PLANNING COMMUNICATOR

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LAND USE ACTIONS

During the 2nd quarter of Fiscal Year 2021 the Planning Commission acted on **60** applications; affording 81 citizens an opportunity to speak at the 10 public hearings held. The district with the highest number of applications considered was the Mason District with 12 applications acted upon.



COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Land Use Process Review (LUPR) Committee

On October 1st, the Committee received a presentation from the Zoning Administration's staff on the Proposed 2020 Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project (zMOD). Staff also reviewed updates on the following sections: Industrial Uses, Residential Uses, Accessory Uses, and Temporary Uses.

On October 22nd, the Zoning Administration staff gave a presentation to the Committee and provided updates to the Proposed 2020 Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project (zMOD). Staff reviewed and discussed Agricultural and Related Uses, Public, Industrial, Community, and Commercial Uses. Staff also presented updates on Goods Distribution Hubs, administration procedures, and enforcement.

Met on November 18th electronically due to the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee received a presentation from the Fairfax County Land Development Services' staff on an overview of the Site-Specific Plan Amendment Process (SSPA).

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Housing Committee

On October 8th, the Committee was constituted. Commissioner Julie Strandlie was elected Chairman and Commissioner Candice Bennett was elected Vice Chairman. The Committee received a presentation from the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development on affordable housing in Fairfax County. Staff and the Committee discussed various housing needs to include seniors, families with small children, people with disabilities, and employee housing near job sites.

Met on December 10th electronically due to the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee received a presentation from the the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development and the Housing and Community Development on the Draft Text of Plan Amendment 2020-CW-2CP, Housing Element and Workforce Dwelling Unit (WDU) Policy. Staff and the Committee discussed proposed amendment changes plan.

Environment Committee

On October 15th, the Environment Committee was constituted, with Mary Cortina elected as Chairman and Andres Jimenez elected as Vice Chairman. Staff from the Department of Land and Development Services gave a presentation on the Resource Protection Area (RPA) Planting Density Requirements for the Public Facilities Manual. The Committee also discussed potential topics for future meetings which included Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification, Green Initiatives, Solar and Geothermal, Car Charging, Salt Management, and Stormwater best practices.

Tysons Committee

On November 5th, the Committee was constituted with Commissioner Philip Niedzielski-Eichner elected as Chairman and Commissioner John Ulfelder elected as Vice Chairman. Staff presented an overview of the Tysons 2019-2020 Annual Report. The Committee also discussed Tysons' Comprehensive Plan Completion and Implementation and its progress in the community.