

Virginia: The Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 29th day of November, 2007, a site visit of the Wallops Research Park, located in Wallops Virginia:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Members Present:

Mr. E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman
Mr. William A. Sprague, Vice-Chairman
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. E. Bryan Turner

Members Absent:

Mr. Robert L. Nock
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.
Ms. Stella Rohde
Mr. Jim Frese
Mr. Herbert Thom

Others Present:

Ms. Amy Bull, Wallops Research Park Project Manager
Mr. Paul Bull, NASA Wallops Island
Mr. John Callender, Marine Science Consortium
Mr. Stewart Hall, Public Works Director
Mr. James M. McGowan, Director of Planning
Mr. Robert Testerman, Land Use Planner

B. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

At 9:30 AM quorum was not present. Chairman Hickman did not call the meeting to order. Mr. McGowan read the following statement from Mark Taylor, County Attorney, to those present regarding the site visit:

“On November 29, 2007, you will be visiting the site of the proposed Wallops Research Park. This gathering is intended to provide you with a briefing on the Wallops Research Park project and give you an opportunity to view the site. Due to NASA security parameters, the portion of this activity occurring on the NASA/WFF installation will not be open to the public. For most or all of this activity, you will be hearing a presentation by the project staff and/or encountering the project site first-hand.”

“Please note that this is a Wallops Research Park informational activity only. This is NOT an appropriate forum for any public business to be discussed, considered or decided by the Planning Commission. At the time appointed for this activity, the Planning Commission Chair may determine the existence of a quorum, upon which the activity may proceed. The only motion what would be in order at this activity would be a motion to adjourn.”

2. WALLOPS RESEARCH PARK SITE VISIT:

At 9:30 AM, those present obtained their security badges from the NASA gatehouse and boarded a van to take a tour of the site. The group met Mr. Tommy Clark, a landowner on Justice Farm Lane, who led the group along the property line of the Accomack County property adjacent to Justice Farm Lane. The group continued through the woods to the old Accomack County landfill site. Mr. Hall left the tour at this time. The group boarded the van and drove through the Marine Science Consortium property and down Justice Farm Lane and Hickman Farm Lane to Chincoteague Road. Mr. Callender, Mr. Bull, and Mr. McGowan pointed out features along the way. The tour continued along Chincoteague Road to Atlantic Road, and up Atlantic Road back to the NASA gatehouse.

The tour continued inside the NASA gate, with Ms. Bull showing the proposed location of the BaySys hangars. Mr. Tom Wilson of NASA gave a tour of the payload processing facility. Mr. Nick Olmsted gave a tour of the temporary BaySys hangar, where two large jets were being refurbished.

The tour ended at the NASA gatehouse at approximately 12:15 PM.

E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

James M. McGowan, Director of Planning