

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE NINETEENTH DAY OF MAY, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE, AT 6:30 P.M. AT CAPTAIN GEORGE'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Fred Belden and guest
Mr. Wallace Davis and guest
Mr. Jack D. Edwards and guest
Mr. Martin Garrett and guest
Mr. John F. Hagee and guest
Mr. Alexander C. Kuras and guest
Ms. Carolyn Lowe
Mr. Robert A. Magoon, Jr. and guest
Mr. Gary M. Massie and guest

Mr. A.G. Bradshaw

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. O. Marvin Sowers, Jr., Director of Planning, and guest
Mr. Larry Foster, Assistant County Administrator, and guest
Mr. Larry W. Davis, Assistant County Attorney
Mr. John Horne, Director of Development Management, and guest
Mr. Donald E. Davis, Planner
Mr. Allen J. Murphy, Jr., and guest
Ms. Lisabeth Pollock, Planning Technician
Ms. Elizabeth Sullivan, Planner, and guest
Ms. Sandra Barner and guest
Mr. Michael Freda and guest
Mr. R. Patrick Friel, Planner
Mr. Trent Funkhouser, Planner, and guest
Mr. Timothy Lindstrom, Guest Speaker, and guest

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Foster welcomed everyone and gave an invocation.

Mr. Sowers introduced members of the Planning Department staff and briefly described the Division's organization.

Mr. Horne introduced Mr. Lindstrom, a former member of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, a member of the faculty of the University of Virginia teaching Planning Law, a member of the Institute of Environmental Negotiations, and a practicing attorney.

3. PROGRAM

Mr. Lindstrom described his range of experience during 12 years on the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, including serving as the Board's liaison to the Planning Commission. Mr. Lindstrom compared James City and Albemarle Counties, specifically regarding rapid growth.

Mr. Lindstrom felt that the heavy subsidy required in terms of public services and infrastructure for new development is adequate reason for public concern and involvement in development decisions and planning.

Mr. Lindstrom emphasized that the Planning Commission and staff should be apolitical. The Commission along with the staff recommendation should consider public opinion in developing their opinions, but should not act as politicians responsive to a constituency. The Planning Commission should act as a consultant to the elected body, offering advice and objective evaluations of facts. The Commission and staff roles should be that of gathering and considering all information and options and making objective recommendations based on a long-term view of the County's overall needs and best interests. Staff should be comprehensive and unwavering in their recommendations.

Mr. Lindstrom stressed that predictability is of the utmost importance to developers, so that time and resources are not wasted on proposals that do not succeed.

Mr. Lindstrom further stressed the need to avoid reactive planning, in general. He stated that giving the people what they want now does not necessarily give them what they need, and does not preclude them from demanding what they will still need in the future.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 P.M.


Fred Belden, Chairman


Marvin Sowers, Jr., Secretary

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