

**Orange County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 3, 2022**

Present: Jason Capelle, George Yancey, Donald Brooks, Julie Zeijlmaker, Bryan Nicol

Absent: Mark Johnson, Board of Supervisors Liaison

Staff Present: Josh Gillespie, Planning and Development Services Director, 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 a quorum was established

2. 2022 Election of Officers

Mr. Lansing called for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Yancey nominated Donald Brooks, and was seconded by Mr. Capelle. Mr. Nicol moved to close the floor for nominations. The Commission voted to adopt Mr. Nicol's motion to close the nominations for Chairman (5 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions). The Commission then voted to appoint Mr. Brooks as Chairman (5 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).

Mr. Lansing called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Chairman Brooks nominated Mr. Capelle for Vice Chairman and the motion was seconded by Mr. Yancey. Mr. Nicol moved to close nominations. The Commission voted to adopt Mr. Nicol's motion (5 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions). The Commission then voted to appoint Mr. Capelle as Vice Chairman (4 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention). Mr. Capelle abstained from the vote.

Chairman Brooks appointed Ms. Newman as secretary.

3. Approval of agenda:

- a. Mr. Yancey requested that a modification to the Bylaws be placed on the Agenda. Chairman Brooks also added recognition of former Planning Commissioner Jim Hutchison to the Agenda.

Mr. Nicol made motion to approve the Agenda with noted changes. Mr. Capelle seconded the motion; and the Commission voted to approve the motion (5 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).

4. Moment of Silence for Jim Hutchison:

- a. A moment of silence was held for Jim Hutchison, former Planning Commissioner, on his recent passing. Chairman Brooks read a proclamation acknowledging his good service.

5. Approval of minutes:

a. December 2, 2021 regular meeting:

On the motion of Mr. Capelle, with a second by Mr. Yancey, the minutes were approved on vote of 5-0.

6. **Public Comment:** none

7. **Public Hearings:** none

8. **Worksession:** none

9. **New Business:**

Mr. Yancey advised Article IV.A. of the Planning Commission Bylaws needs to be updated with the new meeting location. Mr. Gillespie passed out copies of the proposed edit.

Mr. Yancey made a motion to modify the Bylaws to reflect all meetings will be held at the Public Safety Building Boardroom located at 11282 Government Center Drive, Orange VA 22960. Mr. Nicol seconded the motion and it carried with 5-0 vote.

10. **Old Business:** none

11. **Reports:**

a. **Board of Supervisors Report** – Mark Johnson – none

b. **Planning Services Report** – Josh Gillespie

Mr. Gillespie gave an update on Planning and Development Services activities. He introduced new senior planner Keri Ragland and planner Kyra Davis, noting planner Eric Bittner was unable to attend. Mr. Gillespie reported on upcoming cases and current status of Wilderness Crossing's application, including a letter received from the applicants Engineering Consultant summarizing their strategy in approaching goldmines. Discussion ensued amongst the Commissioners.

12. **Bylaws Amendment:**

a. Mr. Lansing reopened Agenda item 3.a. Adoption of Bylaws Amendment and explained there is a 30 day notice of a proposed amendment which may be waived.

Mr. Yancey made motion to waive the 30 day notice of proposed amendments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nicole and carried with vote of 5-0:

Ayes: Capelle, Yancey, Brooks, Zeijlmaker, Nicol Nays: none

Mr. Yancey then moved to adopt the proposed amendment to the Bylaws (reflecting that all meetings will be held at the Public Safety Building Boardroom located at 11282 Government Center Drive, Orange VA 22960). Mr. Nicol seconded the motion and it carried with 5-0 vote.

13. **Commissioner comments:**

Mr. Nicol congratulated Chairman Brooks and Vice Chairman Capelle. He expressed appreciation for honoring previous District 5 Planning Commissioner Jim Hutchison.

Mr. Yancey mentioned upcoming cases in District 3. First is a request for proffer amendment to an SUP at Talley Feed Store. Also, there forthcoming 1 Mega Watt Solar project and a Family Subdivision.

Mr. Capelle read into the record a memorandum from Mr. Mike Shelor, State Water Control Board: Subject: "Gold Mining Activities - Potential Mercury Contamination X-trib to Wilderness Run", Orange Co., June 10, 1988.

14. Next meeting date March 3, 2022

15. Adjourn

On the motion of Mr. Nicol and seconded by Mr. Capelle, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Donald Brooks, Chairman



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.