King & Queen County Planning Commission Minutes May 6, 2019

The King & Queen County Planning Commission met on Monday, May 6, 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 David Campbell
Milton Watkins William Herrin
James Guess Barbara Hudgins
James Burns Robert Coleman, Jr.
Robert Harvey Hunter Richardson

Also in Attendance:

Donna E. Sprouse, Assistant Zoning Administrator

Call to Order

Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order.

Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes April 1, 2019

After review of the minutes, a motion was made by Mr. Herrin to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Watkins.

Voting For: Watkins, Morton, Guess, Campbell, Herrin, Burns, Hudgins

Voting Against: None

Abstain: Richardson, Coleman, Harvey

Citizens Comment Period

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

New Business

A. SP19-03 – Level 2 Site Plan - Southern States Cooperative, Inc. – (set public hearing)

Mr. Richardson asked Mrs. Sprouse to review the first item under New Business. Mrs. Sprouse noted that Southern States Cooperative, Inc. is requesting approval of a Level 2 Site Plan for a remote propane bulk storage facility (retail) on County Tax Map Parcel No. 1632-55L-420A. The site location is across the street from 12348 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., in the Newtown Magisterial District. Mrs. Sprouse noted that a representative with Southern States is available tonight should they have any questions. Mr. Burns asked Mr. Schatz with Southern States, what was the intended use of the "Temporary Stock Pile Area" as shown on the site plan. Mr. Schatz noted that it was for the storage of customer propane tanks, gravel and such when needed for new installations.

Hearing no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Watkins to set the public hearing for SP19-03, Southern States Cooperative, Inc. for June 3, 2019, seconded by Mr. Herrin.

Voting For: Watkins, Morton, Guess, Campbell, Herrin, Burns, Hudgins, Richardson, Coleman,

Harvey

Voting Against: None

Abstain: None

Old Business

None.

Staff's Comments

Mrs. Sprouse noted that there will soon be an application submitted to the Planning and Zoning Department for a new communications tower in the Stevensville area of the County. She noted that once submitted, it will go through agency and staff review before coming to the Commission to set a public hearing.

Mrs. Sprouse noted that at their seat is a handout staff prepared (a copy was also handed to Patrick Buckley and Open Road Renewables Legal Counsel, Roger Bowers) outlining the sequence for the upcoming public hearing for Open Road Renewables. She noted that staff anticipates a packed room for this hearing and knows that it's easy to get off task or lose your place when you are given so much information from the applicant, staff and the public. (Provided with the minutes is a copy of the handout for the record).

Mrs. Sprouse also noted that before each member leaves the meeting tonight, to please be sure to grab a set of plans and their binder for the Open Road Renewables (Walnut Solar, I) project for the upcoming public hearing, set for June 3, 2019. She noted that they will receive staff's reports in the upcoming weeks as usual.

Commissioner's Comments

Mr. Burns thanked Donna for her work and noted that he has a lot to read.

Mr. Watkins noted that there was an article in the Richmond paper a few weeks ago where two solar projects in the surrounding Richmond area and the Northern Neck that was bought by a UK firm, and that if anyone would like to read the article, to see him as he has a copy of the article tonight.

Mr. Harvey noted it was dinner time.

Mr. Richardson stated that he would not be chairing the meeting on June 3rd, however plans to be here in the audience. He thanked Mr. Watkins for his help and wished him luck with the upcoming meetings.

Adjournment

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by all present members stating "Aye".
Hunter Richardson, Chairman