

Minutes

1324th Special Meeting of the Board of Directors November 8, 2007

Ms. Hewlett called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. Present were:

Directors

Ms. Elizabeth Hewlett
Mr. Jim Graham
Mr. Peter Benjamin
Mr. Emeka Moneme

Alternate Directors

Mr. Gordon Linton
Mrs. Catherine Hudgins
Mr. Marcell Solomon
Mr. Tony Giancola

Staff

Mr. John B. Catoe, Jr.
Mr. Jeffery Delinski
Mr. Gerald Francis
Ms. Helen Lew

Ms. Carol O'Keeffe
Mr. Shiva Pant
Mr. Chuck Woodruff
Mr. Calvin Skinner

Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Hewlett moved, seconded by Mr. Moneme, that the agenda be approved. The agenda was approved as submitted.

Administrative Actions

Other Items

1. Approval of Takoma Station Staff Report

Approval of the Final Public Hearing Staff Report for the Takoma Station; amendment of the Takoma Station General Plans to include bus facilities, and parking and access changes, including a 121-space garage; and amendment of the Adopted Regional System plan for the Takoma station to include the above changes; and First Amendment to the Purchase, Sale, and Development Agreement.

Mr. Benjamin stepped back to allow Mr. Linton to vote. Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Moneme, approval of this action. Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, to amend the motion to add the following to the resolution: *Resolved, that the D.C. Office of Planning, as part of the District's PUD process, consider the Montgomery County alternative on the Takoma Metrorail station as it relates to pedestrian safety and handicapped access.*

Mr. Linton stated Montgomery County's support for the development. Ms. Hewlett stated that Governor O'Malley met with Mayor Porter of Takoma Park; representatives of Takoma Park; Maryland Department of Transportation's Secretary Procaro met with the developer, EYA; members of the District of Columbia; representatives of Takoma Park; and County Executive Ike Leggett. After these meetings, Secretary Procaro went back to EYA and extracted a good faith promise from the developer to work with Takoma Park and the issues that had been raised by Montgomery County, particularly on pedestrian access and access for people with disabilities. Ms. Hewlett called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 5 – Ms. Hewlett, Mr. Graham, Mr. Linton, Mrs. Hudgins, and Mr. Moneme


Ms. Hewlett called for a vote on the main motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 5 – Ms. Hewlett, Mr. Graham, Mr. Linton, Mrs. Hudgins, and Mr. Moneme

A copy of the approved Resolution (2007-46) has been made a part of the official file.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.



Leen'da Chambliss, Acting Board Secretary