

Accomack County Planning Commission Minutes of January 12, 2011

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 12th day of January 2011, in the Board Chambers in the Administration Building in Accomac, Virginia:

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Members Present and Absent

Members Present:

Mr. E. Phillip Hickman - Chairman
Ms. Tammy Parks – Vice Chair
Mr. Leaner Roberts, Jr.
Ms. Toni Trepanier
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Alan Silverman
Mr. George Parker
Mr. Tony Picardi
Mr. David Lumgair

Others Present:

Mr. Rob Testerman, Land Use Planner
Mr. Tom Brockenbrough, GIS Coordinator
Mr. Mark Taylor, County Attorney

B. Determination of a Quorum

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Lumgair, and seconded by Mr. Roberts, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Agenda, with the addition of a discussion of what the Commission and Department of Planning will be working on during the search for a new director.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Joseph Jordan, of Lincoln Renewable Energy, LLC spoke to introduce himself, and make the Planning Commission aware of his companies intentions of submitting plans for a Conditional Use Permit for a solar farm in the next couple of weeks.

4. ELECTION OF 2011 PLANNING COMMISSION OFFICERS

Chairman Hickman requested Mr. Brockenbrough to preside over the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2011. Mr. Brockenbrough opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to nominate Mr. Phillip Hickman as Chairman of the Planning Commission for 2011.

No other nominations were made.

Vote:

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Ayes: Roberts, Trepanier, Silverman, P. Hickman, Parks, Parker, Picardi, Lumgair

Nays: None

Absent: C. Robert Hickman

Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. P. Hickman to nominate Ms. Tammy Parks as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission for 2011.

No other nominations were made.

Vote:

Ayes: Roberts, Trepanier, C. Robert Hickman, Silverman, P. Hickman, Parks, Parker, Picardi, Lumgair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Subdivision Agent Report

The Subdivision Agent has reported that a final plat for a 2-lot division of land and two family lots on the Charles S. Smith Farm, off Neal Parker Road, near Horsey, Virginia was received, reviewed and signed on November 29, 2010

Received, reviewed, and signed the final Zierfuss Subdivision Plat, 3-lot Minor Subdivision along Bradford's Neck Road, Residential Zoning District, Quinby, Virginia on November 29, 2010.

Received, reviewed, and signed the final Waterside Village III, Phase I, 18-lot subdivision plat along Seaside Road, near Belle Haven, Virginia on December 15, 2010.

B. Draft General Business and Draft Industrial Zoning District Amendments

Mr. Testerman noted that the Board of Supervisors has scheduled the Joint Public Hearing on the Draft General Business and Draft Industrial Zoning District amendments for February 23rd.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Planning Commission Bylaws and Information for New Commissioners

Mr. Mark Taylor gave a presentation on bylaws and other information for the new Planning Commissioners. Mr. Taylor also answered and addressed questions and concerns presented by the Commissioners

B. Residential Zoning District

The Commisioners discussed how to handle the revision of the Residential Zoning District, while lacking a Director of Planning. It was suggested that the Draft Ordinance be discussed at the next meeting, and that the work should continue on it, rather than waiting for a new Director.

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7. OTHER MATTERS

A. Resolution of Commendation for Mr. James M. McGowan

A Commendation will be presented at the February 9th, meeting Planning Commission Meeting to Mr. James M. McGowan.

8. MINUTES

A. Minutes of December 8, 2010

On a Motion by Mr. Parker, and Seconded by Mr. Bob Hickman, the minutes were approved, unanimously.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Accomac.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion by Mr. Parker, and Seconded by Ms. Parks, all present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Robert Testerman, Land Use Planner

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RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, James M. McGowan has served as Accomack County Planning Director from August 1, 2005 through December 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. McGowan's tenure he oversaw the creation of the Department of Planning as a separate Department, the Accomack County 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update, updates to Accomack County Subdivision Ordinance, the Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance, the Erosion and Sediment and Control Ordinance as well as updates to the Accomack County Zoning Ordinance to include creation of the Rural Residential, Village Development, Planned Unit Development Districts, the Wallops Space Transit Overlay District and changes to the Agricultural Zoning District and extending the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act to the Seaside through the Chesapeake/Atlantic Preservation Area Overlay District as well as a draft Stormwater Management Ordinance, a draft Highway Corridor Overlay District, and draft General Business, Industrial, and Residential Zoning Amendments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGowan also oversaw the expansion of Geographic Information Systems capabilities first to County employees through myMap and then to the General Public via AccoMap, ensured an orderly development review process through processing many major subdivision application, shepherding the Rezoning and Conditional Use Permit processes for major facilities such as Wal-Mart and the new Onley Community Health Center, bringing the Erosion and Sediment Control Program into State compliance, and obtained grant funding for and worked to complete the Blue/Green Infrastructure Study:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission does hereby recognize and commend the distinguished, faithful and outstanding service of James M. McGowan to the citizens of the County of Accomack; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Minutes and be put upon a plaque to be presented to Mr. McGowan.

E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman
Accomack County Planning Commission

February 9, 2011

Date