

## ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2013

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 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. 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. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**On a motion made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Roberts, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.**

### 3. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that the Comprehensive Plan memorandum sent to the Board of Supervisors was approved at its February 20, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Morrison then presented the stormwater management PowerPoint that was presented to the Board of Supervisors at its January 16, 2013 meeting.

Questions regarding “undeveloped lots within a subdivision,” the grandfather rule, and the Bay Act on the Seaside were raised and Mr. Morrison told the Planning Commission that he would have to check with Norman Pitt, the Environmental Planner for Accomack County.

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Mr. Morrison prepared an issue paper discussing stormwater management (and related topics) and presented it to the Planning Commission. Mr. Morrison expressed that there isn't much that the Planning Commission can do until staff knows more about the new stormwater regulations.

The Planning Commission deliberated what to incorporate into the Comprehensive Plan update regarding stormwater with the lack of knowledge at this point in time. It was decided that a statement be included in the Comprehensive Plan that addresses the current stormwater situation; "At this time, Accomack County is implementing new stormwater regulations."

Discussion concerning runoff, encouraging the use of natural features as opposed to manmade features, and chronic flooding took place and Mr. Morrison advised the Planning Commission that the Accomac-Onley-Onancock subarea plans will cover those issues.

Mr. Morrison told the Planning Commission that staff would prepare draft text regarding stormwater and will try to present it at the March 13, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that Mr. Testerman has been working on housing text for the Comprehensive Plan, which staff will try to present it in the near future.

Mr. Morrison asked the Planning Commission what topic should be discussed next and it was decided that the size and scale of Planned Unit Developments would be the next target for discussion.

Mr. Picardi also wanted to add into the record that Bedford Rogers of the Concerned Citizens for Improvements, Inc. contacted him asking if the southern park near Painter was still included in the Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Picardi suggested this topic be discussed for the Comprehensive Plan update as well.

#### **4. OTHER MATTERS**

##### **A. Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)**

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

- The project manager has been hired.
- Consultant Request for Proposals (RFPs) are due on Friday, March 1, 2013.
- Staff will review the proposals on Monday, March 4, 2013.
- Interviews will be held on Monday, March 11, 2013.
- Staff hopes to have the recommendation before the Board of Supervisors at its March 20, 2013 meeting.

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**B. Rezoning Application**

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that a rezoning application has been filed for a property near Saxis Road and Route 13/Lankford Highway. Mr. Morrison also informed the Planning Commission that this request will be coming before the Planning Commission to schedule a public hearing.

**C. Town Center Planned Unit Development (PUD) Application**

Mr. Morrison updated the Planning Commission on the Town Center Planned Unit Development (PUD) application:

- The remainder of the Town Center PUD materials were submitted.

Staff was unsure if the review will be complete in time for the March 13, 2013 meeting.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

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

**6. 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 8:45 p.m.

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E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

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Hollis Parks, Administrative Assistant