

MINUTES
JAMES CITY COUNTY POLICY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Building A Conference Room
101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
April 13, 2023
3:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Frank Polster called the meeting to order at approximately 3:10 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Rich Krapf
Tim O'Connor
Frank Polster

Absent:

Jack Haldeman, Chair

Staff:

Ellen Cook, Principal Planner
Josh Crump, Principal Planner
John Risinger, Planner II
Jose Ribeiro, Senior Planner II/Landscape Planner
Thomas Wysong, Senior Planner II
Andrea Case, Community Development Assistant

C. MINUTES

There were no minutes.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. ORD-22-0001. Amendments for Scenic Roadway Protection

Mr. Wysong stated staff prepared several items for review by the Policy Committee at the direction of the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Mr. Wysong summarized the material in the staff report and asked the Committee for guidance.

The Committee discussed the options presented in the staff memorandum. Items of discussion included whether Old Stage Road could be removed as a Community Character Corridor (CCC) so as to focus regulations on Forge Road as the only Open/Agricultural CCC; whether the draft language would allow for a nonconforming structure to be replaced/rebuilt; whether there was a need for an enhanced setback with the recent change in minimum lot sizes; and whether future cluster developments as permitted in the A-1 District would change the character of the Rural Lands if they were permitted to be built at the setback distances currently allowed in the Ordinance.

The Committee agreed that preserving rural character was an important goal, and compensation of some nature should be considered for property owners given recent regulation changes and this proposed setback change.

Some Committee members expressed support for the 400-foot setback as the appropriate distance for the enhanced setback.

Other Committee members stated that the enhanced setback was not appropriate given the impact on property owners and the restrictions it would place on the use of their land, particularly given other recent regulation changes.

The Committee discussed using the overlay district tool, with a tiered approach to putting regulations in place for the roads, starting with developing regulations for Forge Road. The Committee decided to defer a recommendation on the setback approach until staff was able to come back with more answers on the legal feasibility of this type of overlay district approach. The Committee also expressed interest in exploring linking setback distances to the height or size of the proposed residential unit.

The Committee discussed with staff whether to vote on the draft buffer and timbering language now or wait until the setback approach is decided and vote on all the draft language at a future meeting.

Mr. Krapf made a motion to recommend approval of the draft Ordinance language for the draft buffer and timbering language revisions as shown in the memorandum to the Planning Commission. The motion passed 3-0.

E. NEW BUSINESS

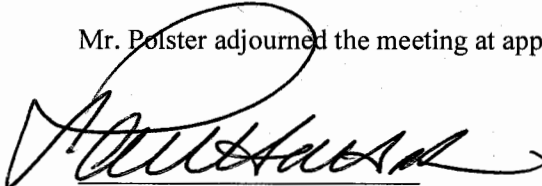
There was no new business.

F. ADJOURNMENT

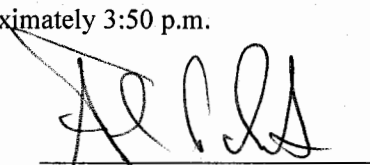
Mr. Krapf made a motion to Adjourn.

The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Polster adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:50 p.m.



Paul D. Holt, III, Secretary



Frank Polster, Vice Chair