

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 4th day of June, 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
Mr. Jim Frese
Ms. Stella Rohde, Vice Chair
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Ms. Tammy James
Mr. Herb Thom
Mr. E. Bryan Turner

Members Absent:

Mr. Robert L. Nock
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.

Others Present:

Mr. James M. McGowan, Director of Planning
Ms. Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Steven B. Miner, County Administrator
Mr. Mark B. Taylor, County Attorney
Mr. John Davy, Department of Conservation and Recreation

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 to Stakeholder Group comments. Stakeholder Gene Wayne Taylor voiced concerns on behalf of Bedford Rogers of the Concerned Citizens about the need for affordable housing on the Shore.

4. SUBDIVISION REVIEW:

A. Creek Bluff Subdivision, Section II: Robert Testerman, Land Use Planner, presented the Preliminary Subdivision Plat Review to the Planning Commission. Staff reported that proposed subdivision meets all Subdivision Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance requirements and recommended approval.

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by Ms. Rohde, those present voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Creek Bluff Subdivision, Section II, to the Subdivision Agent.

5. PRESENTATION ON VIRGINIA OUTDOORS PLAN:

Mr. John Davy from the Department of Conservation and Recreation presented the 2007 Virginia Outdoors Plan. The plan is available online at: http://www/dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/vop.shtml.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Subdivision Agent Report: Mr. McGowan presented the monthly Subdivision Agent Report.

B. Comprehensive Plan Update: The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission held the Comprehensive Plan Joint Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the Board adopted the plan with minor revisions to the plan text and maps. Final revisions are being made, the adopted plan will be posted on the website, and copies will be distributed after they are printed.

C. A&F District Withdrawal Request The Agricultural and Forestal Advisory Committee met on May 28, 2008, and voted to recommend removal of Tax Parcel 118-A-63A from the Shields Agricultural and Forestal District to the Board of Supervisors because the land is adjacent to land that is not in the district and the owner intends to subdivide the property as a minor cluster subdivision. Staff will present the recommendations of the Agricultural and Forestal Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors at its June 18, 2008 meeting.

D. Seaside Water Quality Protection Ordinance: As requested by the Board of Supervisors, Department of Planning staff and the County Attorney are working on a draft ordinance that extends water quality protection measures to all of Accomack County, excluding incorporated towns. Mr. Hickman asked when a draft would be available. Mr. McGowan said that he would try for July but couldn't promise due to other staff commitments.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

DAWN Land Use and Water Quality Workshop

The Delmarva Area Watershed Network (DAWN) is hosting a Land Use and Water Quality Workshop at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 11, 2008, in the Eastern Shore Community College Lecture Hall. Dr. Mark Luckenbach of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science will discuss the relationship between land use activity and water quality, and Chuck Donley of Donley Associates will demonstrate Eastern Shore land development scenarios using the CommunityViz GIS software.

NASA Launch Safety Zone

Chairman Hickman asked Mr. Miner to provide an update on meeting with landowners about the NASA Launch Safety Zone. Mr. Miner replied that a meeting was being scheduled. Commissioner Bob Hickman suggested that the State be requested to provide funding to purchase conservation easements on the affected properties.

8. MINUTES:

A. Minutes of May 8, 2008

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by Ms. James, those present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 8, 2008.

9. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 2, 2008.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant