

Virginia: At a work session of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 17th day of September, 2007, in the cafeteria of Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley, Virginia:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Members Present:

Mr. E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Robert L. Nock
Mr. Herb Thom
Mr. E. Bryan Turner
Ms. Stella Rohde
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.

Members Absent:

Mr. William A. Sprague, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jim Frese

Others Present:

Mr. James M. McGowan, Director of Planning
Mr. Tom Brockenbrough, GIS Coordinator
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 Chairman Hickman at 7:05 p.m. The Commissioners agreed to follow the Agenda.

2. REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:

Chairman Hickman asked the Commissioners to discuss the plan and say if we are going in the right direction.

Mr. Turner, Mr. Nock, and Mr. Roberts agreed that the plan is in the right direction.

Mr. Bob Hickman agreed that it was the right direction. Chapter 2 has a lot of information and we need to think about ground water. If we use the population estimates, the ground water situation is scary. Need to keep working on ground water.

Ms. Rohde said she needs more time to review the plan. It needs information on sea level rise. The plan is in the right direction but needs refinement.

Chairman Hickman stated that he saw a lot in the plan that he likes. We need a trigger to gauge growth, so we can adjust the plan as needed to expand some areas or contract others based on development. He is concerned about ground water, creeks, and bays. He asked how much marsh was there 20 years ago versus now. He likes that we have reasons in the plan to turn down rezoning requests. There is not enough information about the library.

Ms. Rohde said we need more commercial and industrial areas to provide jobs.

Chairman Hickman says Chapters 2, 3, 4, and 5 need introductions and summaries. The Road Needs Assessment is in Chapter 5, but we need to be sure it is in Chapter 4. We need Resource Protection Area buffers on the Seaside, but not sure about the reserve drainfield requirement. We need a map showing marsh erosion.

Mr. Bob Hickman stated that we need to talk about conservation of bird habitat, not just wetlands.

Chairman Hickman stated that Assateague National Seashore is a major economic development asset and beach access and parking need to be maintained for tourism and economic development.

Chairman Hickman requested that the ground water numbers be revised to include agricultural and industrial use. He suggested using 100 gpd/person.

The Commissioners reviewed the Executive Summary, and Chapters 1, 2, and 3. Staff noted the corrections and additions to be made.

3. NEXT MEETING:

If confirmed by the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission will have a Joint Work Session with the Board at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 25, 2007.

The next regular Planning Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 3, 2007.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant