Minutes
Louisa County Planning Commission
Thursday, January 13, 2022
7:00 PM
Louisa County Public Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER

Helen Phillips, County Attorney, called the January 13, 2022 meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Disosway	Chairman	Remote	
H. Manning Woodward	Vice Chairman	Present	
Gordon Brooks	Commissioner	Present	
James Dickerson	Commissioner	Present	
George Goodwin	Commissioner	Present	
Ellis Quarles	Commissioner	Present	
Cyrus Weaver	Commissioner	Present	
Tommy J. Barlow	Mountain Road District Supervisor	Present	
Tony Henshaw	Mineral Town Representative	Absent	
Garland Nuckols	Mayor/Louisa Town Representative	Absent	

Others present: Robert Gardner, Director of Community Development; Helen Phillips, County Attorney; Tom Egeland, Senior Planner; Bridgette Bittle, Planning and Zoning Technician.

INVOCATION

Mr. Weaver gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Brooks.

ORGANIZATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Election of Chairman

Ms. Phillips opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Goodwin nominated Mr. John Disosway for Chairman, Seconded by Mr. Weaver, the Planning Commission voted to appoint Mr. Disosway to the position of Chairman of the Planning Commission for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0. There were no further nominations.

Ms. Philips asked Mr. Disosway if he would like to take over his chair and he declined to take over for this meeting due to technical, audio difficulty from joining the meeting remotely.

Election of Vice-Chairman

Ms. Phillips opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Weaver nominated Mr. Manning Woodward for Vice Chairman, Seconded by Mr. Goodwin, the Planning Commission voted to appoint Mr. Woodward to the position of Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0. There were no further nominations.

Ms. Phillips asked Mr. Woodward if he would like to take over the meeting as chair and he accepted.

3. Adoption of Planning Commission ByLaws

Mr. Goodwin motioned to add the bylaws to the Organization portion of the agenda.

Mr. Goodwin stated the previous Chairman recommended adding the topic of bylaws to the agenda. He stated that the bylaws don’t need to be amended but the Public Hearing section has not been followed correctly.

In the bylaws, section VI. Public Hearings (b) line 2 states the following:

2. After a brief presentation from staff, the Chairman shall open the public hearing. The first speaker shall be the applicant or representative of the applicant and will be allowed ten (10) minutes for comments. The applicant will also have an additional five (5) minutes, at the close of the public hearing, for rebuttal of questions or concerns brought up by those speaking during the public hearing. If the applicant does not use all ten (10) minutes at the beginning of the hearing, he or she may add the leftover minutes to the rebuttal at the close of the public hearing.

On motion by Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Brooks, the Planning Commission voted to approve the bylaws as they are by a vote of 7-0.

Discussion continued briefly to clarify bylaws.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Woodward asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

On motion by Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Quarles, the Planning Commission voted to approve the consent agenda by a vote of 7-0 with the addition of the bylaws under Organization.

APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Planning Commission - Regular Meeting - Dec 9, 2021 7:00 PM

Mr. Goodwin requested a correction to the minutes. Packet page 4 of the December 9, 2021 meeting minutes on the last line should go as follows:

'Mr. Gardner stated that the designation of animal or other restrictions by the commission is not enforceable if we don't have it defined."

On motion by Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Quarles, the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to approve the minutes with the one correction.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Vice Chairman Woodward opened the Public Address period. There were no speakers. Public Address period was closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CUP2021-05 Newcomb/Farmhouse 5 LLC

This public hearing item was canceled due to administrative reasons.

LDR2022-01 Amendment to Chapter 86 Land Development Regulations (Section 86-109 Matrix Table)

Mr. Gardner presented the changes to the matrix that will add motor vehicle impoundment yards and motor vehicle towing services under industrial uses.

Mr. Woodward opened the public hearing.

Mr. Gardner reiterated and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Mr. Woodward asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak. There were no other speakers present for this topic.

Mr. Goodwin moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Weaver and voted 7:0 with no opposition.
Motion to Approve: Goodwin
Second: Weaver
Vote: 7:0
Dissenting votes: None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gardner asked to add an amendment to the residential solar ordinance regarding landscape requirements and maximum kW.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Goodwin referred to an email sent from the previous Chairman that included a list of things to address or complete.

1.) Completion of the comprehensive plan -appendix sections.
2.) Revisiting definitions of agricultural activity.

Mr. Woodward asked if a work session should be set up to define agricultural activity. Mr. Goodwin agreed with that suggestion.

Mr. Woodward mentioned having that work session once the Chairman was available to take part. That was agreed upon.

There was discussion regarding the comprehensive plan, determining that it should be reviewed annually. The Planning Commission asked for it to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Brooks questioned the progress of the draft resolution of gratitude and respect for Ms. Reynolds service and leadership on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission clarified that Ms. Reynolds should receive a resolution from the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission. They asked that the draft resolution also be added to the next agenda.

REPORTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Weaver, the regular meeting of the Louisa County Planning Commission was adjourned at 7:40PM

BY ORDER OF:

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JOHN DISOSWAY, CHAIRMAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA