

LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

September 15, 2016

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 Chairman Ty Brent, Tara Booth, Bob Smart, Steve Sorensen, and David Chupp. Glen Pinn and Tom Richardson were absent.

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

Mr. Brent asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the August 18, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Brent moved to approve the August 18, 2016 minutes as submitted. **VOTE: 5-0.**

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5-RESIDENTIAL GENERAL DISTRICT R-1, ARTICLE 6A-RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DISTRICT R-4 AND ARTICLE 7-RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM GENERAL DISTRICT R-3

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

Mr. Gill stated that the issue was a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance for Articles 5, 6A and 7. He stated that one concurrent public hearing may be held for all three Articles instead of three separate public hearings, but each Article must be voted on individually to forward to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Gill stated that all changes requested at the prior Planning Commission meetings have been made and are highlighted on the attached drafts of each individual Article. He stated that proposed changes are in the form of additions, deletions and modifications to permitted uses, height regulations and setbacks and are intended to make permitted uses more consistent with the spirit and intent of those zoning districts.

Mr. Gill stated that advertising had been conducted as required by law and other than the discussion at the prior Planning Commission meetings, there had been one request from the public for additional information.

Mr. Brent stated that it was a testament to how well the zoning ordinances had been reviewed in the past.

Mr. Chupp stated that there was also good staff work.

Mr. Brent opened the public hearing.

There was no public input.

Mr. Brent closed the public hearing.

Mr. Chupp made a motion to forward the amended Article 5, Residential General District R-1, to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation for approval. **VOTE: 5-0.**

Mr. Smart made a motion to forward the amended Article 6A, Residential Community District R-4, to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation for approval. **VOTE: 5-0.**

Mrs. Booth made a motion to forward the amended Article 7, Residential Medium General District R-3, to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation for approval. **VOTE: 5-0.**

Mr. Smart asked what the next step was in the zoning ordinance review process.

Mr. Gill replied that there were twenty-seven articles in the zoning ordinance and the Planning Commission had reviewed seven so far. He stated that he would bring the commercial districts to the Commission next for review.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gill stated that he wanted to remind the Commission members that the November meeting will be moved up a week to November 10th to accommodate the Board of Supervisors' meeting date change because of the Thanksgiving holiday. He stated that the Commission may not want to hold a meeting in December, as has been done in the past, assuming there are no applications that would require action from the Planning Commission.

Mr. Gill stated that the Visions group is holding a seminar entitled “Smart Communities” at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene on October 27th. He stated that the cost is \$25 per person and if any Planning Commission members would like to attend, he could find funds in his budget for that expense.

Mr. Chupp asked about an update on the County’s boat ramp.

Mr. Gill replied that the boat ramp had been completed. He stated that a representative from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries did an inspection on Monday and was very pleased. He stated that the inspection had to be done in order to receive the \$150,000 grant. He stated that the County should be getting the check within the next thirty days. He stated that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony planned in the near future.

Mr. Lee stated that he had spoken with the County Administrator and suggested a ceremony either the last week of September or the first week of October. He stated that they want to install additional public landing signs in White Stone and will be getting in touch with VDOT.

Mr. Smart stated that the boat ramp is a very important project and follows through with the Comprehensive Plan’s goals.

ADJOURNMENT

The September 15, 2016 regular meeting of the Lancaster County Planning Commission was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.