

MINUTES

of the

MECKLENBURG COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

January 26, 2023

Present: Kyle Crump, Charles Reamy, Debra Crowder, Donna Dennis, Jarrious Lassiter, Jerome Watson, David Brankley, Mark Warren, and Landon Hayes, Jr.

Members not present: Randy Crocker

Chairman Crump called the meeting to order.

Mr. Hendrick opened the floor for nominations for chairman of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Brankley nominated Mr. Crump for chairman.

There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

By a unanimous vote, Mr. Crump was elected chairman.

Mr. Hendrick opened the floor for nominations for vice-chairman of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Crump nominated Mr. Warren for vice-chairman.

There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

By a unanimous vote, Mr. Warren was elected vice-chairman.

Mr. Hendrick opened the floor for nominations for secretary of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Crump nominated Mr. Reamy for secretary.

There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

By a unanimous vote, Mr. Reamy was elected secretary.

Mr. Hendrick turned over Planning Commission Meeting to Chairman Crump.

A public hearing was held on the application the Mecklenburg County Planning Commission to amend Article 20, Solar Facilities section 20.5 application, and procedures, to add the following:
20.5 Application and Procedures

(b) Comprehensive Plan Review- A 15.2-2232, review by the county is required by the Code of Virginia (15.2-2232) for utility-scale solar facilities. This code provision provides for a review by the Planning Commission of public utility facility proposals to determine if their general or approximate location, character and extent are substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan or part thereof. Should the Comprehensive Plan review be denied by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors, the applicant will not be able to re-apply for another review on any of the same parcels of land for twelve (12) months from the date of the denial.

There was no public input.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion from Mr. Reamy, seconded by Mr. Lassiter, the commission unanimously recommended to approve the application by the Mecklenburg County Planning Commission to amend the Article 20, Solar Facilities section 20.5.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Dennis to amend the previous motion to add the word solar after utility-scale, seconded by Mr. Brankley, the commission unanimously approved the motion.

A public hearing was held on the application for Mecklenburg County Planning Commission to amend the Article 1, Definition of Terms, section 1-60, to add the following:
Section 1-60 Comprehensive Plan: Means the current comprehensive plan of Mecklenburg County as amended and adopted by the county in accordance with the Code of Virginia (15.2-2232). Any 15.2-2232 application that has been denied by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors may not re-apply for a new review within one (1) year period from the date of denial pertaining to those parcels of land.

There was no public input.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion from Mr. Reamy, seconded by Mr. Watson, the commission unanimously recommended to approve the application from Mecklenburg County Planning Commission to amend the Article 1, Definition of Terms, section 1-60.

Upon a motion from Mr. Reamy, seconded by Mrs. Dennis, the commission unanimously approved the December 29, 2022, planning commission meeting minutes.

Mr. Hendrick presented the Zoning and Building permit reports for review.

Mr. Hendrick discussed solar facilities currently approved by the county and the two facilities that are pending. Mr. Hendrick advised the commission of the total acreage of land and solar panels currently approved and what the county has pending. The commission discussed the possibility of doing a total acreage under panels as the maximum number of solar facilities

within the county. Mr. Brankley advised the commission that this matter would be discussed at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles P. Reamy
Secretary