

PRINCESS ANNE DISTRICT FORUM

March 23, 2017

Notes Provided by Preserve VB Residential Neighborhoods

On Thursday, March 23, 2017, Councilwoman Barbara Henley held her monthly forum to discuss matters affecting the City of Virginia Beach and Princess Anne District.

1. **Firearms Sales in Residential Zoning.** There has been an increase in requests for Conditional Use Permits to allow home sales of firearms. The state code will not allow a municipality, in this case Virginia Beach, to deny this type of business simply because firearms are being sold. The home businesses are the pick-up points for internet firearm sales. There can be no more than five such transactions in a month. The federal and state governments highly regulate this type of business. Several residents in attendance were concerned because the rights and concerns of people who live in these residential neighborhoods is not being taken into account. Since this is controlled by the state, Mrs. Henley is going to ask Delegate Barry Knight to attend an upcoming forum to discuss this matter.
2. **Proposed Hospice Facility.** A non-profit wants to build a hospice facility on the city-owned land adjacent to Red Robin restaurant on Upton Drive. This facility will be 12,000 square feet with 12 bedrooms and 12 bathrooms. Renderings were shown. The non-profit has been working with adjacent communities to address their concerns. In order to transfer the land, the City Council will require a super majority.
3. **Bikes and Trails Plan Update.** Wayne Wilcox discussed plans to update the 2011 Bikeways and Trails Plan. The City is seeking input on recommendations for this plan. A March 30 public meeting is planned. A survey on SurveyMonkey will be available soon. More information is available at www.vbgov.com/bikewalk.
4. **Princess Anne District Projects.**
 - a. Holland Road – VDOT says that it will meet the October 2017 completion date.
 - b. Princess Anne Middle School is scheduled to be demolished and a new school will be built on that site.
 - c. Kings Landing – Plans for this neighborhood are going forward and the City is working with the third developer who has owned this property.
5. **Interfacility Traffic Area (ITA) Plan Update.** The next round of stakeholder meetings will occur in late April or May. The ITA is an overlay district established to limit the development that is incompatible with frequent overflights by jet aircraft traveling between Oceana and Fentress fields.
6. **Airbnb/Short Term Rental Legislation.** The Governor signed legislation which will give the localities the ability to control short term rentals at a local level and ensure that the localities will be able to collect taxes. The City will need to bring its ordinances into compliance. They will work with the recommendations from the On-Line Home Sharing Ad Hoc committee which met last summer. Information is available at this link: <https://www.vbgov.com/residents/homes-neighborhoods/Pages/online-home-sharing-economy.aspx>
7. **Transit/Norfolk-Southern Corridor.** Last week, the City Council voted to repay the State the \$20M at one time (instead of installments) so that the City will be eligible for state transportation funding. The City will own and control what occurs in this corridor. The City needs input on recommendations as to what do regarding transit to address the needs for the future.
8. **Arena Project Update.** By early September, United States Management (USM) must have closed on the loan. The terms of the loan are private and therefore proprietary. The Developer has delivered a financing plan to the City. JP Morgan Chase is the lead lender. The loan amount will be \$150M with an additional \$70M in equity. The total amount will be

\$220M. AEG will operate the arena. The City will lease the land to USM for 60 years at a lease of \$1 per year. The City will be responsible for spending up to \$78M on infrastructure upgrades to support the arena. The City has also committed to providing 2700 parking spaces for the arena. Also, up to \$14.6M in tax incentives will be returned to the arena each year. Tax incentives include such things as real estate taxes, personal property taxes, amusement taxes, sales taxes, food taxes

9. ***High Speed Cable.*** NxtVn wants to create a new data center at Corporate Landing Industrial Park to link Virginia Beach to a data center park in the Netherlands. Currently, there are two landings in the US for cable that comes from Europe. One landing is in New York and the other is in Jacksonville, FL. Virginia Beach would be the only landing point on the Mid-Atlantic coast for transoceanic cable. The cable is coming in at Camp Pendleton and being placed underground along General Booth Boulevard. The company is looking into a possible second landing at the public beach by the market in Sandbridge. The cable would be routed along Sandbridge Road and up the Nimmo Parkway easement.

Planning Items before City Council on April 4:

- Bryant Winborne – Subdivision Variance, 2832 West Gibbs Road, Lot created by deed

Planning Items before City Council on April 18:

- Jenna Zimmerman – Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a home-based wildlife rehabilitation facility at 2108 Alwood Court. City Council is seeing more of these types of permits because many wildlife rehabilitators recently learned that they need a CUP
- LionHeart Alliance, LLC – CUPO for home occupation for firearm sales, 12 Daimler Drive

Planning Items before Planning Commission on April 12:

- Reed Enterprises, Inc – CUP for automobile repair garage at 3249 Dam Neck Road to add a paint booth to an existing automobile repair operation
- USF S&H Virginia – CUP for Indoor Recreation Facility at 1650 General Booth Blvd. One-Life Fitness proposed to occupy a portion of the former K'Mart building.

The next Princess Anne District Forum will be held on April 27, 2017 (fourth Thursday of the month) in Building 19 of the Municipal Center at 5:00 PM.

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