

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 20th day of October, 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. William Fallon
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Ms. Tammy James
Mr. Robert L. Nock
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.
Mr. Herb Thom
Mr. E. Bryan Turner

Members Absent:

Ms. Stella Rohde, Vice Chair

Others Present:

Mr. James M. McGowan, Director of Planning
Ms. Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Robert Testerman, Land Use Planner
Mr. Mark Taylor, County Attorney
Mr. Stewart Hall, Director of Public Works

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. REVIEW OF PROPOSED CONVENIENCE CENTER LOCATION:

Mr. McGowan presented the staff review for the proposed Coal Kiln Road Solid Waste Convenience Center location. Chairman Hickman agreed to let a citizen speak about the location of the proposed facility. Ms. Lavenia Joynes is a resident on Coal Kiln Road. She has been a resident for sixty years. She presented the following concerns to the Planning Commission.

1. The new convenience center would create a lot of congestion.
2. The surface of the road is very bad and could pose a bigger problem if the road is used as-is.
3. The center would be close to residential homes.
4. It would increase traffic and cause danger at the Route 13 intersection.
5. She lives about one- tenth of a mile from the proposed site.

Mr. Stewart Hall, Director of Public Works, presented the proposal and answered questions from the Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed the proposed project and identified the following concerns about the site:

- The intersection at Route 13 and Coal Kiln Road does not have a right turn lane and is dangerous.
- A stop light and a turn lane would need to be built at the intersection.
- Coal Kiln Road would need to be improved.
- The proposed site is close to residential homes.
- There is a subdivision across from the site with vacant lots and the potential for new homes.

On a Motion made by Mr. Thom, seconded by Mr. Nock, those present voted unanimously to disapprove the proposed Convenience Center location due to traffic safety issues and the impact on existing residences.

3. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT:

Mr. McGowan presented the Draft Rural Residential Zoning District and discussed the draft with the Commission. The Commission did not complete the review and Chairman Hickman requested that the review be continued at the next regular meeting.

4. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 5, 2008.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant