

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 11th day of July, 2007, in the cafetorium of Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley,

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Members Present:

Mr. William A. Sprague, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jim Frese
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.
Mr. Robert L. Nock
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Ms. Stella Rohde
Mr. Herb Thom
Mr. E. Bryan Turner

Members Absent:

Mr. E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Others Present:

Mr. James M. McGowan, Director of Planning
Ms. Andrea Stone, Environment Planner
Mr. Tom Brockenbrough, GIS Coordinator
Mr. Mark Taylor, County Attorney
Ms. Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant

B. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Sprague at 7:00 p.m. The Commissioners agreed to follow the Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Not a Public Hearing)

Vice-Chairman Sprague opened the floor for the Public Comment Period. No one was signed up to speak. Mr. Sprague asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak. No one in the audience came forward to speak.

3. STAKEHOLDER GROUP COMMENTS

Vice-Chairman Sprague opened the floor for the Stakeholder Group Comments. None of the Stakeholder Group Members came forward to speak.

4. 7:30 PM PUBLIC MEETING

A. Agricultural and Forestal Districts Review: Bell Neck, Cashville, Greenbush, New Church, and Wattsville.

At 7:30 PM the Commission held a Public Meeting with the owners of land within the Bell Neck, Cashville, Greenbush, New Church, and Wattsville Agricultural and Forestal Districts to review the districts. Andrea Stone, Environmental Planner, presented the Staff Report.

Vice-Chairman Sprague opened the floor for the Public Meeting. Mr. Rod Hennessey was signed up to speak. Mr. Hennessey stated that he would like to stay in the Agricultural and Forestal District. He also stated that, "I think that the Planning Commissioners are doing a great job, and keep up the good work."

Mr. Turner made a motion, Seconded by Mr. Frese, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Bell Neck Agricultural and Forestal District be continued and modified as presented to include the provisions of the Model Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance adopted on May 16, 2007. The motion was unanimously passed by those present.

Mr. Turner made a motion, Seconded by Mr. Frese, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Cashville Agricultural and Forestal District be continued and modified as presented to include the provisions of the Model Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance adopted on May 16, 2007. The motion was unanimously passed by those present.

Mr. Turner made a motion, Seconded by Mr. Nock, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Greenbush Agricultural and Forestal District be continued and modified as presented to include the provisions of the Model Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance adopted on May 16, 2007. The motion was unanimously passed by those present.

Mr. Turner made a motion, Seconded by Mr. Frese, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the New Church Agricultural and Forestal District be continued and modified as presented to include the provisions of the Model Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance adopted on May 16, 2007. The motion was unanimously passed by those present.

Mr. Turner made a motion, Seconded by Mr. Thom, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Wattsville Agricultural and Forestal District be continued and modified as presented to include the provisions of the Model Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance adopted on May 16, 2007. The motion was unanimously passed by those present.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. DCR Stormwater Ordinance Presentation: Mr. Art Kirkby from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) gave a presentation on the Model Virginia Stormwater Management Ordinance. The ordinance provides local governments with more flexibility in managing stormwater from land development. After a final draft ordinance is completed, local governments in the Chesapeake Bay watershed will have 18 months to adopt the ordinance.

B. Five-Acre Affordable Subdivision Concept: As requested at the June 13, 2007 Commission meeting, County Attorney Mark Taylor is reviewing the Five-Acre Affordable Subdivision concept.

C. Monthly Subdivision Report: David Fluhart, Subdivision Agent, has submitted the Monthly Subdivision Report for the Commission's review.

D. Comprehensive Plan Update: The Planning Commission reviewed the Draft Executive Summary at the June 13, 2007 meeting and made suggestions for revisions. Staff is working with planning consultant Milton Herd to complete the Draft Comprehensive Plan. A draft of the Comprehensive Plan should be completed by the end of August, 2007.

E. Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee: The Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for June 27, 2007, was not held due to the lack of a quorum. The meeting was held on July 9, 2007, and the Committee made recommendations on the Hack's Neck, Hallwood, and Parramore Island Agricultural and Forestal Districts. Mr. McGowan requested the Commission to consider scheduling a Public Meeting for August 8, 2007 to review these districts.

Mr. Thom made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Nock, for the Planning Commission to schedule a Public Meeting for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, August 8, 2007, to review the Hack's Neck, Hallwood, and Parramore Island Agricultural and Forestal Districts. The motion was unanimously passed by those present.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Subdivision Private Road Maintenance: As requested at the June 13, 2007 Commission meeting, County Attorney Mark Taylor provided the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors with information on Subdivision Private Road Maintenance. The Commission discussed the issue with Mr. Taylor and Mr. McGowan.

Mr. Turner made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Roberts to follow County Attorney Mark Taylor's recommendation in paragraph one of his confidential memorandum regarding private subdivision streets.

B. Central Middle School Future Land Use and Zoning Map Amendments: As discussed at the June 13, 2007 Commission meeting, Mr. McGowan reported that the Board of Supervisors has scheduled a Joint Public Hearing for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, on the Central Middle School draft Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map amendments. Copies of the Planning Commission meeting Agenda and Public Hearing materials for July 18, 2007, were distributed to the Commission.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Frese suggested that proposed changes to any area on maps should be printed and distributed to the Commissioners to review before a vote is taken. The information should be based on consensus. He would like to make this a policy.

8. MINUTES

A. Minutes of June 13, 2007

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by Ms. Rhode, those present voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2007.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 8, 2007.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by Ms. Rhode, those present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Sprague adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

James M. McGowan, Director of Planning