

**Planning Commission
County of Prince George, Virginia**

Regular Meeting
October 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
County Administration Building, Boardroom, Third Floor
6602 Court Drive, Prince George, Virginia 23875

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joyner called to order the Regular Meeting of the Prince George County Planning Commission on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia.

II. ATTENDANCE

The following members responded to Roll Call:

Mr. Joseph E. Simmons - Present
Vice Chairman James A. Easter - Absent
Mrs. Imogene S. Elder – Present
Mr. R. Stephen Brockwell - Absent
Chairman V. Clarence Joyner, Jr. - Present
Mr. Alex W. Bresko, Jr. - Present
Mr. Floyd M. Brown - Present

Also present were: Douglas Miles, Planning Manager, Horace Wade, Planner, and Missy Greaves-Smith, Office Associate II.

III. INVOCATION

Mr. Brown gave the Invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U. S. FLAG

Mr. Simmons led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 28, 2017

Chairman Joyner asked for approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Bresko and seconded by Mrs. Elder and the minutes were adopted as submitted. Roll was called on the motion.

Roll call vote on the motion:

In Favor: (5) Elder, Bresko, Brown, Simmons, Joyner

Opposed: (0)

Absent: (2) Easter and Brockwell

Abstain: (0)

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 6:32 p.m. Chairman Joyner opened the citizen comment period to anyone who wished to speak on any subject not on the agenda. He asked that persons limit their remarks to three (3) minutes. With no one coming forward Chairman Joyner closed the public comment period at 6:33 p.m.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

October is National Community Planning Month – Educate, Advocate and Celebrate Planning – October 2017 in Prince George County, Virginia

The planning process is essential for developing vibrant, thriving communities.

Planning creates a road map for the County to address the challenges we face.

The Planning process allows for us to be “A global community where families thrive and businesses prosper” and also to raise the bar within our community.

Mr. Miles addressed the Planning Commission and he referred to the National Community Planning Month insert section in their packet. In the packet it states that Prince George County has finished an 18 month long project along I-95 at Exit 45 called The Gardens at Exit 45. With the help and partnership from the Cameron Foundation and Chroma Design, out of Colorado, this project is now completed. The funding for this project came from a grant through the Cameron Foundation and from the Prince George Economic Development and Tourism Funds. No general tax revenue funds were used for this project off Interstate 95.

Prince George County is hoping that the improvements at Exit 45 will continue to stimulate the interest of new business growth within the area. Star Express has decided to build a new travel center in Prince George at this exit after considering other locations. Star Express has just completed a similar travel center in New Kent County. This new travel center is located across the street from Nanny’s Restaurant on South Crater Road near the existing County water storage tank.

Chesterfield County Transportation has started a Route 10 Super Street project located at the intersection of Meadowville Road and a summary is in the packet. Mr. Miles stated that long term we need to upgrade the transportation elements in the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Division is currently working with DEQ on certain environmental section upgrades that are state mandated and we have currently accomplished about 85% of what we have in our Comprehensive Plan.

Chairman Joyner asked a question in reference to when the VDOT construction at Courthouse and Bull Hill Road would be started. Mr. Bresko asked a question about the status of the other VDOT project at Pole Run Road and Route 156.

Mr. Miles stated he would request an update from Ms. Crystal Smith from VDOT and provide it to the Planning Commission by the end of the year on these sites.

Mr. Miles stated that VDOT was focusing on the right turn lane at the corner of Courthouse Road and Laurel Spring Road. This construction is projected to be completed by the end of 2017 or in early 2018 for these road improvements.

Mr. Joyner complimented the job of the Prince George Planning Staff members and thanked them for their hard work. This was followed by other members of the Planning Commission also stating that they agreed and that the hard work was appreciated by all Commissioners.

X. Communications

a. Actions of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

The October 23rd meeting of the BZA was cancelled. The next meeting will be November 27th on the Monday after Thanksgiving. This will include their annual Work Session and a Public Hearing for a Height Variance by T-Mobile and the staff report has been assigned to our new Planner, Horace Wade.

b. Actions of the Board of Supervisors:

On Tuesday, October 24th the T-Mobile Special Exception request to locate a communications tower adjacent to Fort Lee, was approved by the Board 5-0.

c. General Comments to the Planning Commission:

Mr. Miles informed the Planning Commission we had received a Special Exception for the new Sheetz car wash. The Sheetz will be located near the Harley-Davidson dealership and the Better Med medical office building use.

On November 13th at the Planning Commission's Work Session, Ms. Betsy Drewry will come and present the CIP findings and then it will be presented on Thursday, November 16th at the Regular Meeting for potential adoption.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Bresko to adjourn the Planning Commission Meeting at 7:05 p.m. until Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m. Roll was called on the motion.

Roll Call vote on the Motion:

In Favor: (5) Joyner, Bresko, Brown, Simmons, Elder

Opposed: (0)

Absent: (2) Brockwell and Easter

Abstain: (0)