



PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Cape Charles Town Hall
September 5, 2017
6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m., Chairman Dennis McCoy, having established a quorum, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission. In addition to Chairman McCoy, present were Commissioners Dan Burke, Keith Kostek, Sandra Salopek, Bill Stramm and Michael Strub. Commissioner Joan Natali was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Town Planner Larry DiRe and Town Clerk Libby Hume. There were two members of the public in attendance.

A moment of silence was observed which was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Prickett, 210 Tazewell Avenue

Mr. Prickett addressed the Commission in support of Planner Larry DiRe's recommendation regarding reverse-angle parking on Bay Avenue. (Please see attached.)

There were no public comments to be heard nor any written comments submitted prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Michael Strub, seconded by Sandra Salopek, to approve the agenda format as presented. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the August 1, 2017 Planning Commission Regular Meeting.

Bill Stramm noted a missing word on page 1 under Reports.

Motion made by Sandra Salopek, seconded by Michael Strub, to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2017 Planning Commission Regular Meeting as amended. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

REPORTS

There were no questions regarding the Staff Report.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Bay Avenue Beachfront Parking:

Larry DiRe stated that the Item Specifics of the Staff Report cited language from the Cape Charles Comprehensive Plan. Language regarding back-in angle parking remained in the document but did not include dates or triggers for implementation. The Mason Avenue parking was completed in spring 2015. Statistics from the three-year parking observation study completed between Memorial Day weekend through August 27 were reviewed and showed a slight increase in parking along Bay Avenue. Golf carts were included in the counts in years 2016 and 2017. Larry DiRe detailed the reasons for his recommendation not to move forward with reverse-angle parking along Bay Avenue as follows: i) overall lack of implementation by communities receiving the same information, from the same consultant, during the same time period; ii) the variety of vehicles and vehicle attachments currently parallel parking at the beachfront; iii) concerns over merely moving certain vehicles,

including food trucks, to the residential east side of Bay Avenue; iv) proliferation of golf carts; and v) behavioral concerns and lack of familiarity with reverse-angle parking patterns.

There was some brief discussion following the report and Michael Strub commended Larry DiRe on an excellent report which spelled out the reasons convincingly.

Motion made by Dan Burke, seconded by Bill Stramm, to accept the staff recommendation as written. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to review.

OTHER

There was additional discussion regarding the following: i) Dan Burke asked that an update regarding the food trucks be provided at the October meeting; and ii) Keith Kostek asked for an update regarding the Community Enhancement Program.

Bill Stramm, Planning Commission representative on the Community Enhancement Program Board (CEB), informed the Commissioners that the CEB had held three meetings and adopted by-laws. Elections were held and Andy Buchholz was the chairperson, Tammy Holloway was the vice chair, and Elizabeth Dodd was secretary. The advertisement was placed for a part-time program manager with an application submittal deadline of September 18. As of the August 28 meeting, four applications had been received. The CEB reviewed the salary range for the position and increased the range from \$13-\$15 per hour to \$19-\$21 per hour and the position was re-advertised. An all-day strategic planning session was scheduled for October 16 and would be facilitated by Kyle Meyer of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development/Virginia Main Street. A list of individuals (business owners, citizens, town board members and town staff) to invite to participate in the strategic planning session was being compiled and would be reviewed at the September 11 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

Motion made by Sandra Salopek, seconded by Dan Burke, to adjourn the Planning Commission Regular Meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Chairman Dennis McCoy

Town Clerk

Public Comments Submitted in Writing
September 5, 2017 Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Bill Prickett, 210 Tazewell Avenue

To: Cape Charles Planning Commission, Town Council, Mayor, Chief of Police, Staff
From: Bill Prickett, 210 Tazewell Avenue September 1, 2017

Having read the Planning Commission Staff Report, dated September 5, 2017, from the Town Planner, Larry DiRe, regarding the idea of implementing reverse angle parking on Bay Avenue, I agree with Mr. DiRe's assessment that the idea does not make sense and should not be implemented.

I have written and spoken to the town in the past opposing this idea and I am pleased that a two-year study and review by a professional planner has essentially come to the same conclusions that I expressed back in 2015.

I urge the Planning Commission and the Town Council to reject and abandon the idea of reverse angle parking for Bay Avenue. Furthermore, I believe the Town should consider eliminating the reverse angle parking on Mason Avenue and restoring parallel parking there.

With Best Regards,
Bill Prickett
210 Tazewell Avenue