

**DRAFT Minutes of the Sept 10, 2014 Langley Research & Development Park Business Association
 Regular Meeting**

Submitted by Carol Kleemeier and Tammy Grigsby

Attendees:

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New Business:

1. City of Hampton: Daniel Girouard attended the meeting for a question and answer session about concerns regarding the construction for the new FedEx site within the business park.
 - Some of the concerns that were raised by park businesses and briefly discussed included: extra traffic, noise, zoning and landscaping (green space requirements and EPA requirements).
 - Brian Wachter of Bihrl Applied Research Inc. expressed concern over the clear-cutting of the lot for the new FedEx facility and the apparent divergence from past requirements for construction/development activities. Specifically, when Bihrl was constructing its facility in 2003-2004, the City required (1) that businesses prove that the operations of the incoming business included “Research & Development” activities and (2) that specific aesthetic requirements, including tree frontage on the property, were met. When asked why the FedEx development did not need follow these requirements, the City response was that none of the people who established those requirements were still with the City and that these requirements no longer apply. Further, the City stated that it has the authority to waive any requirements for specific businesses as it sees fit for economic development. Finally, the City stated that it was looking to change the zoning requirements to open the business park to a broader range of businesses and that the Langley R&D Park may be re-branded in the future to be more aligned with the “Hampton Roads Center” branding.
 - City of Hampton: Daniel Girouard would like to clarify in response to Brian Wachter that FedEx must follow aesthetic tree requirements it is written in city code. If they remove a tree they must replant a tree. He also states that it is the EDA who has the authority to waive codes and covenants that are not in conflict with zoning.

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- It was also noted that the tree save opinions are not in the code, but could be of request of the design review.
- Brian Wachter presented a copy of the site plan so that a visual of the planned development and traffic routes could be understood. Bihrlle obtained the copy of the site plan from City representatives Leonard Sledge and Mike Yazkowski who visited Bihrlle during the 3rd week in August in response to Bihrlle's concern about the clear-cutting activities underway for the FedEx development. It should be noted that this was the first time that the LR&DPBA had seen the development plans for the FedEx site and that the City had not previously provided such plans to the LR&DPBA.
- **We ask that anyone who has questions or concerns that they would like to address with the City of Hampton about this project, to submit them to Carol Kleemeier at the email address above, so that she can compile a list to give to Dan so that he can bring the appropriate people to answer your questions.**

Next meeting: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on November 5, 2014 at 11:30 am at Vigyan.

There being no other business for the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.