

COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE
TRANSMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SUMMARY OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

AGENDA TITLE: SP201900008 – “The Miller School of Albemarle”	AGENDA DATE: February 19, 2020
SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: SP application to authorize the continuation and extension of the historic private school use, which is currently a non-conforming use. Proposal includes the renovation and expansion of an existing dormitory structure, an increased maximum student enrollment of 225 students, and future construction of additional structures and improvements within the historic school campus.	STAFF CONTACT(S): Benish, Nedostup, Padalino
SCHOOL DISTRICTS: Brownsville ES; Henley MS; Western Albemarle HS	PRESENTER(S): Tim Padalino

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on December 3, 2019 the Planning Commission (PC) conducted a public hearing for the application noted above, and voted to recommend approval, by a vote of 5:1, of Special Use Permit SP201900008 with the conditions specified in the PC action letter.

Attachments A, B, and C are the staff report, action letter, and meeting minutes from the December 3 PC meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The PC voted to recommend approval of SP201900008 with conditions of approval that differ from the conditions recommended by staff. Specifically, the PC recommended approval with conditions of approval #1-4, but did not recommend conditions of approval #5 and #6 as recommended by staff. In summary, the Commission did not support staff's recommended conditions that would require the Miller School to conduct historic preservation activities (including updating the nomination form for the Miller School's listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and implementing future improvements in ways that meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards as determined by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources or the Director of Planning or his/her designee).

Additionally, as noted in the action letter, the PC also voted to recommend (additional to and separate from their formal action on SP201900008), by a vote of 6:0, that “all additions, alterations, or renovations to existing structures or grounds [should] be performed in general accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards as determined by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.”

RECOMMENDATION:

If the Board is inclined to follow the PC's recommendations, then Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Att. D) to approve Special Use Permit SP201900008 with conditions of approval as contained therein.

ATTACHMENTS:

Att. A – PC Staff Report
 Att. A1 – Location Maps
 Att. A2 – SP Application Packet
 Att. A3 – SP Concept Plan
Att. B – PC Action Letter
Att. C – PC Meeting Minutes
Att. D – BOS Resolution