

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 5th day of September, 2007, in the cafeteria of Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley,

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Members Present:

Mr. E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman
Mr. William A. Sprague, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jim Frese
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.
Mr. E. Bryan Turner

Members Absent:

Mr. Robert L. Nock
Ms. Stella Rohde
Mr. Herb Thom

Others Present:

Mr. James M. McGowan, Director of Planning
Mr. Tom Brockenbrough, GIS Coordinator
Mr. Robert E. Testerman, Land Use Planner
Mr. Mark Taylor, County Attorney
Ms. Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Milton Herd, Planning Consultant

B. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman Hickman at 7:05 p.m. The Commissioners agreed to follow the Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Not a Public Hearing):

Chairman Hickman opened the floor for the Public Comment Period. Mr. Wesley Edwards stated that the Planning Commission agenda and materials were not put on the website in time before the meeting.

Mr. Hickman asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak. Audrey Leonard asked to speak, and stated that no one has the right to make millions when the taxpayers have to pay for the infrastructure.

3. STAKEHOLDER GROUP COMMENTS:

Chairman Hickman opened the floor for the Stakeholder Group comments.

No Stakeholder Group members spoke.

4. DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY DISCUSSION:

A. Mr. Robbie Lewis of the Department of Forestry discussed the need to improve the forestry information in the Comprehensive Plan, as per his letter. The Commission agreed to incorporate the comments into the Comprehensive Plan.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. **Monthly Subdivision Report:** The Monthly Subdivision Report was presented.

B. **Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee:** The Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee met on August 22, 2007. At the meeting, the Committee reviewed the Mutton Hunk Agricultural and Forestal District and recommended continuation and modification of the district parcels and conditions, including application of the Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance adopted on May 16, 2007.

Mr. McGowan requested the Commission to consider scheduling a Public Meeting for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, to meet with landowners and review the Mutton Hunk Agricultural and Forestal District.

A motion made by Mr. Turner, and Seconded by Mr. Frese to schedule a Public Meeting for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, to meet with landowners and review the Mutton Hunk Agricultural and Forestal District. The motion passed with the following vote: Aye: Chairman Hickman, Mr. Frese, Mr. Hickman, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Turner. Nay: Vice-Chairman Sprague.

The next Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, in the Accomack County Board Chambers.

D. **Comprehensive Plan Update:** Mr. Milton Herd, Planning Consultant, presented the Draft Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the Draft Comprehensive Plan were distributed at the meeting for review at the September 17, 2007 Planning Commission Work Session. Mr. McGowan stated that staff is still working to complete revisions to Chapters 2, 3, and 4, as well as the maps.

Mr. Bob Hickman asked what percent of the mapped area is already built out. Chairman Hickman asked if we want 20,000 new people in 20 years, or want what our natural resources can sustain. Chairman Hickman asked if we need a mechanism in the plan to say we'll look back and make the plan more restrictive if necessary.

Milton Herd stated that you can't really control population growth, but you can address it through regulations to manage resources and infrastructure. Chairman Hickman stated that, if over five years we have an eight percent rate of growth, we need to ask what we can do differently. Mr. Hickman asked Mr. Taylor is this is right.

Mr. Taylor replied, broadly yes, but we need to monitor growth and keep the data current so the situation can be monitored. We need clearly stated objectives, what we desire and can tolerate. Mr. Hickman stated that we need a mechanism to review. Mr. Taylor stated that he believes it is in the plan now based on the Commission's comments from the August meeting.

Mr. Frese stated that we need to look at past history of population growth and where it has grown. There will be improvements in water technology, ecology, etc. The plan can't be cast in stone and needs to be based on real numbers.

Chairman Hickman asked the Commissioners to focus on the big picture when reviewing the plan for the September 17th Work Session, not on minor details.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Board of Supervisors Request: Mr. McGowan presented a memorandum from the Board of Supervisors requesting the Planning Commission to consider incorporating the following U.S. Route 13 access management guidelines in the Comprehensive Plan:

1. Left turn lanes
2. Right turn lanes
3. Shoulders
4. Driveway spacing (HCOD)
5. Side street connections

Mr. McGowan reported that the requested information has been included in the draft plan.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Draft Comprehensive Plan Work Session with Board of Supervisors:

On August 15th, the Board of Supervisors requested the Planning Commission to schedule a joint work session with the Board to discuss the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. McGowan requested the Commission to consider scheduling a joint work session with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

On a Motion by Mr. Turner, Seconded by Mr. Frese, a joint work session with the Board of Supervisors was scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2007 to discuss the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

B. Board of Supervisors Special Meeting on Central Accomack Sewer Issues:

The **Board of Supervisors** has scheduled a Special Meeting for **7:30 PM** on **Thursday, October 4, 2007**, at Nandua High School Auditorium. The purpose of the meeting is for the Board to receive a consultant presentation on Central Accomack Sewer Issues.

8. MINUTES:

On a Motion by Mr. Hickman, Seconded by Mr. Frese, those present voted unanimously to approve minutes of August 8, 2007.

9. NEXT MEETING:

A Planning Commission Work Session meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Monday, September 17, 2007.

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 3, 2007.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

On a Motion by Mr. Frese, Seconded by Mr. Hickman, those present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM to the Work Session scheduled for 7:00 PM on Monday, September 17, 2007, at Metompkin Elementary School.

E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant