

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, January 21, 2009
City Council Chambers
2400 Washington Avenue
Newport News, Virginia

PRESENT: J. Doug Coenen, Jr., Chairman; Sharyn Fox, Vice-Chairman; V. Albea; R. George Hubbard; Cleon Long; Lucille Lowery; Wesley Maxwell; H. Eugene Roberts; Clara P. Swanson; (Staff: Al Riutort, Director of Planning; Sheila W. McAllister, Assistant Director of Planning; Michael King, Manager of Community Planning; Kathy James-Webb, Manager of Environmental Planning; Johnnie Davis, Planner-Planning Services; Sandy Hitchens, Planning Technician; Lynn Sugg, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Christine Mignogna, Zoning Administrator)

INVOCATION

Mr. Maxwell presented the invocation.

Ms. Lowery read the Planning Commission's purpose as stated in Section 15.2-2210 of the Code of Virginia. Ms. Lowery made a motion to adopt the agenda before the Planning Commission. Ms. Fox seconded the motion. The City Planning Commission voted to adopt the agenda by acclamation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Lynn Sugg, Senior Assistant City Attorney, presided over the meeting and opened the floor for the nomination of Chairman for the Planning Commission. Ms. Fox made a motion to nominate Mr. J. Douglas Coenen, Jr. as Chairman. Ms. Lowery seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Ms. Sugg called for a vote for the position of Chairman.

Vote on Roll Call

For: Swanson, Roberts, Albea, Lowery, Maxwell, Coenen, Fox, Long, Hubbard

Against: None

Abstention: None

The City Planning Commission voted unanimously (9:0) to elect Mr. Coenen in the position of Chairman.

After being elected Chairman, Mr. Coenen presided over the meeting and opened the floor for the nomination of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Long made a motion to nominate Ms. Sharyn Fox as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Mr. Coenen called for a vote for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Vote on Roll Call

For: Roberts, Albea, Lowery, Maxwell, Coenen, Fox, Long, Hubbard, Swanson

Against: None

Abstention: None

The City Planning Commission voted unanimously (9:0) to elect Ms. Fox in the position of Vice-Chairman.

MINUTES

The minutes of January 7, 2009, were approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING

CZ-09-266, Kingsway Management Company, LCC. Requests a change of zoning from R9 Mixed Use District with proffers that limit the density to 13.8 dwelling units per acre to R9 Mixed Use District with amended proffers that will limit the maximum density to 18.5 dwelling units per acre to allow the construction of no more than 48 units on a 2.60 acre parcel located at 501 Kingsway Drive. The *Framework for the Future* comprehensive plan recommends mixed use for the site. The Parcel No. is 204.00-01-38.

At the applicant's request, the change of zoning CZ-09-266 was deferred until the public hearing of April 1, 2009.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Riutort stated that on January 13, 2009, the City Council approved conditional use permit CU-09-255, recommended by the City Planning Commission, for a Boys and Girls Club on 95 Tyler Avenue for Suite N on a 1.8 acre parcel zoned M1 Light Industrial.

Mr. Riutort stated that on January 20, 2009, the Board of Zoning Appeals approved two special exceptions recommended by the City Planning Commission which were as follows:

1. S.E. 2812 for Joann Hinton to expand a nonconforming use to allow a 600 square foot addition to her house at 943 11th Street on property zoned R4 Single Family Dwelling.
2. S.E. 2813 for Andersons Greenhouses, Inc. to reduce the required transitional buffer area along their Jefferson Avenue frontage to allow the expansion of Andersons Home and Garden Center on properties zoned C1 Retail Commercial and C2 General Commercial.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman introduced and welcomed new Planning Commissioners Clara P. Swanson and R. George Hubbard.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:09 P.M.

Recording Secretary

Executive Secretary