



Metropolitan Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER 1:40

A meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Commission was held via Zoom on August 17, 2020, at 5:30 pm.

2. ATTENDEES

Members in attendance: Michael Tomy (Chairman), James Crower (Vice-Chair), Judy Alling, Bill Bardenwerper, Caroline Fermin, and Jason Hincer.

Staff in attendance: David Prichard (City of Beaufort Director of Community and Economic Development); Jared Fralix (City of Beaufort Engineer).

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES 2:19

Mr. Crower made a motion to approve the July 20, 2020 minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Alling. The motion passed unanimously.

4. QUESTIONS RELATING TO MILITARY OPERATIONS 3:18

Chair asked if David Prichard had any feedback or additional input regarding the presentation given at the last MPC meeting. Mr. Prichard said no.

The chairman, Mike Tomy, invited the public to comment.

5. NEW BUSINESS 5:01

City of Beaufort Agenda Items:

- A. **Whitehall Sketch Plan.** The applicant, Whitehall Point Holdings, LLC, has requested a major subdivision of approximately 10.1 acres located at 4 Harborview Circle (Whitehall). The property is further identified as District R123, Map 14, Parcel 149. The subdivision will result in 2 lots (8.4 ac and 1.6 ac) and new streets.

The chairman, Mike Tomy, invited the public to comment.

Motion: Mr. Hincer made a motion to approve what is in front of us with the condition that between the city and the owner that what we are going to end up with, as a development plan, meets the spirit and the intent of both the Lady's Island Plan and the Civic Master Plan.

Mr. Tomy asked Mr. Hinchler to amend his motion to add the defining categories of massing, density, and use.

Mr. Bardenwerper asked Mr. Hinchler to add to his motion to include the condition that there will be a traffic signal at Meridian Road. Mr. Hinchler said it all ties in together with the Lady's Island Plan and is resistant to be that specific. And to include that we recommend, as a condition, to have a right turn from Sea Island Parkway eastbound south of Meridian Road and then an internal right turn lane off of the street to Meridian.

Mr. Hinchler agreed to amend his motion. Mr. Bardenwerper seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a vote of 3:3; tied; motion failed.

Motion: Mr. Bardenwerper made a motion that we approve it with the strong endorsement of the traffic signal at Meridian and 21 with an eastbound to southbound right turn lane at 21 to Meridian and also with an internal street be a right turn lane southbound onto Meridian together with a strong recommendation to the DRB Committee's review of the design that they take into account the authority it has under section 4.3.2 and that they consider addressing the massing and the scale by breaking up some of the larger buildings so they are not as long and also considering, in the content of their authority, under the Civic Master Plan the "use" question as to whether they can, through meetings with the applicant, make a greater diversity of use.

Mr. Bardenwerper withdrew his motion since there was no second.

Motion: Mr. Bardenwerper made a motion to continue this discussion at the next meeting; seconded by Mr. Crower. The motion passed unanimously.

6. ADJOURN

3:45:12

Mr. Crower made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Bardenwerper. The motion passed unanimously.

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