



## **2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **New Kent County Planning Commission**

#### **Planning Commissioners**

**Mrs. Laura Rose - Chairwoman**

**Mr. Van "Marc" Bennett - Vice-Chairman**

**Mrs. Patricia Townsend**

**Mr. John Moyer**

**Ms. Katherine Butler**

**Ms. Curtisa Thomas**

**Mr. Gary Laroche**

**Dr. Joanne Schmit**

**Mr. Joseph Davis**

**Mrs. Amy Pearson**

**Honorable Tommy Tiller - Board of Supervisors Representative**

#### **Staff Support**

**Mr. Rodney Hathaway, County Administrator**

**Mr. Brendan Hefty Esq., County Attorney**

**Mrs. Kelli Le Duc, Planning Director**

**Mr. Kenneth Vaughan, Zoning Administrator**

**Mr. David Gray, Planner**

**Ms. Sheri Adams, Recording Secretary**

## MEETING SYNOPSES

### Meeting Date: February 16, 2021

- Mrs. Laura Rose was elected as the 2021 Chairwoman.
- Mr. Van “Marc” Bennett was elected as the 2021 Vice-Chairwoman.
- Ms. Katherine Butler was elected as the 2021 Public Hearing Chairwoman.
- Dr. Joanne Schmit was elected as the 2021 Public Hearing Vice-Chair.
- Mr. John Moyer was elected as the 2021 Representative to the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (PlanRVA).
- The Bylaws were adopted.
- The 2021 meeting schedule was adopted.
- A **public hearing** was held regarding Application CUP-01-21, Macotto Residence over a proposed restaurant. The Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- A **public hearing** was held regarding Ordinance Amendment OA-01-21, Amendment to Section 91-10 of the New Kent County Code (to allow for Boundary Line Adjustments in AFD property). The Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- The 2020 Annual Report was adopted.

### Meeting Date: March 15, 2021 in the Sheriff’s Annex Training Room

- A **public hearing** was held regarding Application ZM-01-21, Wooten Rezoning. The Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- A **public hearing** was held regarding Applications ZM-02-21/CUP-02-21, Rust/Adams Rezoning and CUP. The Commission voted for both applications to receive a favorable recommendation.

### Meeting Date: June 21, 2021

- A **public hearing** was held regarding Ordinance Amendment OA-02-21, Amendments to Chapter 82, Article V of the New Kent County Code (regarding living shorelines). The Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- A **public hearing** was held regarding Ordinance Amendment OA-03-21, Amendment to Section 91-94 of the Code (access roads for fire equipment). The Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- A **public hearing** was held regarding Ordinance Amendment OA-04-21, Amendment to Section 91-127 of the Code (clarification of a major subdivision). The Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- A **public hearing** was held regarding Ordinance Amendment OA-05-21, Amendment to Section 91-103(2) of the Code (requiring paving). The Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- A **public hearing** was held regarding Ordinance Amendment OA-06-21, Amendment to Section 91-126(5) and Section 91-126(6) of the Code (access requirements for family

subdivisions). The Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

- Eight **public hearings** were held regarding AFD Applications. All were given a favorable recommendation by the Commission.

**Meeting Date: August 16, 2021**

- A **public hearing** was held regarding PUD Amendments to the Farms of New Kent, Land Bay I (PUD-01-21). The Commission voted to send an unfavorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- A **public hearing** was held regarding CUP-03-21, The Truck Shop, LLC (Curtis). The Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- A **public hearing** was held regarding Ordinance Amendment OA-07-21, Amendment to Floodplain Ordinance Chapter 18. The Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- A **public hearing** was held regarding AFD-09-21, Withdrawal from the Big Swamp AFD. The Commission voted to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- The Commission discussed the kick off of the Comprehensive Plan update.

**Meeting Date: September 20, 2021, Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors**

- A joint **public hearing** was held regarding ZM-03-21, John Kinney Rezoning. The Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, and the Board voted to approve the Rezoning.
- The Planning Commission and the Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the RFP For Consultant Services for the Comprehensive Plan Update. Mr. Hathaway led the discussion.

**Meeting Date: November 15, 2021**

- Mr. Michael Doniger with Chaberton Energy, presented on a potential solar project in the Northwest Portion of the County.
- Ms. Jessie Robinson and Andy Kavanaugh with Borrego Solar, presented on a potential solar project near the Henrico Jail East.
- A **public hearing** was held regarding CUP-04-21, Quinton Homes/Mat Starr, for an extension of his existing CUP for a mini-storage facility. The Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- A **public hearing** was held regarding Ordinance Amendment OA-08-21, Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding maximum building heights in the EO and IND zoning districts. The Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

**Meeting Date: December 20, 2021**

- A presentation was given by Joe Lerch with Virginia Association of Counties, regarding changes in legislation pertaining to utility scale solar in Virginia.
- A presentation was given by Rev. Travis Hall, Executive Director of Faith Recovery, on a potential project/CUP for a recovery center in New Kent.

- Mr. Hathaway presented the FY2023 CIP.

**A total of 359 Certificates of Occupancy were issued in 2021, bringing the estimated county population to 24,135. In 2020, 264 Certificates of Occupancy were issued and the estimated county population was 23,283.**

**2021 Planning Commission Attendance**

	2-16	3-15	6-21	8-16	9-20	11-15	12-20
<b>Planning Commissioner</b>							
Patricia Townsend District 1	P	P	A	A	P	A	A
Laura Rose District 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Katherine Butler District 2	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
John Moyer District 2	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Amy Pearson District 3	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Curtisa Thomas District 3	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Joanne Schmit District 4	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Gary Larochele District 4	P	P	A	P	A	A	P
Marc Bennett District 5	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Joseph Davis District 5	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Tommy Tiller BOS Representative	A	P	A	A	P	A	P

P = Present      A = Absent

**Planning Department Applications for 2021**

<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Number Received</b>
<b><i>Subdivisions</i></b>	
Subdivisions	24
Boundary Line Adjustments or Extinguishments	16
<b><i>Agricultural and Forestal District</i></b>	
Applications Processed	11
<b><i>Site Plans</i></b>	
Site Plans	11

*Zoning*

Rezoning	3
Conditional Use Permit	4
Certificate of Zoning	178
Zoning Violation	27
Zoning Opinion Letters	11
Cultural Events	4

*Application Totals for 2021*

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<b>Comparison to Previous Years</b>			
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Certificate of Zoning</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>Conditional Use Permit</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Rezoning</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Zoning Violation</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Cultural Event</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Subdivisions (all)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Site Plans</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>