

# Rose Hill Coalition

## UPDATE

March 13, 2023

**A**s you may know, the Fairfax County Planning Commission held their public "Workshop" on the nomination by Combined Properties regarding the Rose Hill Plaza shopping center on Thursday, March 9, 2023.

At the beginning of the meeting, 18 people were scheduled to speak in person, by phone, and via video. The meeting began at 7:30 pm and the portions devoted to the CP nomination lasted until 11:30 pm. Of course, not everyone could stay for the entire meeting. In fact, several had to leave prior to testifying due to time restraints and the travel distance. Additional residents not on the Speaker's List also had the opportunity to speak. Several spoke in favor of the nomination but the majority urged the Planning Commission to reject the nomination.

**To view the meeting on video, go to:**

<https://video.fairfaxcounty.gov/player/clip/2782>\*

\*Note: As of this writing, the video has not yet been indexed. The indexing process takes several days to complete. However, until then you can fast-forward according to the following time stamps.

- 0:00 Start of Workshop and Explanation of the SSPA Process**
- 1:57 Start of Franconia District Nominations** (Rose Hill Plaza is first on list)
- 3:30** End of Rose Hill Plaza nomination testimonies
- 3:45** End of All Franconia District nominations
- 3:45 Commissioner Lagana makes Preliminary Motion to Accept Rose Hill Plaza nomination**

Per the explanation at the beginning of the Workshop, the Planning Commission (PC) made "preliminary" motions on the nominations Thursday. A "final" motion and vote will take place on **March 29**. (Unless the PC changes that too.)

At the 3:45 hour mark, Commissioner Lagana made a *preliminary* motion based on staff recommendations to **accept the Rose Hill Plaza nomination to the "Work Plan."** The Work Plan is the next stage of the planning process. However, also

based on staff recommendations, Lagana *preliminarily* moved to "recommend" to the Board of Supervisors that the nomination be placed in "**indefinite deferral**".

Although we are waiting for a more detailed explanation of an indefinite deferral, it pretty much means what it says. The nomination is on hold (not being reviewed by the county) until the nominator further engages with the community.

*Preliminarily*, the nomination has moved forward but the ball is back in Combined Properties' court. The specifics or requirements for further engagement are not defined. Indefinite means any time within one year. That could be two weeks, two months, etc. More details to come.

At this point, no final decision has been made and **the Planning Commission is still accepting public testimony by email up until **Thursday, March 23****.

The Rose Hill Coalition continues to encourage residents to voice their concerns to the Commissioners and Board of Supervisors.

Thank you to all who have made and will continue to make their voices heard.

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