

**Orange County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2020
Meeting Held Electronically via Zoom video conference**

Present: Donald Brooks (Chairman); Jason Capelle (Vice Chairman); George Yancey; Jim Hutchison; Julie Zeijlmaker, Mark Johnson, Board of Supervisors Liaison

Absent:

Staff Present: Sandra Thornton, Planning Services Manager; Theodore Voorhees, County Administrator; Eric Lansing, Assistant County Attorney; Tracey Newman, Planning Services Associate

1. Call to order and determination of quorum:

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and streaming began on YouTube.

Pursuant to the emergency ordinance adopted on March 24, 2020, this meeting was held electronically via Zoom video conference and livestreamed to YouTube for the public to view. As such, the minutes reflect the physical location of each Planning Commissioner during their participation.

Chairman Brooks participated from his residence, located at 9258 Everona Road, Orange, VA.

Vice Chairman Capelle participated from his residence, located at 6315 Spotswood Trail, Gordonsville, VA.

Planning Commissioner Yancey participated from his residence, located at 16170 Cox Mill Road, Gordonsville, VA.

Planning Commissioner Hutchison participated from his residence, located at 525 Harrison Circle, Locust Grove, VA.

Planning Commissioner Zeijlmaker participated from her residence, located at 34104 Indiantown Road, Unionville, VA.

2. Approval of agenda:

On a motion of Mr. Hutchison, seconded by Mr. Yancey, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the agenda was approved as modified to correct the Recommended Future Land Use designation of the subject parcel in the description of the public hearing item 5.a.

3. Approval of minutes:

A. January 2, 2020 regular meeting:

On the motion of Mr. Hutchison with second by Mr. Capelle, the minutes were accepted as presented on a vote of 5-0.

4. Public comment:

Chairman Brooks advised there would be no general public comment as the meeting was being held via video conference. He also explained that public hearing comments would be taken via mail or email until June 3, 2020 at 5:00 PM and gave direction on submission. It was later determined that all comments would be forwarded to the Planning Commissioners and to the applicants as received.

5. Public hearings:

- A. SUP 20-01:** Mid Atlantic Pyrotechnics Arts Guild (MAPAG) has applied for a Special Use Permit to discharge fireworks at Tax Map Parcel 61-32. The request is pursuant to Orange County Zoning Code Sec. 70-303(23) – Uses permitted by special use permit, “Pyrotechnics testing/manufacturing on a parcel 50 acres or greater in size.”

Ms. Thornton reviewed the special use permit application and the staff report. An extensive discussion ensued with the Planning Commissioners expressing concerns and asking questions of the applicants, MAPAG as authorized by property owner Cardinal Garden & Gun, LLC, represented by Edward and Carol Hostetter. Dave Stoddard, president of the board of directors of MAPAG was in attendance from his home, 3316 Kilkenny Street, Silver Spring, Maryland. John Steinberg, advisor to the board of MAPAG, was in attendance from his residence at 3944 Carthage Rd., Randallstown, Maryland; and Edward Hostettler, also an advisor to the board, and his wife Carol were in attendance via Zoom video conference from their residence at 2006 Mt. Forest Dr., Houston, Tx. They explained their desire to establish a location in Orange County where they can discharge fireworks on specified dates and addressed the commissioners’ questions and concerns. In addition, the applicants advised MAPAG has been active in Orange County since 2012 and now seeks to operate from a new and permanent location.

In order to allow for public input, as the meeting was conducted remotely, Chairman Brooks continued the public hearing until June 4, 2020, and advised that comments submitted would be reviewed at the next meeting.

6. Work session: None

7. New Business: None

8. Old business: None

9. Reports:

A. Planning Services Report – Sandra Thornton

Ms. Thornton stated that as of May 4, 2020, plat reviews were current. She also advised that site plans were approved for Twin Lakes Villas Phase 1 and that review of plans for Locust Grove West Storage was nearly concluded. She stated that a Special Use Permit application is pending for a luxury RV resort and may be presented at the July meeting

B. Board of Supervisors Report – Mark Johnson

Mr. Johnson advised he looks forward to working with the Planning Commission.

10. Commissioner comments

Mr. Zeijlmaker inquired about the next meeting and was advised by Eric Lansing, Assistant County Attorney, that it will also be conducted remotely.

11. Next meeting date – Tentative July 2, 2020

12. Adjourn

On the motion of Mr. Hutchison, seconded by Mr. Yancey and Mr. Capelle, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.



Donald Brooks, Chair



Sandra B. Thornton
Planning Commission Secretary

The events of this meeting were captured via digital audio recording. These written minutes shall serve as the official record of actions taken during the meeting.