Minutes Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee June 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. Present were:

Committee members:

Mr. Neil Albert, Chair

Ms. Elizabeth Hewlett, Vice Chair

Mr. Jim Graham

Mr. Peter Benjamin

Mrs. Catherine Hudgins

Mr. Christopher Zimmerman

Mr. Gordon Linton

Mr. Jeff McKay

Mr. Anthony Giancola

Mr. Albert moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the Committee convene in Executive Session at 9:13 a.m. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The Committee meeting reconvened in Public Session at 9:26 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Albert moved, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, to approve the May 14, 2009 minutes as submitted. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Action Items

A. Lease of Easement Rights at Shaw-Howard University Station

Mr. Albert moved, seconded by Mr. Linton, to approve a lease to Broadcast Center Partners, LLC with an option to purchase various easement rights from Metro at the Shaw-Howard University Metrorail station north entrance. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

B. Approval to Hold a Public Hearing for Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage

Mr. McKay moved approval, seconded by Mr. Giancola and the motion was approved unanimously to authorize staff to conduct a Public Hearing for a new bus facility at Cinder Bed Road.

C. Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Montgomery County for Wheaton Redevelopment

Mr. Benjamin moved approval, seconded by Mr. McKay and the Committee voted unanimously in favor to authorize staff to include Metro properties at Wheaton Station in a Montgomery County solicitation similar to Metro's Request for Qualifications process in which a developer is selected to help plan an ultimate redevelopment, and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Montgomery County defining the basic ground rules under which the Metro property would be included.

Information Item

A. Bus Facility Plan

Staff described the current bus garage conditions, capacity concerns and current actions and opportunities for short-and long-term growth.

After extensive discussion, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by Mr. Graham, to make this information item an action item. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Linton, to (1) hold a public hearing on the Cinder Bed Road replacement facility for Royal Street bus garage; (2) initiate and award contracts for the demolition and site cleanup of the DC Village site once site acquisition is finalized; (3) for the General Manager to develop a long range plan for bus facilities to meet the needs for rehabilitation, replacement and bus service expansion; and (4) for the General Manager to provide a request for resources to accomplish the tasks identified herein and with the bus facility plan. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. McKay moved to amend Mr. Graham's motion, seconded by Mr. Graham, to include that staff issue a solicitation to the private development community for the replacement, joint development or other proposals with the intent of relocating bus operations from the Northern facility. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.