



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes of May 17, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Teleconference

La Plata, Maryland 20646

The Charles County Planning Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting virtually via Microsoft Teams on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The following persons were present:

Wayne Magoon, Chairman
Robin Barnes, Vice Chair
Dawud Abdur-Rahman, Secretary
Maya Coleman
William Murray
Angela Sherard
Kevin Wedding
Elizabeth Theobalds, Deputy County Attorney
Jim Campbell, Planning Director
Charles Rice, Assistant Chief of Planning
Heather Kelley, Planning Supervisor
Kelly Palmer, Planner III
Michael Jurkovic, Planner II
Kyle Redden, Planner II
Melissa Hively, Clerk

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the virtual meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with seven (7) members in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Wedding to approve the agenda, which was **SECONDED** by Mr. Barnes. The vote was unanimous, and the **MOTION** passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

A. April 19, 2021

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Abdur-Rahman to approve the Minutes, which was **SECONDED** by Ms. Sherard. The vote was unanimous, and the **MOTION** passed.

B. May 3, 2021

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Barnes to approve the Minutes, which was **SECONDED** by Ms. Sherard. The vote was unanimous, and the **MOTION** passed.

4. Chairman's Comments:

Mr. Magoon commented briefly on the continuing public health crisis and encouraged all to remain safe and healthy.

5. Personal Appearances:

None

6. Public Meeting:

None

7. Public Hearing:

None

8. Work Session:

ZMA #20-03, Hungerford

Staff presented a brief overview of the proposed Amendment and the additional public comments received during the open record period. After the presentation, the Planning Commission asked several questions. A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Barnes to forward a recommendation of approval to the County Commissioners based upon the finding of a mistake made by the local jurisdiction during the last comprehensive rezoning, which was **SECONDED** by Mr. Wedding. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

- Mr. Wedding – Yes
- Mr. Barnes – Yes
- Ms. Coleman – Yes
- Mr. Abdur-Rahman – Yes
- Ms. Sherard – No (with comment on the record)
- Mr. Murray – Yes
- Mr. Magoon – Did not vote

The vote was five (5) in favor to one (1) against, and the **MOTION** passed. (Mr. Magoon, as chair, did not vote as his vote would not have affected the outcome of the vote.)

9. Unfinished Business:

PROGRESS UPDATE: Update to the Forest Conservation Ordinance

Staff provided an update on the proposed updates to the Forest Conservation Ordinance. The Planning Commission was advised that a second Public Hearing would be scheduled for a later date.

10. New Business:

A. Open Meetings Compliance Board Opinion

The Chair briefed the Planning Commission on a recent complaint received by the Open Meetings Compliance Board alleging violations of the Open Meetings Act by the Charles County Planning Commission. The Chair summarized the complaint and Board's Opinion. The Opinion was shared with the Planning Commission members and posted to BoardDocs prior to the meeting.

B. New Business for the Planning Commission

Ms. Hively polled the Planning Commission for any New Business they wished to raise. There was none.

11. Director's Report:

Mr. Campbell provided a brief overview of upcoming items and commented on upcoming and ongoing PGM projects.

Ms. Theobalds provided a reminder that the Open Meetings Compliance Board Opinion was available in its entirety on BoardDocs and on the Open Meetings Compliance Board website.

12. Adjournment:

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Barnes, which was **SECONDED** by Mr. Wedding. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Dawud Abdur-Rahman (Jun 8, 2021 11:31 EDT)

Dawud Abdur-Rahman, Secretary



Melissa Hively (Jun 8, 2021 11:53 EDT)

Melissa Hively, Clerk