

AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE BUILDING A CONFERENCE ROOM AT 4 P.M. ON THE 28th DAY OF JANUARY TWO THOUSAND NINE.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Jack Fraley
Mr. Rich Krapf
Mr. Joe Poole
Mr. Billups

STAFF

Ms. Ellen Cook
Ms. Leanne Reidenbach
Ms. Sarah Propst-Worthley

MINUTES

Following a motion by Mr. Fraley, seconded by Mr. Poole, the DRC approved the minutes with amendments from the January 6, 2009 meeting.

S-0031-2007- McFARLIN PARK NECK-O-LAND ROAD SIDEWALK WAIVER

Ms. Leanne Reidenbach presented the staff report stating that Mr. Henry Stephens of Associated Developers had applied for a waiver to not construct sidewalk along Neck-O-Land Road for the McFarlin Park subdivision. The subdivision was before the DRC because Section 24-35(c) requires DRC approval for sidewalk waivers provided the request meets certain criteria. Staff recommended that the DRC approve the sidewalk waiver provided that the applicant installs a soft-surface path between lots internal to the development and the Jamestown Road sidewalk in a mutually agreeable location.

Mr. Poole asked if there had been any citizen concerns and Ms. Reidenbach said she had not been contacted. Mr. Stephens noted that the sidewalk would be disconnected and require additional tree clearing.

Mr. Fraley asked if the connection between the development and the Jamestown Road sidewalk was required to be shown on the master plan. Ms. Reidenbach noted that that requirement did not apply in this circumstance since the waiver met the provision in Section 24-35(c)(1).

Mr. Krapf asked if any member of the public would like to make a comment on the waiver request.

Mr. Jay Jackson, 212 Neck-O-Land Road, discussed the sidewalk requirement, waiver request, and the overall McFarlin Park development plan with Mr. Krapf and Mr. Fraley and concluded

that he was opposed to the installation of sidewalk along Neck-O-Land Road. He also noted that he did not see the need for the sidewalk along Jamestown Road either.

Ms. Barbara Little, 257 Neck-O-Land Road, commented that she was also opposed to the installation of sidewalk because it does not connect to anything and would become a neighborhood safety hazard.

Mr. Gerald Mepham, 275 Neck-O-Land Road, said he was also against installation of the sidewalk and noted that when other developments along the road were required to dedicate right-of-way to widen the road and add sidewalks, most of the neighbors were in opposition to improvements and piece-meal sidewalk installation.

Mr. Fraley encouraged the applicant to minimize clearing to the extent possible on the entire site. Mr. Stephens said that most of the lots would be left wooded and there was minimal clearing and grading required for the BMP.

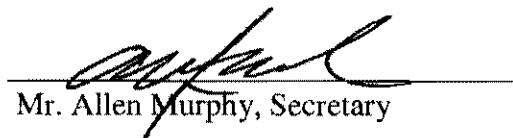
Ms. Little and Ms. Reidenbach clarified that a soft-surface path would only be provided from the development to Jamestown Road and not to Neck-O-Land Road.

Mr. Poole moved to approve the sidewalk waiver as it would preserve the historic right-of-way, reduce tree clearing, and not create a safety hazard. Mr. Fraley amended the motion to include installation of the soft-surface trail subject to agency comments and seconded it. The DRC unanimously approved the sidewalk waiver request (4-0).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.


Mr. Rich Krapf, Chairman


Mr. Allen Murphy, Secretary