

ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2013

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 13th day of November 2013, in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, in 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. Spiro Papadopoulos
Mr. Bob Hickman
Mr. Alan Silverman
Mr. Pete Onley
Mr. Tony Picardi
Mr. David Lumgair, Jr.

Planning Commission Members Absent:

Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development
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. Lumgair and seconded by Mr. Picardi, the Planning Commission voted to adopt the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Not a public hearing)

Chairman Hickman opened the floor for the public comment period and the following person(s) signed up or requested to speak:

▪ **Ronnie Thomas**

Mr. Thomas signed up to speak about the Capital Improvement Plan additions/revisions that were included in the packet. He doesn't think the County needs to spend money towards improving/repairing the old NASA Ferry Dock. He feels that the money would be better spent towards a tractor for the Public Works department.

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- **Grayson Chesser**

Mr. Chesser requested to speak in response to Mr. Thomas' comment. He stated that he and others use the old NASA Ferry Dock. He further stated that he's not sure if it's worth the \$150,000 listed in the Capital Improvement Plan additions/revisions to repair it but claims there are still some uses for it.

4. MINUTES

A. October 9, 2013

On a motion made by Mr. Bob Hickman and seconded by Mr. Onley, the Planning Commission voted to approve the minutes of October 9, 2013, with Mr. Parker and Mr. Lumgair abstaining.

B. October 22, 2013

On a motion made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Lumgair, the Planning Commission voted to approve the minutes of October 22, 2013

C. September 11, 2013

Mr. Silverman wanted to note in the November 13, 2013 minutes that in his motion made on September 11, 2013 regarding the Town Center at Wallops Island Spaceport Planned Unit Development that he "moved with regret," not "regrettably moved."

5. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Mr. Morrison announced that due to a family emergency, Mr. Mike Mason, the Director of Finance, could not attend the meeting to introduce the additions and revisions to the Fiscal Year 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

In response to the discussion regarding the old NASA Ferry Dock project that took place during the public comment period, Mr. Morrison told the Planning Commission that he could ask Mr. Stewart Hall, the Director of Public Works, to attend the December 11, 2013 meeting to discuss the project.

The Planning Commission asked Mr. Morrison how the CIP is developed and he explained to the Planning Commission that every year, Mr. Mason sends out a call to the department heads for new projects. He went on to inform the Planning Commission that projects are prioritized by the departments and at times, moved to the operating budget. Each year, the projects that do not get put into the operating budget are rolled over and included in the next CIP. The Planning Commission then asked if it

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could prioritize the projects or suggest any new projects; Chairman Hickman reminded the Commission that its duty is to make sure that the CIP is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, not to pick its own projects or prioritize them.

Mr. Papadopoulos suggested adding a project to install lighting along Chincoteague Road because of the pedestrians; he noted how dangerous that road is at night. Chairman Hickman informed him that staff would have to ask Mr. Mason.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Morrison told the Planning Commission that he would speak with Mr. Mason regarding the discussion and give him the questions that the Planning Commission asked regarding the CIP. He also assured the Planning Commission that he would ask Mr. Hall from Public Works to attend the December 11, 2013 meeting.

7. 7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

A. New Saxis LLC Rezoning

Mr. Morrison presented a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the New Saxis, LLC rezoning request.

Chairman Hickman opened the public hearing to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or to present written comments concerning the rezoning request. No one signed up or requested to speak. Chairman Hickman then closed the public hearing.

On a motion made by Mr. Lumgair and seconded by Mr. Bob Hickman, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the New Saxis, LLC rezoning request to the Board of Supervisors.

B. Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Morrison presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Comprehensive Plan review and update.

Chairman Hickman opened the public hearing to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or to present written comments concerning the Comprehensive Plan review and update. No one signed up or requested to speak. Chairman Hickman then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that staff had prepared a resolution to recommend approval of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan review and updates to the Board of Supervisors.

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On a motion made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Picardi, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan Review and Updates to the Board of Supervisors by way of the resolution that is below.

Mr. Papadopoulos amended the resolution to include the word “review” in the second “whereas” paragraph. Mr. Parker accepted the amendment.

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2013 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATES TO THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, Accomack County is required by law to review its Comprehensive Plan every 5 years; and

WHEREAS, the current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2008 and the Planning Commission began its 5-year review of the Comprehensive Plan in the fall of 2012; and

WHEREAS, based on the 2010 Census data which showed a population decline from the 2000 Census, a national recession beginning in 2008 and anecdotal evidence which suggests that the current outlook for the County is stable; and

WHEREAS, that at the conclusion of a nearly year-long review, the Accomack County Planning Commission finds that with minor updates to Chapter 6 of the Future Land Use Plan of the Comprehensive Plan, that the Comprehensive Plan of current adoption remains valid; and

WHEREAS, The Accomack County Planning Commission has carefully reviewed and drafted updates to the Future Land Use Plan of the Comprehensive Plan that revise the population and demographic projections and provide clarity and policy guidance on a number of matters in the Future Land Use Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Accomack County Planning Commission held a public hearing on November 13, 2013 to solicit public input on its 5-year review and updates; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Accomack County Planning Commission does hereby deem its 5-year review of the Comprehensive Plan complete and finds that the Comprehensive Plan of current adoption is valid and needs only minor updates to Chapter 6 – Future Land Use Plan of the Comprehensive Plan, which the Planning Commission has proposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Accomack County Planning Commission, after a public hearing on November 13, 2013, does hereby recommend

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that the Accomack County Board of Supervisors consider adoption of the Planning Commissions' review and updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

The motion, as amended, carried with an 8-0 vote.

Ayes: P. Hickman, Papadopoulos, B. Hickman, Silverman, Parker, Onley, Picardi, Lumgair

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

8. OTHER MATTERS

A. Subdivision Agent Report

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that the Subdivision Agent Report from September 16 – October 15, 2013 was included in the packet.

B. Assistant Planner

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that staff extended an offer of employment to Kristen Tremblay, who accepted and anticipates starting work for the County on December 2, 2013.

C. George Parker

Mr. Parker announced his immediate resignation from the Planning Commission and the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

The Planning Commission, members of the public, and Mr. Grayson Chesser from the Board of Supervisors graciously thanked Mr. Parker for his service to Accomack County.

Discussion regarding filling Mr. Parker's spot on the Technical Advisory Committee took place and Mr. Papadopoulos volunteered to serve on the TAC.

On a motion made by Mr. Onley and seconded by Mr. Silverman, the Planning Commission voted to nominate Mr. Papadopoulos to serve on the Technical Advisory Committee due to Mr. Parker's immediate resignation.

Mr. Morrison informed Mr. Papadopoulos that he would let Mr. John Giangrant, the Joint Land Use Study Project Manager, know of the change.

D. November 26, 2013 Work Session

On a motion made by Chairman Hickman and seconded by Mr. Onley, the Planning Commission voted to cancel the November 26, 2013 work session.

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9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Hollis Parks, Administrative Assistant