

**King & Queen County
Planning Commission Minutes
September 3, 2024**

The King & Queen County Planning Commission met on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 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:

Hunter Richardson	Edmond Wilson, Jr.
Mac Bradley	Commer Jackson
Robert Coleman, Jr.	Jonathan Massey
Michael Fleming	

Also in Attendance:

Vivan Seay, County Administrator/County Attorney
Donna Elliott Sprouse, Director of Community Development

Call to Order

Chairman, Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order.

Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

In the absence of Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Sprouse took roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes
August 5, 2024**

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

Voting For: Massey, Richardson, Fleming, Coleman, Bradley, Jackson
Voting Against: None
Abstain: Wilson

Citizens Comment Period

Mr. Richardson opened the floor for citizens comment period.

Hearing none, citizens comment period was closed.

New Business

None

Old Business

A. Comprehensive Plan Update (discussion continued)

Mrs. Sprouse noted that she has started, in fact, has almost completed the revisions noted in the check list she created and provided during last months meeting. She noted that she needs to complete the chapter regarding transportation, obtain new school attendance numbers and is waiting to hear back from the EDA regarding their edits, if any. Discussion ensued regarding transportation needs and concerns regarding safety and increase in traffic in general. It became clear that the Commission members felt that a stop light was needed at the intersection of York River Road & Rt. 33 and another at the intersection of Buena Vista Road and Rt. 33. Mr. Coleman felt that Rt. 14, the main road that connects Rt. 360 and Rt. 33 needs improvements, specifically between the Courthouse and St. Stephens Church. Trucks prefer not to take this route, which is a better road, because of the 90 degree turns. They much prefer to drive other rural routes to avoid the many sharp turns in Rt. 14.

Ms. Sprouse noted that she will incorporate their concerns in the Comprehensive Plan in the Transportation section.

Staff's Comments

Mrs. Sprouse provided the Commission with copies of the Planning Commission budget for FY24/25. She wanted to point out that the cost to attend the VCU Certified Planning Commission Training has increased from \$650 to \$750. She noted that she has signed up Mr. Wilson for the January 2025 session. Mrs. Sprouse stated that she shared this opportunity with Mr. Bradley via email as well. She stated that she does not have an email address for Mr. Allen. If both Mr. Bradley and Mr. Allen wish to attend the January 2025 training session, she may need to move money around within their budget to cover the expense.

Mrs. Sprouse also handed out a copy of a news article from VCU acknowledging the retirement of Dr. Mike Chandler. Mrs. Sprouse noted that Dr. Chandler trained many of the Commission members over the years. She also stated that Dr. Chandler taught her management course and was the proctor for her exam to become a certified zoning administrator.

Ms. Seay provided an update regarding the construction of the Telework Center. She explained that the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission will move into this new building, as well as Sentara Telehealth. Ms. Seay noted that space will also be provided for businesses or citizens to use to hold a meeting or make copies, etc.

Ms. Seay also informed the Commission that County has purchased property behind the current high school building for the construction of a new elementary school/campus. She stated that the high school sits on approximately 30 acres and the County has recently purchased 61 acres behind it. She noted a RFP will be drafted and sent out shortly for design services.

Commissioner's Comments

None.

Adjournment

Mr. Richardson noted that the next meeting is set for Monday, October 7, 2024, at 6 p.m.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Coleman to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Fleming. The motion and second was ratified by all present members stating "Aye".

Hunter Richardson, Chairman