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MINUTES

Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm

3rd Floor Conference Room – Planning & Zoning

Due to COVID-19 this meeting shall be held via teleconference.

Please join the meeting by phone.

Meeting ID#: 859 8380 1055

Phone: 833-548-0276

1. Meeting called to order.
 - a. **The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairman Stephen Oberg.**
2. Recognition of Persons Attending the Meeting.
 - a. **APAB: Chairman Stephen Oberg, Leonard Ogden (absent), Parran Briscoe (absent), Thomas Hance, Walter Wells, Charles Spicknell (Alternate).**
 - b. **Staff: Ronald Marney, Kathleen Seay, Felicia Harrod**
 - c. **Guests: Neil Smith**
3. Approval of the Agenda.
 - a. **A motion to approve the agenda was made by Walter Wells. The motion was seconded by Thomas Hance and passed unanimously.**
4. New Business.
 - a. 2021 Executive Committee Vote
 - i. **Neil Smith shared with the APAB his background history along with his application for appointment as a APAB Member to fill the Non-Farm member seat. The APAB members reviewed Neil Smith applications. A motion to recommend the appointment of Neil Smith as an APAB a non-voting member of the advisory committee to the BOCC was made by Thomas Hance. The motion was seconded by Walt Wells and passed unanimously.**
 - ii. **After deliberation a motion to keep the current executive board (Stephen Oberg as Chair and Leonard Ogden as Vice Chair, Parran Briscoe as Secretary) was made by Thomas Hance. The motion was seconded by Thomas Hance. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - b. Review of the Draft Rules & Regulations.
 - i. **As was discussed at the February 1, 2020 meeting Staff had drafted a set of Rules & Regulations to supersede all previous versions and apply a single uniform set for all APDs. Ronald Marney outlined the draft indicating that the initial draft provided focused simply addressing the various legal challenges the program had faced along with inclusion of the Boards various policy decisions into a single cohesive document.**
 - ii. **Ronald Marney indicated that while not incorporated it was Staff's recommendation that Tenant Houses count towards density. After discussion the Board directed Staff to add the suggested language into the draft for their consideration.**

- iii. **Walt Wells questioned the quality of land that would be added into the program and the quality of land previously allowed into the program. He indicated a desire to focus on prime agricultural land with an emphasis on working land as opposed to forestry which could be accommodated via the Rural Legacy program. After discussion the Board directed staff to add language limiting forestry based applications / providing preference for working farmland.**
 - iv. **The Board deliberated progress on the Rules & Regulations and after discussion voted to set another Special Meeting for February 25, 202 at 7:00PM.**
5. Public Comment.
There is a time limit of 5 minutes per speaker.
 6. Announcements.
 - a. At the February 1, 2021 meeting, no closed items(s) were discussed.
Closed to the public pursuant to General Provisions Article §3-305 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
 7. Recess, subject to Motion of Privilege for Closed Meeting.
 - a. At this meeting, no closed item(s) to discuss.
Closed to the public pursuant to General Provisions Article §3-305 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
 8. Next Meeting – Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00pm.
 9. Adjourn.
 - a. **A motion to adjourn was made by Walter Wells at 8: 17 PM. The motion was seconded by Thomas Hance and passed unanimously.**

Reasonable accommodation will be provided upon request. Requests are encouraged to be submitted in advance of the meeting date. This agenda is subject to change. If any items are added for consideration, they will be included on a revised agenda that will be issued prior to the closed session.

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