

March 15, 2011 Special Meeting

I. Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:10

B. Roster

Board Attendees	Brandon Farlander
	Michael Miller
	Todd Austin
	Mark Sajbel
	John Saulsbery

II. WMATA Bus Garage

Upon hearing that the Board of Supervisors approved the special exceptions related to Application 2232-L10-17 filed by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to construct a regional bus maintenance, storage, and operations facility on Cinder Bed Road, the Board debated whether to file a complain and request for injunction to overturn the decision in State court.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Farlander argued that the filing a complaint would provide leverage to negotiate a settlement that would better protect our community's property values and protect our community from the ill effects, both in terms of traffic, noise, and air pollution, of WMATA bus traffic on Cinder Bed Road. Moverover, they said, the cost of the complaint would be partially offset by donations from the Newington Civic Association (at the time of the writing of these minutes, pledged donations were in excess of \$3,000).

Mr. Austin and Mr. Sajbel expressed concerns that the cost of the lawsuit might be money wasted in a losing cause.

Mr. Miller moved to authorize the President to expend not to exceed \$10,000 for a retainer from reserve funds for legal representation; pending a review by the Board of a letter of agreement with the selected firm, to provide for timely filing of an injunction, preparation of the legal strategy, and presentation to the community of the legal strategy, for appealing the decision by the Board of Supervisors in the case of Application 2232-L10-17. Mr. Farlander seconded the motion. Mr. Miller, Mr. Farlander, and Mr. Saulsbery voted to approve the motion; Mr. Austin and Mr. Sajbel voted against the motion.