

COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE

TRANSMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUMMARY OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

AGENDA TITLE: SP201500019 UVA Indoor Golf Practice Facility	AGENDA DATE: September 2, 2015
SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Special use permit request for swim, golf, tennis or similar athletic facilities under Section 13.2.2 of Zoning Ordinance.	STAFF CONTACT(S): Rachel Falkenstein, David Benish
	PRESENTER (S): Rachel Falkenstein

BACKGROUND:

At their meeting on July 14, 2015, the Planning Commission voted 6:0 to recommend approval of SP201500019 with the conditions recommended by staff.

DISCUSSION:

Though the Planning Commission recommended approval with the conditions as recommended by staff, they did ask the applicant two follow-up questions about the proposal. They asked the applicant what, if any, level of archeological study has been or will be done on the site. They also asked the applicant to consider limiting the hours that the parking lot would be lit or to consider other measures to limit the impacts of the parking lot lighting. The applicant told the Commission they would look into their questions.

Since the meeting, the applicant has informed staff that they will be following the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) recommendations regarding the archeology on site. During their review of the proposal, DHR stated that the site of the proposed facility lacked archaeological significance and recommended the applicant proceed with caution as they develop this site. No archeological studies are proposed for the site.

In regards to lighting, the applicant told staff that they feel Albemarle County has one of the best Dark Skies Ordinances in the state and that they will depend on those guidelines to determine the appropriate amount of lighting for the parking area.

The Planning Commission's action letter, staff report and minutes from the July 14 meeting are attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution to approve SP201500019 with the conditions attached thereto.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A - Resolution
- B - Planning Commission action letter
- C - Planning Commission staff report
- D - Planning Commission minutes