

Town of Colonial Beach Planning Commission Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021 – Town Center, 22 Washington Avenue

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Victoria Luna, Chair
Bryon Mack
Steve Ale
Fletcher Lee
Bob Christiansen

Absent: Nathan Howell, Vice Chair
Maureen McCabe

Staff: Kathleen Easley, Zoning Administrator
Kaylynn DeBernard, Planning Technician

Approval of Agenda

Approved

Item 4: Public Comment

There was no comment from any citizens.

Item 5: Amendment to Bylaws adding Resiliency Committee

The commission had a discussion about the amendment of the bylaws to include a resiliency committee and the specific verbiage necessary. The commission discussed recruiting members from different parts of town rather than a single location as well as recruiting someone from the High School.

Item 6: Committee Reports

Resiliency Committee: Mr. Mack shared with the commission a resiliency workshop that members and the public could attend.

Marketing and Outreach Committee: Mr. Lee updated the commission on the PSA's that are going to be played on the town's radio station for the planning commission. He also shared that he had conducted a "Porch Talk" interview where he was interviewed about himself but mostly the planning commission and the Comprehensive Plan. The interview will also be aired on the local radio station.

Capital Improvement Plan Committee: Ms. Luna gave an update on the timeline of the review of the Comprehensive plan and the commission discussed dates of when the commission members and staff will review and when the public will be able to comment.

Item 7: Council Liaison Update

Councilman Cabrey gave an update on the positive looking financial situation of the town and what that could mean from a planning perspective. The council has asked for the planning

commission's recommendation for the definition of short term rental within the town bylaws in order to be able to enforce taxation of short term rentals within the town rather than the current honor based system

Other Topics:

Ms. Easley gave updated the commission on the addition of Mr. Hastings that he can be a member but there is an issue finding the correct terminology that he will investigate.

Mr. Christiansen shared his concern with impervious surfaces being added to the downtown area and suggested looking into ways that the town can incentivize and encourage pervious development.

Adjournment