

**Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 2nd day of April, 2008, 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  
Ms. Stella Rohde, Vice Chair  
Mr. Jim Frese  
Mr. C. Robert Hickman  
Ms. Tammy James  
Mr. Robert L. Nock  
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.  
Mr. Herb Thom  
Mr. E. Bryan Turner

**Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

Mr. James M. McGowan, Director of Planning  
Ms. Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant

**B. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

There being a quorum, Chairman Hickman called the meeting to order 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 Public Comments. No one was signed up to speak.

**3. STAKEHOLDER GROUP COMMENTS:**

Chairman Hickman opened the floor for Public Comments. No one signed up to speak. Stakeholder Jim Belote submitted written comments dated April 2, 2008, and requested that they be read to the Planning Commission. Mr. Belote was not present at the meeting. Chairman Hickman read Mr. Belote's comments.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Subdivision Agent Report:** Mr. McGowan presented the Monthly Subdivision Report.
- B. Davis Wharf A&F District:** On March 19, 2008, the Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on the Davis Wharf Agricultural and Forestal District and voted to continue the district as recommended. Accomack County's 22 Agricultural and Forestal Districts have now all been updated and/or renewed. The next review of the districts will begin in 2010.
- C. Comprehensive Plan Update:** Mr. McGowan reported that on March 19, 2008, he reminded the Board of Supervisors of the Planning Commission's request to schedule a Joint Public Hearing on the Draft Comprehensive Plan. Chairman Wolff stated that the Board would consider setting a date at the Board's Strategic Plan meeting on March 27, 2008. The Board has not yet set a date.
- D. Planning Priorities for Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan Update:** The Planning Commission's planning priorities have been submitted to the Board of Supervisors to consider in updating their Strategic Plan. Copies were distributed to the Planning Commission.
- E. Results of Discussion on New Zoning Districts:** Mr. McGowan presented a copy of results of the Planning Commission's discussion on the new zoning districts. Staff will use this information to draft the new zoning districts. Commissioner Bob Hickman stated that the districts did not include manufactured homes, as discussed. Mr. McGowan stated that the manufactured home discussion was a separate item, but they could be added to the two districts. The Commission agreed to add manufactured homes to the two districts.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Seaside Water Quality Protection Ordinance:** On March 19, 2008, the Board of Supervisors requested the Director of Planning and the County Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance that extends water quality protection measures to all of Accomack County, excluding incorporated towns. Mr. McGowan is working with Mr. Taylor to prepare a draft ordinance for consideration by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.
- B. Discussion on Zoning District Permitted Uses:** Mr. Hickman requested the Commission to consider delaying review of the current zoning district uses until the Comprehensive Plan is adopted. The Commission agreed to delay review of the districts.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

As requested by Chairman Hickman, copies of two *Salisbury Daily Times* articles on Delmarva growth were distributed and discussed.

Mr. Frese distributed information on a group of homes in Horntown that he thinks could serve as a model for affordable housing. Mr. McGowan stated that homes could not be built today at that density without central sewage treatment and VDOT roads.

**7. MINUTES:**

**A. Minutes of March 5, 2008**

**On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by, Mr. Frese those present voted unanimously to approve the minutes.**

**8. NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 8, 2008. Mr. McGowan noted that the meeting is being held on a Thursday, one day later than usual, due to the Seafood Festival the day before on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

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Phillip Hickman, Chairman

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Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant