

**Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 1st day of April, 2009, 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. Herb Thom  
Mr. E. Bryan Turner  
Mr. George T. Parker  
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.

**Members Absent:**

No members were absent.

**Others Present:**

Mr. James M. McGowan, Director of Planning  
Ms. Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Robert Testerman, Land Use Planner

**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 the Public Comment Period.

Mr. Bob Gresham signed up to speak. Mr. Gresham spoke to the Planning Commission about the PSA (Public Service Authority). He expressed his opinion and concern that the PSA, if formed, will be a very powerful body. It may be more powerful than the Planning Commission if no limits are set for the PSA. He is also concerned that the time the Planning Commission spent completing the Comprehensive Plan and other work may be wasted if close attention is not paid to the PSA. Mr. Gresham also expressed his concerns for the cost of having the PSA. It could be very costly and he agrees with Supervisor Wanda Thornton's article that she submitted to the Eastern Shore News. On a phenomenal scale the PSA could end up a mess.

**3. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION: MS. STELLA ROHDE:**

- A. Stella Rohde:** Staff requested the Commission to consider approving the Resolution of Commendation for former Planning Commissioner Rohde.

**On a Motion by Mr. Turner, and Seconded by Mr. Thom, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Resolution of Commendation for former Planning Commissioner Rohde.**

**4. REVISED RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT ORDINANCE:**

Mr. McGowan presented the revised Rural Residential District Ordinance to the Planning Commission for discussion. Mr. McGowan explained the process of sending the ordinance to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

**On a Motion by Mr. Parker, and Seconded by Ms. James, those present voted unanimously, to accept the draft presented to them as the finalized Rural Residential District Ordinance and hold the Rural Residential District Ordinance until the Village Residential Ordinance is completed. The Planning Commission would like to present both ordinances together to the Board of Supervisors.**

**5. REVISED VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT ORDINANCE:**

Mr. McGowan presented the revised Village Residential District Ordinance to the Planning Commission for discussion. The Planning Commission presented more suggestions for the ordinance to Mr. McGowan. The Planning Commission will continue revising the Village Residential District.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Subdivision Agent Report:** Mr. McGowan presented the Subdivision Agent Report.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Planning Commission Certification:** Mr. McGowan mentioned that a course may be presented on the Eastern Shore. Mr. McGowan will keep Planning Commissioners posted with more details as he receives them.

**8. OTHER MATTERS:**

No other matters were discussed.

**9. MINUTES:**

The following minutes were presented for the Commission's review and approval:

**A. Minutes of May 14, 2008**

**On a Motion by Mr. Roberts, Seconded by Mr. Thom, those present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 14, 2008.**

**B. Minutes of November 12, 2008**

**On a Motion by Mr. Hickman, Seconded by Mr. Thom, those present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of November 12, 2008.**

**C. Minutes of March 04, 2009**

**On a Motion by Mr. Roberts, Seconded by Mr. Thom, those present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 04, 2009.**

**D. Minutes of March 16, 2009**

**On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by Mr. Roberts, those present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 16, 2009.**

**10. NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM Thursday, May 7, 2009.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**On a Motion by Ms. James, Seconded by Mr. Parker, those present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to the Work Session that is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Monday, April 20, 2009, at Metompkin Elementary School.**

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

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Phillip Hickman, Chairman

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Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant