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Cumberland County Joint Planning Board

MINUTES

January 17, 2023

Members Present

Mr. Stan Crumpler, Chair
Mrs. Jami McLaughlin, Vice-Chair
Mr. William Walters
Mr. Gary Burton
Mr. James Baker
Mrs. Susan Moody
Mr. Jordan Stewart
Mr. Mark Williams

Members Absent

Ms. Kassandra Herbert
Mr. Thomas Lloyd

Others Present

Mr. Rawls Howard
Mr. Christopher Portman
Mrs. Laverne Howard
Mr. Chris Carr
Asst. County Attorney

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Crumpler delivered the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were none.

Mrs. Moody made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the agenda as submitted. Unanimous approval.

III. PUBLIC MEETING DEFERRAL / WITHDRAWALS

There were none.

IV. ABSTENTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were none.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2022

Mrs. Moody made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes as submitted. Unanimous approval.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND RULES OF PROCEDURE



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Chair Crumpler read the welcome and rules of procedure.

VII. PUBLIC MEETING CONSENT ITEMS

There were none.

VIII. PUBLIC MEETING CONTESTED ITEMS

- A. **ZON-22-0086:** Text Amendment to the Cumberland County Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances to update and revise standards associated with Zero Lot Line developments and to create standards for Variable Lot Residential Developments; submitted by Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Dept. (applicant).

In Case ZON-22-0086, Staff recommends approval of the text amendment and finds the request consistent with the 2030 Growth Vision Plan because, while specific land use plan policies do not address an update to the County's Subdivision or Zoning Ordinances, a current ordinance that is in compliance with State statutes allows the department to continue to provide efficient and effective services to achieve goals laid out not only in the 2030 Growth Vision Plan, but all detailed land use plans within the County. Approval of this text amendment is also reasonable and in the public interest as it is an update to clarify standards and review processes for the public.

Mr. Howard reviewed the process of how the amendment came to be based upon a request by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Howard went over how staff worked with the development community for feedback and comments. Staff presented amendment options to the Planning Board in October and in December. Options were brought to the Board of Commissioners, and the Board approved the concepts in the draft amendment and directed staff to take it back to the Planning Board for official review and comment. Mr. Howard reviewed some of the changes that were made in the text amendment relative to administration of the ordinance and to provide clarification on some terms.

Chairman Crumpler opened the public meeting and asked if anyone was present to speak.

Mr. Howard indicated that no one signed up to speak in favor or in opposition.

Chairman Crumpler closed the public meeting. The Board discussed the amendment and asked clarifying questions of staff.



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Chairman Crumpler asked that it be noted that there was only one person from the public who showed up to the meeting.

In Case ZON-22-0086, Mr. Burton made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin to recommend approval of the Text Amendment as presented by staff. The Board finds the request consistent with the 2030 Growth Vision Plan because, while specific land use plan policies do not address an update to the County's Subdivision or Zoning Ordinances, a current ordinance that is in compliance with State statutes allows the department to continue to provide efficient and effective services to achieve goals laid out not only in the 2030 Growth Vision Plan, but all detailed land use plans within the County. Approval of this text amendment is also reasonable and in the public interest as it is an update to clarify standards and review processes for the public. Unanimous approval.

IX. DISCUSSION

- EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY PLANNING STUDENT PRACTICUMS**

Mr. Howard updated the Board about a student named Jackson Van Ness coming from ECU to help staff in Comprehensive Planning for the Spring semester. He will be working on updating the County's Land Use Policies Plan. Mr. Howard noted that staff's goal is to coordinate a steady rotation of ECU Planning students on an ongoing basis to help with various projects.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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