



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

**Minutes of November 4, 2019 6:00 p.m.
County Commissioners Meeting Room
La Plata, Maryland 20646**

The Charles County Planning Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Charles County Government Building, La Plata, Maryland.

The following persons were present:

Wayne Magoon, Chairman
Angela Sherard, Vice Chair
Rick Viohl, Secretary
Robin Barnes
Vicki Marckel
William Murray
Kevin Wedding
Elizabeth Theobalds, Deputy County Attorney
Jason Groth, Planning Director
Heather Kelley, Program Manager
Ben Yeckley, Planner II
Kyle Redden, Planner I
Michael Jurkovic, Planner I
Melissa Hively, Clerk

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room with seven (7) members in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

1. September 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Magoon announced that he would be abstaining from the vote as he was not present for the September 23, 2019 meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Viohl, and **SECONDED** by Mr. Wedding, to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous, and the **MOTION** passed.

2. October 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Viohl, and **SECONDED** by Ms. Marckel, to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous, and the **MOTION** passed.

4. Chairman's Comments:

Mr. Magoon instructed the audience on the process for providing public comments during the Public Meeting scheduled for later in the evening.

Mr. Groth provided some clarifying information on the Parklands Neighborhood agenda item.

5. Personal Appearances:

Nancy Schertler – Commented on Commissioner responsibilities regarding conflicts of interest.

6. Public Hearings:

None

7. Public Meeting:

1. Parklands Neighborhood, PSP-190001

Staff presented an overview of the proposed Preliminary Subdivision Plan (PSP). Next, the Planning Commission asked several questions. The Applicant was present and gave their presentation and answered several additional questions.

For the public meeting, four (4) members of the public appeared and provided comments.

After a discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Viohl, and **SECONDED** by Ms. Sherard, to approve the PSP with the findings and recommendations included in the staff report, as well as a new condition that restricts the commercial center access from Mount Rainier Place & Glacier Bay Place to a hiker/biker trail (to the adjacent townhomes), and approved the Applicant's request for a sidewalk waiver for the property frontage along MD 488. The vote was unanimous, and the **MOTION** passed.

8. Work Session:

None

9. Unfinished Business:

None

10. New Business:

None

11. Director's Report:


Mr. Groth commented on upcoming presentations and discussions planned for December.

Mr. Viohl asked about the status of a Public Notice for a Zoning Text Amendment that had appeared in the newspaper but not on the agenda that had been recently mailed to the Planning Commission members. Mr. Groth explained that the meeting date had been changed from November 18 to December 2, and that a new Public Notice would be advertised.

Ms. Hively announced that the selected 2020 Planning Commission meeting schedule had an anomaly in June and asked the Planning Commission if they would like to make any adjustments to that month before the schedule was published in a Green Notice. No changes were requested.

12. Adjournment:

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Barnes, and **SECONDED** by Mr. Wedding, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Rick Viohl, Secretary



Melissa Hively, Clerk