

## ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2013

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 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. Bob Hickman  
Mr. Pete Onley  
Mr. David Lumgair, Jr.

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

Mr. Alan Silverman  
Mr. Tony Picardi

##### **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. Onley and seconded by Mr. Lumgair, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.**

### 3. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

#### A. Village Development

Mr. Morrison introduced Mr. Testerman's memorandum regarding the Eastern Shore Walkable and Livable Communities report and informed the Planning Commission that there is a link to the report in the memorandum. Staff suggested that it may be a good idea to mention the report in the Village Development text, once drafted.

Mr. Morrison then began the discussion of the draft Village Development text that was on the April 10, 2013 agenda and postponed until the work session because time did not permit the Planning Commission to discuss it.

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The Planning Commission discussed the Comprehensive Plan and the Planned Unit Development ordinance and seemed to agree that because the ordinance is so lenient, more detail regarding Planned Unit Developments in the Village Development text is needed for clarification.

Some discussion took place on whether or not a Planned Unit Development ordinance is even needed and after clarification of what the ordinance's purpose is, the Planning Commission agreed that having an ordinance for Planned Unit Developments is valuable. The clarification simply was that the Planned Unit Development ordinance is a tool for the Planning Commission to respond to a specific development request by writing a specific ordinance for that development in the Village Development Area. The Planning Commission further decided to somehow include the clarification into the Comprehensive Plan – Village Development text pertaining to Planned Unit Developments.

Discussion of Planned Unit Development placement/locations, or sense of place, ensued and it was agreed upon that the last bullet item in the draft Village Development text that was presented be replaced with a bullet item regarding sense of place rather than stating that the Planned Unit Development should complement nearby development.

Staff informed the Planning Commission that they needed to work on 'sense of place' language and create some kind of linkage between the Planned Unit Development ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan, along with the other changes discussed, and staff would present draft text in the near future for consideration.

### **B. Multiple-Family Housing**

Mr. Morrison re-introduced an issue paper regarding multiple-family housing that was presented to the Planning Commission in recent months.

The Planning Commission briefly discussed the issue paper and agreed to include a paragraph in the Comprehensive Plan that says Accomack County is open to proposals to provide housing for professionals beginning their career.

### **4. OTHER MATTERS**

There are no other matters to report at this time.

### **5. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

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**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

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Hollis Parks, Administrative Assistant