

Town of Colonial Beach Planning Commission Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 – Town Center, 22 Washington Avenue

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Victoria Luna, Chair
Nathan Howell, Vice Chair
Bob Christiansen
Maureen McCabe
Bryon Mack
Steve Ale

Absent: Fletcher Lee

Staff: Kathleen Easley, Zoning Administrator

Approval of Agenda

Approved

Item 3: Approval of the Minutes

March 2021 Minutes were approved after correcting a typo.

Item 4: Public Comment

There was no comment from any citizens.

Item 5: Capital Improvement Plan

Public Hearing: There was one speaker who commented that sidewalks should be added to the CIP.

Discussion: Mr. Howell gave a report on what the CIP is and its importance. Ms. McCabe expressed concern over some items on the plan that citizens had not asked for and lack of importance on some items that have been of citizen concern for many years. Commissioners discussed how to prioritize certain items on the CIP.

Item 6: Thomas Hastings

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Item 7: Parking Plan

Public Works Director Rob Murphy gave an update to the Planning Commission on the parking plan for the downtown area. The commissioners and Mr. Murphy discussed the details about who has to pay for parking based on residence and property ownership.

Item 8: Resiliency Committee

Mr. Mack gave a report on the workshop he attended regarding implementing resiliency within the Comprehensive Plan. Having specific verbiage and data within the comprehensive plan could go as far as to save citizens on flood insurance and help the town with state grants for stormwater management and resiliency program implementation.

Item 9: Comprehensive Plan Update

The Comprehensive Plan Committee interviewed three agencies for the rewriting of the comprehensive plan and found that the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis at Virginia Commonwealth University would be the best fit for the plan.

Item 10: Other Topics

Mr. Lee has agreed to begin writing monthly updates to publish for citizens to keep up to date with the planning commission. Councilman Cabrey is going to add a section on the planning commission in the council's newsletter.

Adjournment