

Arlington Redevelopment Board

April 24, 2019, 7:45 p.m.

Town Hall

PRESENT: Andrew Bunnell (Chair), David Watson, ~~Eugene Benson~~, Kin Lau

STAFF: Jennifer Raitt, Director, Planning and Community Development, ~~Adam Chapdelaine~~, Town Manager

The Board remained in session during Town Meeting. The Chair convened a meeting among ARB members to discuss Town Meeting business regarding the continued Town Meeting discussion of Article 16. Staff was present for the first portion of the meeting and was excused during deliberations and decision.

Members discussed that they listened intently to Town Meeting's concerns on Monday night and Town Meeting Members' desire for more information and involvement and additional discussion with members of Town Meeting. The ARB should therefore reconsider its position and choose to recommend a vote of No Action on articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16. With a No Action vote, these articles will be referred back to the ARB and staff for further study and recommendation to a future Town Meeting.

The Board still believes these recommendations are a net positive for the town, and that the encouragement and growth of mixed-use and affordable housing development is critical to Arlington's progress and growth, but understand that Town Meeting would like more information.

The Board discussed the importance of delivering this message to Town Meeting prior at the opening of Article 16 tonight and that we encourage Town Meeting Members and their constituents to remain informed and to take part in the discussion and to fully participate as the conversation continues to final ZBL recommendations. It is also important to convey that this discussion is part of a broader conversation as a part of the ongoing master plan implementation process and that the board looks forward to a town-wide discussion.

| Lau moved to accept a vote of No Action, Watson seconded. All voted in favor (4~~3~~-0).

Adjourned to Town Meeting.