

ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2015

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 28th day of April 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, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Spyridon Papadopoulos, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Lynn Gayle
Mr. Stephen Corazza
Mr. Brantley Onley
Mrs. Angela Wingfield

Planning Commission Members Absent:

Mr. Lynn Gayle

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, the Planning Commission voted to adopt the agenda.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Discussion

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that the Board of Supervisors will receive the final Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) report at its May 20, 2015 meeting and staff will recommend that it send the report to the Planning Commission for review. He noted that staff has not yet received the final JLUS report.

Mr. Morrison then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Joint Land Use Study. He showed the Planning Commission maps of the JLUS area, the operational footprints, the Accident Potential Zones (APZs), aircraft noise zones and noise contours, rocket range hazard area, and briefly discussed the recommendations for the APZ and noise zones.

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The maps presented to the Planning Commission as well as other information from the recommendations can be viewed at the following link:

[http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/files/9W2NC45447E7/\\$file/2015.04.28%20PC%20JLUS%20Image%20Handout.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/files/9W2NC45447E7/$file/2015.04.28%20PC%20JLUS%20Image%20Handout.pdf)

Discussion ensued regarding one of the clear zones, which is viewable on any of the maps showing the accident potential zones, and the effect of the houses within it.

The Planning Commission decided to wait on direction from the Board of Supervisors on the Joint Land Use Study.

B. Wind Energy Discussion

Chairman Lumgair opened the discussion about wind energy and noted that he is concerned about the same thing happening with wind turbines that occurred with the recent solar application regarding taxes and thinks it could be beneficial to be proactively negative towards wind turbines. He requested that wind turbines be included in the Board's request for offsets for tax exemptions (the recent discussion the Commission has been having regarding solar), in which staff agreed to work that into the proposal to the Planning Commission for its review.

Discussion commenced regarding removing turbines from the Agricultural Zoning Ordinance and the Planning Commission agreed to talk to the Board first to see what its opinion was on changing the ordinance prior to moving forward. Staff will report on the matter in its May Report to the Board.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 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