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Subject: Comprehensive Plan Changes - Approval by Board of Supervisors

Planning Commissioners --

I strongly recommend that you watch the videotape of the Board of Supervisors discussion and public hearing during their May 22, 2018 meeting in which they approved changes to the Comprehensive Plan covering renewable energy.

http://regionalwebtv.com/spotsylvaniabos/2018/0522.html

The Comp Plan discussion starts at 1:25 and lasts about 38 minutes. (see agenda item at right of screen to skip to Comp Plan topic)

I reviewed the videotape again today to remind myself of the discussion that took place prior to the BoS unanimous approval vote. I spoke at the public hearing on behalf of Concerned Citizens of Fawn Lake and Spotsylvania County about the input that we provided the Board of Supervisors for their consideration and discussion. We provided several recommendations on the specific language and scope of the Comp Plan changes. Our input was appreciated, but it was characterized as specific policy considerations and not appropriate for the high level Comp Plan. For example, we raised issues about the size, location and proximity solar power facilities, land use issues, etc.

Here is the document we presented:

Recommended Amendments to Spotsylvania County Comprehensive Plan May2018 - presented to BoS on May 22, 2018 during public hearing

I recommend that you review the videotape as a way to prepare for the Planning Commission hearing tomorrow night, and your discussion about whether the sPower SUP applications comply with the Spotsylvania County Comprehensive Plan.

As you know, no additional work has been done to develop any of the policy guidelines that were recommended on May 22, so now you are faced with assessing compliance without any additional policy guidance. I find this frustrating since Culpeper County managed to develop a solar energy policy in this timeframe, and they are currently working on additional policy guidance. One of the provisions in their new draft policy is to limit the land occupied by solar energy facilities to 1% of the county in total.

I hope that you take 38 minutes to review the videotape before the Planning Commission meeting tomorrow night.

Best regards,

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