

ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2015

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 27th day of January 2015, 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. David Lumgair, Chairman
Mr. Spiro Papadopoulos, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Leander Roberts
Mr. Lynn Gayle
Mr. Steve Corazza
Mrs. Angie Wingfield

Planning Commission Members Absent:

Mr. Bob Hickman
Mr. Pete Onley

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development
Ms. Kristen Tremblay, Assistant Planner
Mrs. Hollis Parks, Administrative Assistant

B. 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. Corazza and seconded by Mr. Roberts, the Planning Commission voted to adopt the agenda.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)

Mr. Morrison presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Joint Land Use Study. He showed the Planning Commission maps of the JLUS study area, the operational footprints, the Accident Potential Zones (APZs), the range hazard areas, noise contours, and briefly discussed the Joint Land Use Study's findings and recommendations.

Maps, the Joint Land Use Study findings and recommendations brochures, and other information may be found on Board Docs under the January 27, 2015 work session:
<http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public>

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Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that the rocket explosion that occurred on October 28, 2014 validated the rocket arcs (rocket hazard areas).

Mr. Papadopoulos questioned the sonic boom noises that have been occurring and asked if that has been brought up as a concern at any point during the Study. Mr. Morrison answered that it has not been an issue that he knows of. Discussion ensued and some Planning Commission members believe that the noise is coming from military operations at sea. Staff was requested to check into the noise at the next Joint Land Use Study open house.

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission of the next steps regarding the JLUS; if staff does not receive a lot of public comment, changes noted since June 2014 will be made to the Joint Land Use Study Report and then it will be routed out electronically.

B. Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) – NEW Projects

Mr. Lumgair opened the floor to discuss new projects for the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

Mr. Papadopoulos requested that a project for adding shoulders to Route 175/Chincoteague Road be added to the CIP. Mr. Morrison noted that he and Bill Neville, the Planning Director from Chincoteague just wrote a grant for that project in December 2014. The Planning Commission agreed to add the project for a study to the CIP.

Mr. Lumgair requested to add a T's Corner Collection and Treatment Study to the CIP and the Planning Commission agreed to add the project for a study to the CIP.

Mr. Lumgair requested to add something to the CIP for the Town of Chincoteague's land disposal of treated water. Discussion ensued and it was settled that Mr. Morrison would speak with the Town to see if they were interested. Mr. Papadopoulos also noted that he had a meeting with the Town Manager, Robert Ritter, and Bill Neville on Thursday and that he would discuss the matter with them as well.

C. Access Management – Route 13

Mr. Morrison opened the discussion on access management on Route 13 by pointing out that businesses typically prefer to open by traffic lights, existing small towns, or in high-traffic corridors.

The Planning Commission very briefly discussed thru-traffic versus local traffic.

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The VDOT median closures that have not all closed and the dangers from the medians remaining open were noted and Mr. Morrison shared that he can try to obtain the VDOT data that was shared at the meetings held by Mr. Lynwood Lewis regarding Route 13.

This topic is an ongoing topic of discussion.

D. Other Items

- **New Planning Commission Appointment**

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that the Board of Supervisors appointed a new Planning Commission member to fill the current vacancy. His name is Roy Custis and staff has orientation scheduled with him on Friday, January 30, 2015.

- **Solar Project Update**

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that the Board of Supervisors approved the Eastern Shore Solar Conditional Use Permit and Conditional Rezoning as the Planning Commission recommended.

- **New Assignment from the Board of Supervisors**

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that the Board of Supervisors tasked the Commission with trying to come up with revenue sources for renewable energy projects.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

5. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Papadopoulos, the Planning Commission voted to adjourn the meeting.

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

David Lumgair, Jr., Chairman

Hollis Parks, Administrative Assistant