

**King & Queen County
Planning Commission Minutes
January 7, 2019**

The King & Queen County Planning Commission met on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the King & Queen County Courts and Administrations Building in the General District Courtroom for their regular monthly meeting.

Planning Commission Members Present:

Sheila Morton
Milton Watkins
James Guess
Robert Coleman, Jr.
James Burns

David Campbell
Hunter Richardson
Robert Harvey
Barbara Hudgins
William Herrin

Also in Attendance:

Donna E. Sprouse, Assistant Zoning Administrator

Call to Order

Chairman, Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order.

Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

Mr. Campbell took roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Election of Officers for 2019

Mr. Richardson asked if there were any nominations for Secretary. Mr. Watkins nominated Mr. Campbell as Secretary, seconded by Mr. Harvey.

Voting For: Watkins, Harvey, Hudgins, Morton, Coleman, Massey, Campbell, Guess, Richardson, and Herrin

Voting Against: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Richardson asked if there were any nominations for Vice Chair. A nomination was made by Mrs. Morton to have Mr. Watkins serve as Vice-Chair, seconded by Mr. Coleman.

Voting For: Watkins, Harvey, Hudgins, Morton, Coleman, Massey, Campbell, Guess, Richardson, and Herrin

Voting Against: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Richardson asked if there were any nominations for Chair. A nomination was made by Mr. Herrin to have Mr. Richardson serve as Chair, seconded by Mr. Coleman.

Voting For: Watkins, Harvey, Hudgins, Morton, Coleman, Massey, Campbell, Guess, Richardson, and Herrin

Voting Against: None
Abstain: None

Voting For: Watkins, Harvey, Hudgins, Morton, Coleman, Massey, Campbell, Guess, Richardson
Voting Against: None
Abstain: None

Approval of 2019 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

After brief review of the proposed 2019 Planning Commission meeting dates, the commission agreed that the dates as presented were fine. A motion was made by Mr. Burns to approve of the 2019 meeting schedule with the correction of the July date to Monday the 1st, seconded by Mr. Watkins. The decision to approve the proposed 2019 meeting schedule was ratified by all present members stating "Aye".

2019 Planning Commission Monthly Meeting Dates

- January 7, 2019
- February 4, 2019
- March 4, 2019
- April 1, 2019
- May 6, 2019
- June 3, 2019
- July 1, 2019
- August 5, 2019
- September 3, 2019 (*This is a Tuesday Meeting due to the Labor Day Holiday*)
- October 7, 2019
- November 4, 2019
- December 2, 2019

**All meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the General District Court Room unless otherwise noted.*

Board of Supervisors Representative Schedule

January & June & November – James Burns
February & July & December – Russell Bailey
March & August – Doris Morris
April & September – Lawrence Simpkins
May & October – Sherrin Alsop

Approval of Minutes October 1, 2018

After review of the minutes, a motion was made by Mrs. Hudgins to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mrs. Morton.

Voting For: Watkins, Morton, Guess, Richardson, Campbell, Hudgins, Coleman, Harvey, Burns
Voting Against: None
Abstain: Herrin

Citizens Comment Period

Mr. Richardson opened the floor for citizens comment period. Hearing no comments, citizens comment period was closed.

New Business

A. 2030 Comprehensive Plan – (Public Hearing)

Mr. Richardson asked Mrs. Sprouse to explain Virginia Code 15.2-2226 and the reason this is back before the Commission for consideration once again. Mrs. Sprouse explained that the Board of Supervisors simply did not have the time to review the draft plan and set their hearing within the 90 day time frame. She explained that they went through the document section by section during a workshop and only had comments regarding the Fracking section of the plan. She stated that their main change to the text is to note that “...hydrofracturing shall not be permitted within the boundaries of King & Queen County, as the adverse effects heavily outweigh the positive impacts, if any.” Mr. Richardson then opened the public hearing for the King & Queen County Comprehensive Plan. He asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the proposed plan. Having no one in attendance from the public, he closed the public hearing. He asked the Commission members if anyone had any comments or questions. Mr. Coleman asked if the citizens who hold leases were notified of the change in the plan, strongly opposing fracking. Mrs. Sprouse noted that individually no they were not, however as with all public hearings, notice has been posted in the papers per the State Code requirement as well as posted online and made available in 3 public locations for public review. A motion was made by Mrs. Morton to accept the proposed change to the fracking section of the plan as presented, seconded by Mrs. Hudgins.

Voting For: Watkins, Morton, Guess, Campbell, Hudgins, Coleman, Harvey, Burns
Voting Against: None
Abstain: Herrin and Richardson

Hearing no further comments regarding the plan, a motion was made by Mr. Herrin to accept the King & Queen County Comprehensive Plan as written and send it to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of approval, seconded by Mrs. Morton.

Voting For: Watkins, Harvey, Hudgins, Morton, Coleman, Massey, Campbell, Guess, Richardson
Voting Against: None
Abstain: None

Old Business

None.

Staff’s Comments

Mrs. Sprouse noted that 2019 will be a busy year for the Commission. She noted that next month, Tuckers Recreation Park will be ready to move forward and will ask that public hearing is set to allow for the expansion of his campground.

Mrs. Sprouse noted that she is reviewing the 2nd submission for Walnut Solar and once all is well with that submission, she will move it forward sometime this year. She noted there are other talks of other projects later in the year.

Mrs. Sprouse noted that she has been contacted about a possibly gas station on Rt. 33 and propane distribution facility on Rt. 360.

Mrs. Sprouse noted that the Capital Improvement Plan will be forth coming in a few months for their review before moving it forward to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner's Comments

Mrs. Morton noted that she will always choose Mr. Richardson as the Chair of the Commission, that way she knows that he cannot leave the Commission. She noted that 2018 was a good but 2019 was going to be a great year for them as well.

Mr. Harvey noted that he was glad to be serving on the Planning Commission and wished the Commission a happy new year.

Mr. Guess wished the Commission a happy new year.

Mr. Herrin wished the Commission a happy new year and a prosperous 2019.

Mr. Coleman noted that he was glad that Mr. Watkins was present tonight and noted that he had a tough 2018.

Mr. Watkins wished everyone a happy new year. He thanked members of the Commission for their cards, phone calls, visits, and gifts. He noted that it was good to be back.

Mrs. Hudgins noted that the lights at the BB&T bank seemed to be new and much brighter. In fact blinding as you are coming off the bridge into King & Queen County.

Mr. Burns noted that he has received many comments regarding the proposed solar farm and the loudest comment has been in regards to esthetics. Some were upset that they were not able to attend some citizen meetings held in the area regarding the proposal. To remember that the neighbors brought the company here, not King & Queen County nor the contractor. He has done a lot of home work and research and if anyone has questions or comments to please have them to talk with him. It will be basically a cemetery when completed.

Mrs. Morton asked to say one other thing. Mrs. Morton thanked Donna for her work in 2018.

Adjournment

Mr. Richardson noted that the Commission will meet February 4, 2019 at 6 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Herrin to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by all present members stating "Aye".

Hunter Richardson, Chairman