

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 12th day of February, 2020, at the Accomack County Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Planning Commission Members Present:

Mrs. Angela Wingfield, Chairwoman
Mr. Roy Custis, Vice Chairman
Mr. David Lumgair
Mr. James Arnold
Mr. Lynn Gayle
Mr. Brantley Onley
Mr. Kelvin Pettit
Mr. Leander Roberts

Planning Commission Members Absent:

Mr. C. Robert Hickman

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Deputy County Administrator of Building, Planning, and Economic Development
Mrs. Katie Nunez, Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning
Mrs. Stephanie Woods, Administrative Assistant to the Deputy County Administrator
Mr. Chris Daley, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer
Dr. Richard Snyder, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairwoman Wingfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairwoman Wingfield opened the public comment period.

There being no public comments; Chairwoman Wingfield closed the public comment period.

4. MINUTES

January 8, 2020: *On a motion made by Mr. Custis and seconded by Mr. Lumgair, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the January 8, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.*

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Receive Annual Poultry Report presentation, discussion, and possible action.

Mr. Morrison introduced Dr. Richard Snyder from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) to the Planning Commission. Dr. Snyder presented information from the VIMS report “Water quality in Accomack County Freshwater Streams”, which was included as an exhibit to the 2020 Annual Poultry Report to the Planning Commission. Mr. Lumgair inquired in there were any other studies like the one presented for comparison. Dr. Snyder stated that there weren’t that he knew of at this time. Mr. Arnold inquired how the County compares with Delaware and Maryland. Dr. Snyder stated that stream sampling is not typically done in Maryland. The ground is very different due to the sandiness nature of the ground in the County. Dr. Snyder stated that the groundwater all of the Delmarva region has high nitrogen. Chairwoman Wingfield thanked Dr. Snyder for his presentation.

Mr. Morrison presented the pertinent items from the 2020 Annual Poultry Report to the Planning Commission. Mr. Arnold inquired as to how often staff will be conducting the buffer inspections. Mrs. Nunez stated that staff plans to inspect the buffers annually in the fall.

On a motion by Mr. Lumgair and seconded by Mr. Arnold the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt the 2020 Annual Poultry report as presented.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing scheduled for this meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

8. SUBDIVISION AGENT REPORT

There were no items to report at this time.

9. REPORT ON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS UPCOMING HEARINGS

A. There two applications that have been filed at this time for the March 4, 2020 meeting.

Mrs. Nunez informed the Planning Commission that there were two applications that have been received for the March 4, 2020 BZA meeting. One for a Variance for road frontage in the Agricultural District, and one for a Variance for an expansion at the Pioneer Mobile Home Park. Mrs. Nunez stated the application for the Variance for the mobile home park is still in review and more items are needed, therefore this public hearing may be pushed to April.

B. Report on approval of application SUSE-000001-2020 for a 48-unit Townhome Residential Development.

Mrs. Nunez informed the Planning Commission that application SUSE-000001-2020 for a Special Use Permit for GatorCav, LLC to build a 48-unit Townhome Residential Development (8 buildings with 6 units each) was approved by the BZA during their February 5, 2020 meeting. Mrs. Nunez stated that GatorCav, LLC intends to begin the project by building 2 apartment buildings and then building out the rest according to market demand.

10. OTHER MATTERS

A. Receive presentation/report on building mounted security and parking lot lighting. Discussion to follow presentation.

Mrs. Nunez presented to the Planning Commission the issue of building mounted lighting that is out of compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that staff is specifically drawing attention to businesses along Rt. 13 that have these types of lights (specifically wall pack lights) and that they are problematic to drivers. The Planning Commission had some preliminary discussion concerning the issue. Mr. Morrison asked the Planning Commission to take some time and drive along Rt. 13 to see if they feel these lights are an issue and if so how we can work to correct it. Mr. Morrison stated that the discussion would continue at the Work Session on the 25th.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Planning Commission Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County School Board Offices on the Second Floor, Room 201, in Accomac.

The next Planning Commission Regular Session is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, Accomac.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Angela Wingfield, Chairwoman

Katie H. Nunez, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning