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**PLANNING COMMISSION
Work Session
August 08, 2022**

The Planning Commission of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, met in work session on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Herndon Municipal Building, Large Conference Room, 2nd floor, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia. In attendance were: Chairman Romeo, Vice Chair George Burke and Commissioners Paul LeReche, Mike McFarlane, and Meron Yohannes. Commissioners Jay Donahue and Kevin Moses were absent.

Others present during the meeting: Lesa Yeatts, Town Attorney; Lisa Gilleran, Director of Community Development; Bryce Perry, Deputy Director of Community Development; Dennis Holste, Economic Development Manager; and Aaron Zoellick, Assistant Town Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Romeo announced that Commissioners Donahue and Moses were not present for the work session.

1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Romeo stated that there were five Commissioners present, which constituted a quorum.

DISCUSSION

2. Economic Development Update

Chairman Romeo called on Dennis Holste for an Economic Development Update. Mr. Holste delivered a staff presentation dated August 8, 2022, which is on file in the Department of Community Development.

Commissioners commented and asked questions about various projects included in the Update. Mr. Holste responded to the Commissioners' comments and questions.

3. Establishing a Sense of Place within the Herndon Transit-Oriented Core

Chairman Romeo called on Lisa Gilleran for an update on Establishing a Sense of Place within the Herndon Transit-Oriented Core. Ms. Gilleran delivered a staff presentation dated August 8, 2022, which is on file in the Department of Community Development.

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Commissioners commented and asked questions about the Town's ability to set expectations of designs in the application process. Ms. Gilleran responded to the Commissioners' comments and questions.

4. Resolution, to Express the Planning Commission of the Town of Herndon's Appreciation to Paul C. LeReche for Dedicated Service

The Commissioners of the Planning Commission of the Town of Herndon recognized Commission Paul C. LeReche for his dedicated service.

[Below is the resolution.]

**RESOLUTION, TO EXPRESS THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
TOWN OF HERNDON'S APPRECIATION TO PAUL C.
LERECHE FOR DEDICATED SERVICE**

Whereas, in 1984, Mr. LeReche was appointed as the Architect Representative on the Building Board of Appeals, a board on which he continues to serve; and

Whereas, on September 13, 1988, Mr. LeReche was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals, serving until September 1, 1991, at which time he accepted appointment to the Architectural Review Board and Heritage Preservation Review Board; and

Whereas, Mr. LeReche served on the Architectural Review Board and Heritage Preservation Review Board until April 23, 2002, at which time he accepted appointment to the Town of Herndon Planning Commission; and

Whereas, while on the commission, Mr. LeReche took an active and influential role in a wide array of decisions, ranging from the redevelopment of the Herndon Lumber Site, the Day Work Assembly Site, Junction Square, Fairbrook, 555 Herndon Parkway, Parkview, Downtown Plan and Pattern Book, Herndon Metrorail Plan and Architectural and Urban Design Guidelines, South Elden Plan, adoption of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, 20 Capital Improvement Programs, and many other impactful land use matters, during which Mr. LeReche never avoided difficult decisions and always sought to provide fair and equitable recommendations; and

Whereas, as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, Mr. LeReche chaired the Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee, overcoming divisions and building consensus, and as Chair of the Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee, Mr. LeReche championed the Master Plan through the legislative process, ensuring the adoption of a plan that

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emphasizes traditional form and economic reality, which has led to significant private sector investment in the Downtown and the creation of a more vibrant community; and

Whereas, during his tenure on the Planning Commission Mr. LeReche took particular interest in championing nonmotorized forms of transportation, advocating for trails and cycling improvements to ensure a healthy, environmentally sustainable multimodal future for residents of the town; and

Whereas, in accord with his commitment to a multimodal future and an abiding interest in ensuring an attractive and active future transit-oriented gateway, Mr. LeReche advocated for excellence in design within the Herndon Metrorail Transit-Oriented Core and offered his service on the Transit-Oriented Growth Area Plan Steering Committee; and

Whereas, Mr. LeReche selflessly gave his time and talents to serve the town and its residents, and his detailed review of all matters brought before him, his architectural expertise, his respect for his colleagues, residents, applicants, and staff, and his desire to shape change for the better and create an attractive, functional, inclusive, and an economic, social, and environmentally sustainable future for current and future residents of Herndon, will be greatly missed by the town, and even more so by his fellow commissioners and staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, hereby expresses its deepest appreciation to **Paul C. LeReche** for thirty-eight years of dedicated service he so willingly provided to the residents of our town and looks forward to his continued involvement in our community, offers him our lasting friendship and wishes him nothing but joy and fulfillment in all of his future endeavors.

Commissioners and staff offered additional comments of appreciation to Commissioner LeReche.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF

Chairman Romeo called on Ms. Gilleran for comments. Ms. Gilleran announced that there is a Planning Commissioner training program coming up on September 8 and November 18, 2022. Commissioners interested in attending should contact Ms. Gilleran for more details.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Romeo called on the Commissioners for comments. There were no comments from the Commissioners.

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ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Vice Chair Burke, seconded by Commissioner McFarlane, and carried by a vote of 5-0, the August 8, 2022, Planning Commission work session was adjourned. The vote was: Commissioners LeReche, McFarlane, Yohannes, Vice Chair Burke, and Chairman Romeo voting "Aye." Commissioners Donahue, and Moses were absent.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



**Michael Romeo, Chairman
Planning Commission**



**Aaron Zoellick
Assistant Town Clerk**

Minutes approved by the Planning Commission: September 26, 2022