

## Comments to Infrastructure Committee

on

### Camp Bullis Lighting Overlay District

*November 19, 2008*

My name is Ted Trakas. I am president of the Vance Jackson Neighborhood, Inc. I have been authorized by our board to address you. I have two concerns to share.

Given my short time allotment, allow me to report the findings of the Zoning Commission yesterday. Commissioners found that the proposed Camp Bullis Lighting Overlay Ordinance:

1. Had not been coordinated with the Army
2. Did not have Army approval, due to absence of a ban on digital billboards and other issues
3. Had not been coordinated with neighborhood or citizen groups
4. Was not publically available and advertized in an acceptable manner
5. Had not been vetted through the UDC technical advisory group
6. Is out of conformance with and deficient to the ordinances of other jurisdictional entities
7. Is of questionable value before the Bullis joint study is complete
8. Did not require 'Fast Tracking'
9. Appeared to be primarily driven by 'behind doors' commercial interests
10. Is not acceptable

Personally, I observed that commissioners appeared disappointed and annoyed with city staff that the ordinance was brought to them.

My requests yesterday to the Zoning commission were:

1. Send the ordinance back for proper review
2. Ban new billboards or billboard conversions in the overlay area by explicit language in the overly ordinance, without relying on other ordinances for protection and control.

I have no reason to change my request to you today.

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#### Notes

1. Due to a one minute limit, I basically was only able to verbally list the 10 Zoning items.
2. At the Zoning meeting, Commissioners directed #9 directly at the Clear Channel person in attendance.