

Accomack County Planning Commission Minutes of August 8, 2012

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 8th day of August 2012, in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, Accomac.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Planning Commission Members Present

Mr. E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman
Mr. George Parker, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Leander Roberts (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Alan Silverman (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)
Mr. Pete Onley
Mr. Tony Picardi
Mr. David Lumgair

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development
Ms. Hollis Fate, Administrative Assistant

B. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairman Hickman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Prior to the adoption of the agenda, Mr. Morrison made an announcement that Commissioner Trepanier had passed away earlier in the day. With heavy hearts, the Planning Commission, staff, and the audience held a moment of silence in her honor.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Mr. Roberts arrived for the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Due to notification defects, legally both public hearings could not be held. Because of this matter, Mr. Parker suggested that the wording for the “public hearing” be changed to “informational hearing.”

On a motion made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Lumgair, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the change from holding a “public hearing” to an “informational hearing.”

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Not a public hearing):**

Chairman Hickman opened the floor for the public comment period.
No one signed up or requested to speak.

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4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business to discuss at this time.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business to discuss at this time.

6. **OTHER MATTERS**

A. Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital – Conditional Use Permit

Prior to the informational hearing, Mr. Morrison wanted to discuss the site plans and the location of the proposed hospital.

7. **7:30 INFORMATIONAL HEARING:**

Due to notification defects, legally both public hearings could not be held. Mr. Morrison informed the public that the scheduled public hearings would instead be informational hearings and any verbal or written comments would be entered into the record for the required public hearings that will be held on future dates.

A. Wal-Mart/Subway Conditional Use Permit Amendment

Mr. Morrison presented the staff report on the amendment to the Wal-Mart Conditional Use Permit.

The applicant is proposing a 19 square foot “Subway” sign on the north side of the Wal-Mart building. Although the Subway restaurant inside of the Wal-Mart building is within Accomack County limits, the proposed sign placement is located within the Town of Onley’s limits. The Town of Onley requires the applicant to apply for a Special Use Permit which has not been submitted.

On a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Picardi, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to postpone this matter until the Town of Onley makes its decision.

B. Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital – Conditional Use Permit

Mr. Morrison presented the staff report on the proposed hospital’s Conditional Use Permit.

Mr. Silverman arrived for the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Molly Trant, Corporate Counsel for Riverside, gave a brief presentation on the proposed hospital.

Arch Marston, Vice President for AES Consulting Engineers, continued the presentation to discuss the site plans of the proposed hospital.

Dexter Williams from DRW Consultants, LLC answered questions relating to traffic.

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Many members of the Planning Commission voiced their concern about not having elevation drawings.

Ms. Trant informed the Planning Commission that the elevation drawings will more than likely be ready for the September Planning Commission meeting and will try to have them available at that time.

Chairman Hickman opened the floor for public input.

The following persons offered comments regarding Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital's Conditional Use Permit:

- Jolynn Hart – Ms. Hart had a question about the impact on the residential driveways across from the Route 179/Market Street entrance. The traffic consultant for Riverside, Dexter Williams, answered Ms. Hart's question.
- Lee Johnson – Mr. Johnson informed the hospital representatives of his airport located on Market Street and is concerned with the flight traffic that the hospital will bring and potentially cause issues with his airport.
- Dave Engelhart – Mr. Engelhart is the Zoning Administrator for the Town of Onley and voiced his and the town's concern with the traffic volume along Route 13 with the coming projects in the area. He is also concerned with the hospital's entrance along Route 13/Lankford Highway.

Chairman Hickman closed the informational hearing.

On a motion made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Roberts, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to hold the required public hearing on this matter at the September 12, 2012 meeting.

8. MINUTES

A. July 11, 2012 Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Picardi and seconded by Mr. Lumgair, the Planning Commission voted to approve the minutes of July 11, 2012 with Mr. Parker abstaining from the motion due to his absence at the July meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Accomac.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Picardi, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Hollis Fate, Administrative Assistant