

Accomack County Planning Commission Minutes of September 25, 2012

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 25th day of September 2012, in the Accomack County Administration Building School Board Conference Room, Room #201, 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
Mr. Pete Onley
Mr. David Lumgair

Members Absent:

Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Alan Silverman
Mr. Tony Picardi

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development
Mr. Robert Testerman, Land Use Planner
Ms. Hollis Fate, Administrative Assistant

B. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairman Hickman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

3. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE DISCUSSION**

Mr. Morrison began with introducing Dave Engelhart, the Zoning Administrator for the Town of Onley.

Mr. Morrison noted that originally, the Comprehensive Plan update was planned to be a brief update that included census data, Northern Accomack Market Study, and sub-area plans. Now, the Joint Land Use Study with the Navy is in the mix.

Mr. Morrison asked the Planning Commission to develop a list of items that it would like to be addressed – whether they are included in this update or not.

Discussion on the Northern Accomack Market Study took place and the Planning Commission recommended the area of study be adjusted to (roughly) Parksley → north.

The Planning Commission briefly discussed sub-area planning and details pertaining to the Joint Land Use Study.

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At Mr. Morrison's request, the Planning Commission members present developed the following list of items:

1. Stormwater
 - a. Businesses building stormwater retentions
 - b. Nutrient management (treating and managing sediment and nutrients)
2. Traffic
 - a. Route 13
 - b. Overpass
 - c. Give local traffic more priority
3. Public utilities
 - a. Sewer – keep/change emphasis
 - b. Sewer plant size and scale
4. Northern Accomack County (define area as: roughly Parksley → north; not the geographic center of the county → north)
 - a. Commercial and industrial
5. Litter
6. Business location decisions
7. Quality of life
8. Planned Unit Development
 - a. Scope/plan for PUD
 - b. Language (size of a PUD)
9. Apartment complexes
10. Sea level rise (under environment in Comprehensive Plan)
 - a. It threatens development near water
 - b. Discourage things that cause buildings to be affected (may already be there)
 - c. Language to address flood plain loss
11. Recreation/beach access
12. Blue/Green Infrastructure

*Note: The Coastal Program Grant requires a Sustainable Community Comprehensive Plan element incorporating sustainable community information on Sea Level Rise, Alternative Energy, Chesapeake/Atlantic Preservation Act, Erosion and Sediment Control, and Stormwater Management.

After the list was developed, Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that staff would route the list to everyone, including those absent, for input and asked that if any changes needed to be made to the list to please inform staff.

At the next meeting or work session, the Planning Commission will be asked to prioritize this list and develop a schedule for the Comprehensive Plan update.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

No other matters to discuss at this time.

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5. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Accomac.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Hollis Fate, Administrative Assistant