

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON THE SECOND DAY OF APRIL, TWO-THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101-F MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

1. ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioners

Present:

Rich Krapf
Chris Basic
Robin Bledsoe
George Drummond
John Wright, III
Heath Richardson

Staff Present:

Paul Holt, Planning Director
Jose Ribeiro

Planning Commissioners

Absent:

Tim O'Connor

Mr. Rich Krapf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Krapf opened the public comment.

There being none, Mr. Krapf closed the public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from March 5, 2014, Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Krapf inquired if the Commissioners had any comments.

Mr. Chris Basic stated that the fourth comment on page six of the March 5, 2014, minutes should be corrected to read as evolved vs. abounded.

In a unanimous vote, the Commission approved the Consent Agenda 6-0; Mr. Tim O'Connor being absent.

4. REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION

A. Policy Committee

Ms. Robin Bledsoe reported that the Policy Committee met on March 13, 2014, with all members attending. There were 4 items on the agenda.

1. Case No. ZO-0007-2013, Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Consider the Keeping of Chickens in Residentially Zoned Areas;
2. Case No. ZO-0008-2013, Accessory Apartments;
3. Longhill Corridor Study Update; and
4. Agricultural and Forestry Industries (AFID) Grant Update.

Due to time constraints, the agenda was rearranged to begin with the AFID update followed by the Longhill Corridor Study Update and closing with Zoning Ordinance discussions.

AFID UPDATE:

Ms. Leanne Pollock and Ms. Kate Sipes presented to the committee an update of the work completed to date by the Rural Economic Development Committee (REDC) and its consultant, ERM as well as the report: Assessment of Rural Economic Activity in James City County. Also included in the update was a list of possible actions and projects to promote rural economic development efforts. Next steps will include further meetings to discuss project and priorities as well as a spring workshop to include stakeholders. Pertinent results will also be incorporated into the 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

LONGHILL CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATE:

Ms. Ellen Cook and Mr. Carroll Collins of Kimley Horn and Associates presented an update on the Longhill Corridor Study as well as visual representations of proposed road segments as well as the various treatments of intersections from signal lights to roundabouts. Plans will be further refined and a final public meeting is currently planned for May 8, 2014.

Case No. ZO-0007-2013, Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Consider the Keeping of Chickens: Mr. Scott Whyte presented 2 draft ordinances for policy committee consideration with the primary difference in lot size minimum of 1 acre vs. 1/3 acre in the R-1 district only. Both ordinances were reviewed and recommendations were made to staff for the next draft. There was additional discussion regarding the impact of residential lot keeping and concerns with potential conflicts regarding the dispatch of canines in the event they are found to be a threat to chicken coops.

Due to time constraints, the accessory apartment draft ordinance was not reviewed or discussed and the Policy Committee will review this and the draft amendment for the Keeping of Chickens at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

B. Regional Issues Committee

Ms. Bledsoe stated that the Regional Issues Committee did not meet in March.

5. PUBLIC HEARING CASES

- A. Case Nos. Z-0003-2013/MP-0001-2013. Rezoning and Master Plan Amendment for Kingsmill

Mr. Jose Ribeiro, Senior Planner II, addressed the Planning Commission giving a summary of the staff report included in the Agenda Packet.

Mr. Krapf stated that the public hearing has remained opened from the March 5, 2014 Planning Commission meeting and inquired if anyone would like to comment.

There being none, Mr. Krapf stated that the public hearing would remain open until May, 7, 2014, meeting.

6. PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS

Mr. Krapf stated that Mr. O'Connor would be covering the Board of Supervisors meeting for the month of April.

7. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Holt stated that James City County had launched the 2035 Comprehensive Plan Review to inform citizens and provide an opportunity for them to participate in this important process. He stated that the website includes video, information related to the plan, review timeline, and upcoming opportunities for involvement.

Mr. Basic stated that Ms. Leanne Pollock and Ms. Christy Parrish were invited to speak at one of the local organizations and they were pleased by their presentation.

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND REQUESTS

There being none, Mr. Krapf moved to the next item on the Agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bledsoe moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:09 p.m.


Richard Krapf, Chairman


Paul D. Holt, III, Secretary