

AGENDA
JAMES CITY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Building A Large Conference Room
101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA23185
May 25, 2016
4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Present:

Mr. Heath Richardson
Mr. Rich Krapf
Ms. Robin Bledsoe

Absent:

Mr. Chris Basic
Mr. Tim O'Connor

Staff Present:

Paul Holt, Acting Director
Roberta Sulouff, Planner
Alex Baruch, Planner

Mr. Heath Richardson called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

C. MINUTES

1. April 27, 2016 Minutes

Mr. Krapf made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2016 meeting.
The minutes were approved 3-0.

D. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Richardson acknowledged policy drafts that could be discussed if other members felt they needed to be addressed, no issues were raised by other members.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. C-0037-2016, Natural Resources and Farm Link Center, Community Gardens

Ms. Roberta Sulouff presented the staff report stating that Mr. Bryan Noise had applied on behalf of the Colonial Soil and Water Conservation District to construct approximately 3 acres of 10' x 20' community garden plots within the Dominion power line easement adjacent to Wanner Stadium and Warhill High School. Ms. Sulouff noted that this would be the first phase of a multiphase project for a community agricultural center. Given that the proposed use is not shown on the adopted master plan for the Warhill Sports Complex, a consistency determination by the DRC is required. Staff recommends that the DRC find this application consistent with that adopted master plan.

Mr. Krapf asked if there was anything indicating that there would be a problem with utilizing the land in the future, should parking be necessary.

Ms. Sulouff responded that there would not be.

Ms. Robin Bledsoe asked if the Parks and Rec area, specifically the pool, had any relevance in the matters they were discussing.

Mr. Holt responded it did not and that they were separate areas.

Mr. Richardson noted the convenient location of the easement for additional parking for the sports complex, and asked if other locations could be considered for the community garden.

Ms. Sulouff responded that because of the non-intensive use of the garden plots, a future parking expansion would be possible if necessary. She stated that this location was considered ideal because no clearing would be required and soil amendment was already underway.

Mr. Richardson asked if there was a banner advertising the future community garden.

Ms. Sulouff replied affirmatively. She stated that the project already had approval to use the land through the licensing agreement made with the county as well as approval from Dominion to use the land, but that the project still needed to be approved as being consistent with the adopted master plan.

Mr. Thomas clarified that the only work completed so far was initial soil amendment work and the planting of some grass and wildflowers.

Ms. Bledsoe asked if this project would interfere with the possibility of constructing the community fieldhouse.

Mr. Holt replied that the fieldhouse could not be constructed within the easement.

Ms. Bledsoe asked how individuals would gain access to the plots.

Ms. Sulouff stated that the Colonial Soil and Water District will be handling administration of who uses the plots, most likely on a first come first serve basis, but because of size of this project they did not believe this would be an issue.

Ms. Bledsoe asked who would be monitoring the use of fertilizer and water usage in the gardens, citing the strict regulations over fertilizer type.

Mr. Thomas replied that the Conservation District would oversee this issue.


Mr. Krapf noted a non-discrimination clause at the end of the current draft noting that selection would be above the board, and was not concerned over fairness issues. Mr. Krapf also noted that he saw the possibility of incorporating an educational aspect of future phases of the project with Warhill High School.

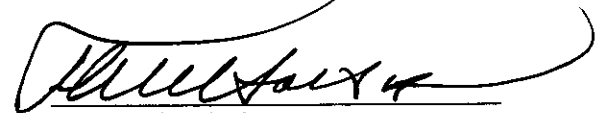
Ms. Sulouff replied that she believed one of the long term goals of the project was to incorporate a vocational aspect with all area high school students.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to find the project consistent with the Warhill Sports Complex Master Plan. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Richardson then motioned to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:32 p.m.


Mr. Heath Richardson, Chairman


Mr. Paul Holt, Secretary