

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 23rd day of October, 2018, at the Accomack County Administration Building – School Board Office – Conference Room #201.

1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Planning Commission Members Present:

Mr. David Lumgair, Jr., Chairman
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Kelvin Pettit
Mr. Lynn Gayle
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.
Mr. James Arnold

Planning Commission Members Absent:

Mr. Roy Custis, Vice Chair
Mr. Brantley Onley
Mrs. Angela Wingfield

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Deputy County Administrator
Mrs. Katie Nunez, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairman Lumgair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Hickman and seconded by Mr. Arnold, the Planning Commission voted to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Wattsville Development Area on the Future Land Use Map &

B. Discussion of the APZ zones from the Joint Land Use Study on the Future Land Use Map

This discussion is to examine the Future Land Use Map for the Wattsville area and see if there needs to be any recommended changes to the Future Land Use Map. This discussion is not about altering the zoning of any of the properties.

Staff reviewed the history of the Wattsville area from the 2008 Future Land Use Map to the Atlantic Town Center application/map then the revision to the Future Land Use Map for this area. There was a general discussion about the history of each map and the significance of the Future Land Use Map to the Planning Commission and the public generally.

Since a portion of the Wattsville area is overlaid by the Accident Potential Zones (APZs) from the Joint Land Use Study which now causes a mixed message as to how the County views these

areas for future development since the Joint Land Use Study recommends the APZs have an Agricultural Designation on the Future Land Use Map and the Wattsville area shows a Village Development Designation.

Mr. Pettit expressed concern that we are telling people what they can or cannot do with their property. There was further discussion about the difference between the Future Land Use Map and the Zoning Map.

After extensive discussion, the Planning Commission indicated that the conflict of the Future Land Use Map designations over the Wattsville area needs to be resolved and request staff to bring them some options for consideration, including the “donut” hole areas of the APZs.

Mr. Morrison indicated that we need to include the new park (Sawmill Park), the proposed library and the Emergency Operations Center into the Comp Plan/Map; this can be included when the Mappsville & Wattsville/APZ areas go out for public hearing, possibly late spring 2019.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Verbal Update on Accomack Properties, Inc.

Mrs. Nunez reported that VDOT has issued an approval letter on the Access Management/Traffic Light for this project. The applicant is submitting a revised site plan that incorporates the acquired, adjacent property (the Edwards property) to use with a new entrance for the residential development.

5. OTHER MATTERS:

A. Status on Board of Supervisors’ Action on the Comprehensive Plan Update and the Schwartz/Fitchett Rezoning Public Hearing

Mrs. Nunez stated that the Board of Supervisors had adopted the Comprehensive Plan Update, as presented and they also approved the rezoning of the Schwartz/Fitchett properties.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

12. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Hickman and seconded by Mr. Gayle, the Planning Commission voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

David Lungair, Jr., Chairman

Katie H. Nunez, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning