

Fan District Association

Called Meeting

May 19, 2021

7:00 p.m.

I. Convening

Tim Beane, President, convened a called board meeting to discuss the Special Use Permit (SUP) submitted for the Shenandoah Building, 501 North Allen Street. A quorum was present.

II. Background

The Shenandoah, formerly a HeartFields residence for the elderly, is under contract to Home Again, a 501(c)(3) which has applied to the City of Richmond for a Special Use permit. As with all SUP submissions, FDA's Land Use and Zoning Committee has carefully reviewed the application including due diligence on the project itself and community feedback. FDA reached out to a wide swath of Fan residents, other neighborhood organizations and Orchard School. We hosted three zoom calls with representatives from Home Again that were widely attended.

III. Discussion and Action

On behalf of the Land use and Zoning Committee, Melissa Savinko presented information about the project and announced that both the Orchard School and West Grace Improvement Association have decided to oppose the project. Among concerns are buyer experience with a project of this size, finances and long term maintenance of the building and community concerns about proximity to Orchard School.

After thoughtful discussion, the Board unanimously accepted the Land Use and Zoning Committee's unanimous recommendation that FDA oppose the Shenandoah SUP.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.