

LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

May 21, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lancaster County Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board meeting room of the Lancaster County Administration Building, Lancaster, Virginia.

Present were David Jones, Robert Smart, Tara Booth, David Chupp, Glenn Pinn, Steve Sorensen and Ty Brent.

Also present were William R. Lee, Board of Supervisors Representative, Don Gill, Planning/Land Use Director, and others.

Mr. Jones asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the April 16, 2015 minutes as submitted. **VOTE: 6-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEM #1

UPDATE TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP IN CHAPTER SEVEN OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Gill to present the issue.

Mr. Gill stated that the County Attorney, Jim Cornwell, had advised that we need to amend our future land use map to show the proposed Windmill Point boat ramp as a public facility. He stated that there was general language in the Comprehensive Plan about public water access, but that Mr. Cornwell would like this project and the other public water access areas as well, shown upon the future land use map.

Mr. Gill stated that he had attached a copy of the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2223 with applicable areas highlighted which details what may be shown on the map. He stated that it was important to note that the future land use map is supposed to be general in nature, so including everything listed would obviously make it too cluttered.

Mr. Gill stated that Mr. Cornwell had specifically asked that public access areas be shown, but there may be other items that the Planning Commission feels should be

included. He stated that he had included the Lancaster County Future Land Use map as well as future land use maps from neighboring counties for the Commission to review.

Mr. Gill stated that the meeting was envisioned as a work session to determine what other features, if any, should be shown on our future land use map in addition to the public use areas. He stated that from tonight's discussion, a draft revised map can be prepared, hopefully for the July meeting. He stated that after all revisions are completed, a public hearing will need to be held prior to forwarding to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Gill stated that he had a list of ten items that he thought should be included on the map.

Mr. Jones stated that he thought the Planning Commission should hear Mr. Gill's list first.

Mr. Gill suggested that the legend on the map contain two different notations, one for existing public use areas and one for proposed public use areas.

Mr. Gill pointed out on the map and marked the areas for the Windmill Point Boat Ramp, Westland Beach and the Windmill Point canoe/kayak launch site. He stated that another proposed public access site is the Ashley Cove property. He stated that the County had a twenty-five year lease on the property and because of its size, it could probably only be used for a possible canoe/kayak launch site.

Mr. Gill stated that there is another county owned property on Taylors Creek, which he thought was approximately nine or ten acres and could be identified as another proposed public use site.

Mr. Gill stated that other sites included the Greenvale Creek Boat Ramp, Belle Isle State Park, Hickory Hollow Nature Trail, Baylor Park Nature Trail and the old Chesapeake Nature Trail.

Mr. Lee mentioned the newly acquired site at Brookvale.

Mr. Smart mentioned the Chilton Woods State Forest.

There was discussion about whether or not the facilities that are controlled by the state should be included in the County's future land use map.

Mr. Gill stated that the Planning Commission might want to consider the addition of the schools and convenience centers to the map as well as public utilities, such as electric sub-stations.

Mr. Lee stated that they will not be able to add everything without the map looking cluttered.

Mr. Jones asked about having two maps-one for the current land use and one for the future land use.

Mr. Gill suggested that was possible, but the legend on the existing map will show the difference between the existing and proposed public uses.

The consensus was to have one map and leave the schools off of the map.

Mr. Gill stated that the twelve items that had been mentioned was probably all they needed to meet the County Attorney's request.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Gill to modify the map and bring it back for the Planning Commission's review before it goes to public hearing.

Mr. Jones suggested that the proposed map be put on the County's website for public feedback.

Mr. Gill stated that was possible as well.

Mr. Gill stated that he would check with Jim Cornwell about the addition of the schools and convenience centers to the map.

The consensus of the Planning Commission was to include the twelve items on the future land use map and bring it back for review at the next meeting in July, with a public hearing possibly in August.

OTHER BUSINESS

1) Elections

Mr. Jones stated that Article II of the By-Laws of the Lancaster County Planning Commission requires the election of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary at the May meeting each year. He stated that current officers are as follows: Chairman-David Jones, Vice-Chairman-Tara Booth and Secretary-Crystal Whay.

Mr. Jones opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Smart nominated David Jones for Chairman. There were no other nominations. **VOTE: 7-0.**

Mr. Smart nominated Ty Brent for Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations. **VOTE: 7-0.**

Mr. Jones nominated Crystal Whay for Secretary. There were no other nominations. **VOTE: 7-0.**

Mr. Gill stated that there would be no Planning Commission meeting in June.

ADJOURNMENT

The May 21, 2015 regular meeting of the Lancaster County Planning Commission was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.