

MINUTES
JAMES CITY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Building A Large Conference Room
101 Mounts bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
September 23, 2020
4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. This meeting will be held electronically pursuant to the Continuity of Government Ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 14, 2020 and readopted on September 8, 2020. The meeting will be accessible through a Zoom audio meeting. Please go to <https://zoom.us/j/96544339685> or call 301-715-8592 and enter the meeting ID 965 4433 9685. Citizen comments may be submitted via US Mail to the Planning Commission Secretary, PO Box 8784, Williamsburg, VA 23187, via electronic mail to community.development@jamescitycountyva.gov, or by leaving a message at 757-253-6750. Comments must be submitted no later than noon on the day of the meeting. Please provide your name and address for the public record.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Electronic Meeting Resolution

Mr. Jack Haldeman called the Development Review Committee (DRC) meeting to order at 4 p.m. He called the roll and read the electronic meeting resolution.

Mr. Frank Polster made a motion to Adopt the electronic meeting resolution.

The resolution was adopted by a voice vote of 5-0.

Present:

Jack Haldeman, Chair
Rich Krapf
Julie Leverenz
Barbara Null
Frank Polster

Staff in Attendance:

Alex Baruch, Principal Planner
Darryl Cook, Assistant Director, Stormwater Resource Protection Division
Katie Pelletier, Community Development Assistant

C. MINUTES

1. June 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Julie Leverenz motioned to Approve the June 17, 2020 DRC meeting minutes.

On a voice vote, the Motion passed 5-0.

D. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SP-20-0060. Chickahominy Riverfront Park Shoreline Stabilization - Tree Removal SP Amend

Mr. Alex Baruch addressed the Committee and stated that Mr. Darryl Cook of James City County Stormwater and Resource Protection Division submitted a site plan last year to stabilize portions of the shoreline of Chickahominy Riverfront Park. Mr. Baruch stated the site plan was approved by the DRC on September 18, 2019. Mr. Baruch explained that the erosion is limiting environmental habitat, encroaching on park infrastructure, and reducing the existing riparian buffer as the shoreline moves inland. He said the eroded banks also present a safety hazard for park patrons.

Mr. Baruch noted that in August during a pre-construction walk-through of the site, an additional area was identified as beginning to erode which included seven trees. He said to effectively address and include this additional area in the stabilization effort, these additional trees must be removed.

Mr. Baruch told the Committee that the adopted Special Use Permit conditions require Planning Director and DRC approval of any tree clearing on the Chickahominy Riverfront Park property. He stated the Planning Director finds the proposal acceptable, and staff recommends that the DRC find the tree clearing for this project to be acceptable. Mr. Baruch said he would be happy to answer any questions, and Mr. Cook is also available.

Mr. Haldeman asked Mr. Cook if he would like to share any additional information.

Mr. Cook stated they discovered the additional area of erosion, likely due to summer rains, during the pre-construction meeting. He said it needed to be fixed and had photos to share if helpful.

Mr. Polster asked Mr. Cook if he could put the area in context on another graphic, in relation to Gordon Creek and any boat ramp or pier.

Mr. Cook pointed out the features and said they were not altering the pier.

Mr. Rich Krapf asked about the stabilization methods after the tree removal.

Mr. Cook explained the stabilization plans for the area, including structures like those used at Jamestown Beach.

Mr. Haldeman asked if there were any other questions. He asked if there had been any public comments received.

Mr. Baruch stated there were no public comments.

Mr. Krapf motioned to Approve the tree removal and shoreline stabilization at Chickahominy Riverfront Park.

The motion passed on a voice vote of 5-0.

Mr. Haldeman asked if there were any further comments.

Mr. Polster mentioned that Mr. Haldeman and he recently attended Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) webinars discussing shoreline protection. He said they discussed a tool for evaluating the shoreline of counties but assessed the Riverfront Park shoreline at the

Chickahominy River and Gordon Creek too difficult to fix. Mr. Polster said they recommended private engineering firm support. Mr. Polster said he was impressed and fascinated by the level of engineering by the County and suggested sending a report to VIMS when complete as a sample solution for fixing steep slopes. He suggested looking at the project's progress in the November 2020 timeframe.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Haldeman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Krapf motioned to Adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Haldeman adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m. after a unanimous voice vote of 5-0.



Mr. Jack Haldeman, Chair



Mr. Paul Holt, Secretary