

ALAMANCE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 15, 2020
7:00 p.m., -Virtual

Members Present

Ray Cobb
Gene Brooks
Bill Poe
Ashley Harris
Andrea Cheek
Amy Galey
Vaughn Willoughby

Members Absent

David Wyatt
David Spruill
Danielle Walker
Debra Hyder
Eric McPherson
Dennis Arthur Hall
Lee Isley

Staff Present

Tonya Caddle, *Planning Director*
Taylor Perschau, *Planner II*
Ben Pierce, *Assistant County Attorney*
Sherry Hook, *Assistant County manager*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:0 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Caddle handled roll call through Zoom log in.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS*

Public comment was submitted in regards to the Land Development Plan. The vice chair decided to hold that comment until the end of the presentation for the Land Development Plan.

4. BOARD/COMMISSIONER RESPONSES

The Board had no responses with no public comment.

5. NEW BUSINESS

1. Draft Land Development Plan Update Presentation

Motion to approve.

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Motion: Mr. Brooks
Second: Mr. Willoughby
Vote: Unanimous

1. Solar Energy System Ordinance Final from subcommittee

Staff introduced the Draft proposal of the Solar Energy System Ordinance. Mr. Brooks spoke about the draft as he sat on the subcommittee and how they addressed the landscaping concerns from the previous discussion at the last Planning Board meeting. Mr. Willoughby added to that where he joined the subcommittee at their last meeting and offered information to help formulate the landscaping as it is being proposed in the draft ordinance.

The Board discussed the draft ordinance prepared by the subcommittee. Mr. Gene Brooks lead the discussion to go through the ordinance for the Board. Items that were discussed are:

- Having a public hearing is a good thing
- Addressing the idea of moving from 8 to 12 months for landscaping. The Board agreed to make that change.
- The concern of the renew requirement brought during public comments. The board discussed that the comment included concern that the renewal process is a challenge when trying to get projects financed. The Board had discussion and decided to keep that language as is in the draft with no additional challenges.
- The access road for projects was also discussed and the board decided since that road is used very little, it would be okay to allow the access road inside the setbacks.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Staff announced the continued efforts on the Land Development Plan. The project is being scheduled to finalize late fall this year as the seated commissioners have birthed this project and should be the Board to finalize the project.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:52.
Motion: Mr. Brooks
Second: Mr. Willoughby

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