

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

Regular Meeting  
August 24, 2017 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, August 24, 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 - Present  
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: Mr. Douglas Miles, Planning Manager, Missy Greaves-Smith, Office Associate II.

**III. INVOCATION**

Mrs. Elder gave the Invocation.

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

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

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 27, 2017**

Mrs. Elder noted under the Public Comments section it should state Vice Chairman Easter not Chairman and Mr. Miles responded and then noted the correction. A motion was made by Mr. Bresko and seconded by Mr. Brown the minutes were adopted as amended. Roll was called on the motion.

Roll call vote on the motion:

In Favor: (6) Elder, Bresko, Brown, Simmons, Easter, Joyner  
Opposed: (0) Absent: (1) Brockwell

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At 6:36 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 6:37 p.m.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Miles introduced the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) staff members and he stated they would be presenting the Appomattox River Trail (ART) Master Plan.

Wendy Austin, Executive Director, Ken Newman, Chairman of the Board, and Susan Watson, Board member from Prince George were present to make the presentation on behalf of FOLAR.

Wendy Austin began the presentation reflecting on how this project has had real tangible benefits to all of the communities within the region. Specifically, in the County they have worked with the Prince George County Parks and Recreation Department on the 5K Trail Run at the Appomattox River Regional Park and that is also where the Appomattox River Trail plans to be going through in the County.

The ART Plan is a coordinated approach to locating and prioritizing shared use trails with a coordinated trail signage system. Through the six other locations that line the lower Appomattox River, it is over twenty miles from Lake Chesdin down to the James River. By referring to “shared use trails” they mean “paved trails” that are accessible by all ages and all abilities. They were able to develop this plan through a \$100,000 funding grant from The Cameron Foundation. Ken Newman summarized the presentation by referring to the benefits of the trail with both increased tourism and family time together offered by the new trail system.

Chairman Joyner had a slight concern with the handicap parking in the parking lots going to the trails. Ms. Austin noted the concern and said that it was their intent to make the parking more accessible for handicapped individuals using the trail system. Mr. Simmons indicated that Mr. Ashcraft placed a very high level of importance on sports tourism and access to parks and the use of fitness trails.

Mr. Miles added that this presentation was presented to the Board of Supervisors on August 8, 2017 and the Board suggested that FOLAR make this presentation to the Planning Commission tonight. Mr. Miles also indicated that FOLAR had two open house events over the summer for residents to view the plan and make comments at the Hopewell Library and the Petersburg Library. The Community Development office will also have a copy of these plans available if any citizen wanted to come by and review them to provide any additional plan comments.

**X. Communications**

a. Actions of the Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Miles stated that the August 28th BZA Meeting had been cancelled.

b. Actions of the Board of Supervisors

Mr. Miles stated that at the August 8th Board Meeting Mr. Mumford's request to add two new dispatchers in the Police Department was approved by the Board and the County Budget and HR Position Control chart were amended.

c. General Comments to the Planning Commission:

Mr. Miles stated next month there will be a Public Hearing for a Special Exception request by Skyway Towers (T-Mobile) to construct a 199 foot communications tower at 5500 Oaklawn Boulevard adjacent to Fort Lee.

Mr. Miles invited the Planning Commissioners to the conference room to review the printed plans and maps for the FOLAR Appomattox River Trail.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion was made by Mr. Brown, Seconded by Mr. Bresko to adjourn the Planning Commission Meeting at 7:15 p.m. until Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Roll was called on the motion.

Roll Call vote on the Motion:

In Favor: (6) Joyner, Bresko, Brown, Simmons, Easter, Elder  
Opposed: (0) Absent: (1) Brockwell Abstain: (0)