

ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2013

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 26th day of March 2013, in the Accomack County Administration Building School Board Conference Room, Room #201, Accomac, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Planning Commission Members Present:

Mr. Phil Hickman, Chairman
Mr. George Parker, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.
Mr. Spiro Papadopoulos
Mr. Bob Hickman
Mr. Alan Silverman
Mr. Pete Onley
Mr. Tony Picardi
Mr. David Lumgair, Jr.

Planning Commission Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development
Mr. Rob Testerman, Land Use Planner
Mrs. Hollis Parks, Administrative Assistant

B. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Silverman and seconded by Mr. Onley, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

3. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Morrison presented two aerial maps that were prepared by staff of sites that would be good examples for Planned Unit Development (PUD) size and possible locations.

The first aerial map was of land located on the corner of Liberty Street and Hill Street on the outskirts of Onancock, which would be a scenario of a PUD blending into an existing town.

The second aerial map was of land located along Edgar Thomas Road, in-between Tasley Road and Greenbush Road, which would be a scenario of a standalone PUD.

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The Planning Commission discussed whether PUDs should be blended into existing towns or if they should be standalone PUDs and the Planning Commission seemed to agree that PUDs should blend into existing towns.

Discussion took place on what the Planning Commission envisioned for the Comprehensive Plan text regarding Planned Unit Developments and the Planning Commission confirmed what was already in the Comprehensive Plan, with the exception of minor additions that needed to be included. The Planning Commission agreed that text encouraging the following should be included in the existing Comprehensive Plan text: PUDs should be in existing Village Development areas; the PUD should complement nearby development and; the size and scale of the PUD should be appropriate for the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Morrison told the Planning Commission that staff would try to capture the discussion, clarify the existing Village Development Comprehensive Plan text, and present it at the regular meeting scheduled for April 10, 2013.

4. OTHER MATTERS

A. Public Comment Period and Public Hearing Rules and Procedures

Mr. Morrison presented the draft public comment period and public hearing protocols to the Planning Commission.

On a motion made by Mr. Lumgair and seconded by Mr. Silverman, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt the public comment period and public hearing protocols, as presented by staff.

B. Northern Accomack Market Study by BEACON

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that the BEACON market study report is in the final stages of editing.

C. Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)

Mr. Morrison updated the Planning Commission on the current JLUS status.

- The contract for the JLUS consultant was awarded last week by the Board of Supervisors; the company selected is Clark Nexsen from Norfolk with Ecology and Environment (E&E) from Virginia Beach.
- Kickoff meeting with the JLUS Committees is expected to be held on either April 11, 2013 or April 12, 2013.
- The consultant is currently working on the JLUS website, which will be kept up-to-date to inform those interested in the progress of the study.

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5. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Hollis Parks, Administrative Assistant