

## ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2013

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2013, in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, in Accomac.

### 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. Alan Silverman  
Mr. Pete Onley  
Mr. Tony Picardi  
Mr. David Lumgair, Jr.

##### **Planning Commission Members Absent:**

Mr. Bob Hickman

##### **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. ELECTION OF 2013 PLANNING COMMISSION OFFICERS

Mr. Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development, opened the floor for nominations for Chairman:

Mr. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Picardi to nominate Mr. E. Phillip Hickman as Chairman for 2013.

Mr. Silverman moved, seconded by Mr. Papadopoulos to nominate Mr. George T. Parker as Chairman for 2013. Mr. Parker respectfully declined.

No other nominations were made. Mr. Morrison closed the floor for nominations for Chairman.

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**Mr. Morrison called for a vote and the Planning Commission voted unanimously to elect Mr. E. Phillip Hickman as Chairman for 2013.**

Chairman Hickman opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman:

Mr. Silverman moved, seconded by Chairman Hickman to nominate Mr. George T. Parker as Vice-Chairman for 2013.

No other nominations were made. Chairman Hickman closed the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

**Chairman Hickman called for a vote and the Planning Commission voted unanimously to elect Mr. George T. Parker as Vice-Chairman for 2013.**

Following the election of the 2013 officers, Chairman Hickman announced that this would be his last year serving on the Planning Commission.

### **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Parker recommended conducting the Comprehensive Plan Update Memorandum agenda item after “Minutes.”

Mr. Phil Hickman recommended adding the Northern Accomack Market Study by BEACON to “Other Matters.”

**On a motion by Mr. Silverman and seconded by Mr. Lumgair, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended.**

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Not a public hearing)**

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

- **Ronnie Thomas**

Mr. Thomas signed up to speak about project #07-PW-020 in the Capital Improvement Plan. He respectfully requested the Planning Commission to recommend that “Atlantic/Wattsville” be struck from the “North Accomack Wastewater Treatment System” project description.

- **Bedford Rogers**

Mr. Rogers on behalf of the Concerned Citizens for Improvements, Inc. signed up to request support from the Planning Commission for a residential development project called Linhaven Park, in addition to the convention center/hotel complex in the Painter area.

Chairman Hickman closed the public comment period.

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### 5. MINUTES

There were no minutes on the agenda for approval.

### 6. OTHER MATTERS (Part I)

#### A. **Comprehensive Plan Update Memorandum**

Mr. Testerman updated the Comprehensive Plan Update memorandum addressed to the Board of Supervisors and presented it to the Planning Commission for review.

In addition to a few minor revisions, the Planning Commission incorporated more detail to the existing bulleted items and added additional bulleted items that are areas of concern that will be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan update. The added items include but are not limited to: broadband, natural gas, recreation opportunities, tourism, derelict buildings, and housing for a diverse set of socioeconomic groups.

### 7. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Mr. Mason, Director of Finance, presented the full CIP to the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission reviewed the CIP and recommended that the following changes be made: strike the words “Atlantic/Wattsville” from project number 07-PW-020, North Accomack Wastewater Treatment System; add a derelict building removal program to allow the County to address the issue of neglected structures; add a note to project number 08-PW-024, Parking Lots Repaving, stating that stormwater runoff must be mitigated, per the Comprehensive Plan.

**On a motion made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Lungair, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to schedule a public hearing on the Capital Improvement Plan for Wednesday, February 13, 2013.**

#### B. **Comprehensive Plan Update**

Mr. Morrison presented the draft Chapter 6: Future Land Use introduction text to the Planning Commission for review.

The Planning Commission reviewed the draft introduction text and made statements and/or asked questions about items such as development, derelict buildings, population growth, economic growth, etc.

A lively discussion concerning “central wastewater and wastewater treatment” also took place and it was agreed that the topic would be further discussed at the work session scheduled for January 22, 2013.

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### 8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

### 9. OTHER MATTERS (Part II)

#### A. **Mr. Bedford Rogers**

Mr. Rogers of the Concerned Citizens for Improvements, Inc. was placed on the agenda, as requested by the Planning Commission, to present ideas concerning the Comprehensive Plan update.

Mr. Rogers was also seeking a letter of support from the County regarding a convention center/hotel complex in the Painter area and as mentioned during Public Comment Period, a letter of support regarding a housing development in the Painter area named Linhaven Park.

Mr. Rogers discussed the Concerned Citizens for Improvements, Inc.'s concerns and showed the Planning Commission the layout drawings for the housing development in the Painter area named Linhaven Park that was referenced in the Public Comment Period.

The Planning Commission respectfully informed Mr. Rogers that any letter in support of or disapproval of any project was not within the Planning Commission's jurisdiction, however, it can be noted in the minutes that the project was presented to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Rogers apologized for overstepping any boundaries.

The Planning Commission graciously thanked Mr. Rogers and the Concerned Citizens for Improvements, Inc. for their efforts and concern for Accomack County.

#### B. **Northern Accomack Market Study**

Mr. Morrison presented the draft Section 4 report that was received prior to the meeting from BEACON at Salisbury University.

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission again that the final report from BEACON is being completed and should be submitted in the near future.

### 10. NEXT MEETING

There is a Planning Commission work session scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Administration Building School Board Conference Room, Room 201, in Accomac.

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The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

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Hollis Parks, Administrative Assistant