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Subject: FW: Agenda Item 15. Site Plan #2013-0010 - Dorn Building

From: Dave Levy [<mailto:bentbiking@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 3:19 PM
To: Jessica McVary
Subject: Agenda Item 15. Site Plan #2013-0010 - Dorn Building

Dear Planning Commission Members,
I have reviewed the Staff Report for Agenda Item 15. Site Plan #2013-0010 - Dorn Building. I support their recommendation for implementing the Green Building Policy. I do, however, propose that all the plantings (trees, shrubs, grasses, flowering plants, and other plant material) be native species for this eco-region. While the policy may allow other species that are appropriate for this eco-region, I would like to see the City emphasize native species.

Thank you for considering my recommendation. And I thank Jessica McVary for discussing this with me today.
Cordially,
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Subject: FW: Development Site Plan#2013-0101 - Howell Ave. - The Dorn Building

From: Kristen Gedeon [<mailto:kristengedeon@hotmail.com>]
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To: Duncan Blair; Faroll Hamer
Cc: Jessica McVary; Danielle Fidler; Lisa Q; Sarah Haut; Dirk Geratz
Subject: Development Site Plan#2013-0101 - Howell Ave. - The Dorn Building

Good afternoon, Faroll and Jessica.

Over the weekend, the applicant worked with Ms. Windus and Mr. Bow and discussed measures to mitigate their concerns regarding trash on the site. A fence (in addition to landscaping) and screening for were agreed to. The neighbors believe the proposal is a positive step and are supportive of the application but have no plans at this time to speak at the Planning Commission meeting (though they will attend) or send a letter.

Ms. Windus indicated she was not familiar with other neighbor's views except for one neighbor who has many concerns and she believed has presumably expressed them to the City.

Since this is a spec building, it remains to be seen what type of business will lease the space. The DRCA LUC looks forward to further discussions with the applicant and the community as the project moves forward.

In light of the applicant's concerted effort to work with Ms. Windus and Mr. Bow, who are adjacent to the site, the DRC LUC withdraws its previous request to have the application deferred.

Cheers - Kristen Gedeon
Co-chair DRCA LUC

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Subject: Development Site Plan# 2013-0010; 519&521 E Howell Avenue – The Dorn Building

Dear Ms. Hamer,

The Del Ray Citizens (DRCA) Land Use Committee (LUC) would like the Planning Staff and the Planning Commission to consider deferring the Development Site Plan#2013-0010 application to the October docket to allow sufficient time for the community and DRCA to review the application.

At the July DRCA LUC meeting, the applicant informally discussed the project with the committee members and noted the application would be on the October docket. Since there was no application for the committee to review and we had the impression there would be time to review the application at the September LUC meeting, the committee did not discuss or vote on the project. At the time of the August LUC meeting, the LUC was not aware an application had been submitted or that the timing of the hearing had been accelerated from October to September.

The LUC review process consists of (1) appointing a lead reviewer to research the application, which includes contacting the applicant, the neighbors and the Staff reviewer, (2) inviting the applicant, neighbors and Staff to the LUC meeting to discuss the application and (3) reviewing and voting on the application. The accelerated review of the application has not allowed the LUC to perform its due diligence of the application.

Given the application was made in August when many people are on vacation and not available to review and provide feedback on applications, the LUC members feel a deferral would give citizens an opportunity to provide thoughtful feedback on the application. This end of Howell Avenue has felt the brunt of much of the development along Route 1 and has been impacted by increased traffic volume, the construction noise of Route 1/Potomac Yards/BRT and the development of a commercial site adjacent to the residential area should be given due consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristen K Gedeon
Co-Chair
Land Use Committee

cc:
Jessica McVary, Staff Reviewer
Dirk Geratz, Staff Reviewer
Kendra Jacobs, Administrative Supervisor

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