

ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2015

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 24th day of February 2015, in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, in 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
Mr. Roy Custis

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

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Susan Linton Conditional Rezoning (Mappsville Dollar General)

Mr. Morrison stated that all materials relating to the application are posted online on the Board Docs website for the public's benefit. He then turned the floor over to the Assistant Planner, Kristen Tremblay, to present.

Ms. Tremblay first wanted to point out a typing error in the December 30, 2014 and February 3, 2015 Planning Reports for this application; on page 1 of both reports, she typed that the application was for "Wattsville" instead of "Mappsville" by mistake. She clarified that this application is for property in Mappsville and that the applicant has not requested additional rezoning in Wattsville. She apologized for any confusion.

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Ms. Tremblay then went on to present a PowerPoint presentation on the Susan Linton Conditional Rezoning (Mappsville Dollar General) application.

The Planning Commission discussed concerns such as the Route 13 entrance, traffic, and the affects to the existing Matthews Market store.

The Planning Commission and the representatives of the applicant spoke briefly regarding the study done that made Dollar General choose this site. It was requested that the representatives obtain the study, if possible, and present it to the Commission for its consideration.

Chairman Lumgair allowed members of the public the opportunity to speak regarding the application.

The following persons spoke in opposition of the request:

- Bruce Matthews, Gargatha (Owner of Matthews Market in Mappsville)
- Frank Russell, Parksley

The following person spoke in favor of the request:

- Susan Linton, Parksley

Staff was directed to prepare a motion for the Planning Commission to review at its next meeting on March 11, 2015.

B. Planning Commission 2015 Projected Workload Items

Ms. Tremblay presented the Planning Commission Projected Workload List for 2015 to the Commission. Items on the list were: Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Conditional Use Permit Amendment, Susan Linton Conditional Rezoning (Mappsville Dollar General), Renewable Energy Offsets for Tax Exemptions Discussion, Agricultural and Forestal District Reviews, Consideration of Administrative Approvals, Joint Land Use Study Review, Potential Review of Current Land Use and Zoning, Comprehensive Plan Discussion, and Capital Improvements Plan Discussion.

The Planning Commission asked for clarification on “administrative approvals” and Mr. Morrison explained that the intent of the request is for small amendments (i.e. amendments that do not affect adjacent properties, amendments which are scaling down the project, etc.) to be taken care of administratively.

On a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Papadopoulos, the Planning Commission voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the

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Planning and Community Development staff take care of small amendment requests administratively.

It was agreed that the Planning Commission 2015 Projected Workload Items List would be left open for discussion until the next meeting.

C. Renewable Energy Offsets for Tax Exemptions

Mr. Morrison introduced the Renewable Energy Offsets for Tax Exemptions matter to the Planning Commission, which the Board of Supervisors requested that the Commission research.

He presented a PowerPoint presentation that contained information from the Weldon Cooper Center and pointed out that agricultural values and land are weighted very heavily.

Due to the time and the inclement weather, it was agreed that this topic would be discussed further at a future meeting or work session.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 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 and seconded by Mr. Roberts, the Planning Commission voted to adjourn the meeting.

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

David Lumgair, Jr., Chairman

Hollis Parks, Administrative Assistant