliott concluded the presentation by mentioning the upcoming visualization pieces planned for Reston and the shift to this format for the Tysons Annual Report, published in the fall.

Several Board members provided comments particularly related to the benefits it provides for constituents as a means to access information as well as view and interact with the data.

Confederate Names Primary Road Recommendations:

Tom Biesiadny, Director, Fairfax County Department of Transportation presented the process for changing the names of primary and secondary roads and subdivision names. Mr. Biesiadny stated the presentation is in response to request for additional information from the Committee at the February meeting.

Mr. Biesiadny provided a description of the process to change neighborhood street and subdivision names. Changing secondary street names requires a petition, signed by 51% of the property owners along the street, and a one-time fee for the cost of the name change, submitted to LDS. Changing a subdivision name requires a deed of correction submitted by the property owners' association or properly authorized entity. Additional information can be found on the LDS website at: [Addressing and Street Names | Land Development Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#).

The Lee Highway and Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway staff work group has prepared a recommendation for the formation of a Task Force to evaluate if the names of Lee Highway and Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway should be changed, and if so, what should be the new names. The Task Force will have 25-30 members representing a broad range of interested individuals and organizations and make a recommendation to the Board. The Task Force should include public hearing and other outreach efforts, such as surveys. Staff is also recommending a facilitator be appointed to assist the Task Force with discussions.

Proposed schedule is for Board approval of Task Force membership and Chair at the July 13 Board meeting, with the first Task Force meeting in late July. The recommendations of the Task Force would be due in December, with a Board public hearing and decision in early 2022.

In addition, during the effort, staff realized there are also Planning Sectors in the Comprehensive Plan with Confederate names. Staff will be working with the Board regarding changing those names.

Discussion ensued with several comments and questions.

Chairman McKay asked about coordination with other jurisdictions regarding the name potential name changes, as these are regional roads, and the process and costs associated with changing a

primary road. Mr. Biesiadny stated the county has been in contact with surrounding jurisdictions regarding the various efforts. If the Board is to request the Commonwealth Transportation Board change the primary road names, the Board would be required to provide a commitment to pay for the cost.

Supervisor Gross asked about the membership of the Task Force, including making sure the Park Authority is represented.

Supervisor Walkinshaw commented that the fact that multiple road names exist now is confusing. He would like a naming plan that simplifies the names across jurisdictions.

Supervisor Alcorn asked if all roads have both a name and number, for example, Route 29 is also Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway. Mr. Biesiadny stated that the convention is all state roads have a designated number, but not necessarily an assigned name.

Supervisor Foust asked about the one-time cost a neighborhood would be expected to pay for changing a secondary street name. Paul Fernandez, Land Development Services, explained the cost would vary for each neighborhood and is dependent on the number of street signs that would have to be replaced. The cost per sign ranges from approximately \$115 to \$205.

Supervisor Palchik clarified that that process is for the Task Force to develop recommendation on the name, but the final decision will be made by the Board.

With the concurrence of the Committee, staff will proceed with the Task Force as proposed.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.