

***AGRICULTURAL AND PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT
RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 25, 2021***

The virtual meeting of the Stafford County Agricultural and Purchase of Development Rights Committee for Monday, January 25, 2021, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Howe, Chairman.

Members Present: John Howe, Robert Broxton, Jeff Adams, Benjamin Rudasill, Carlos Bratton, Alandra Simmons, and Chad Young

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kathy Baker and Lindsey Marr

Guests Present: Robin Long, Lester Long

1. Call to Order

Mr. Howe called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Marr to call roll. Ms. Marr called roll and Mr. Howe stated there was a quorum.

2. Organize Committee

- Election of Officers

Mr. Broxton nominated Mr. Howe for Chairman.

Mr. Rudasill seconded the nomination.

The nomination passed 7-0.

Mr. Young nominated Mr. Broxton as Vice Chairman.

Mr. Rudasill seconded the nomination.

The nomination passed 7-0.

- 2021 Meeting Calendar

The committee agreed to continue meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

- 2021 Work Plan

Due to the lack of meetings in 2020 because of Covid-19, the Committee is continuing their 2020 Work Plan into 2021.

- By-laws

The Committee had no changes to make to the current by-laws.

3. Public Presentations

4. Staff Update

- Purchase of Development Rights Program Funding and Applications

Ms. Baker gave an overview of the current applications status, as well as the current PDR funds available, which is approximately \$321,471. She stated that at the end of the fiscal year in June, the Committee should decide if they have enough funding to move forward with a new application round in 2021.

- Board of Supervisors Healthy Growth Initiative

Ms. Baker stated that the decision to change the allocated density in the A-1 Agricultural Zoning District has been postponed until the March 2, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting. The George L. Gordon government center is currently closed to the public and the Board of Supervisors wanted to be sure any member of the public could attend the meeting.

- Land Conservation Program Considerations - Easement Donations and PDR Program Review

Ms. Baker stated that the Board of Supervisors has requested the Planning Commission to develop an official process for accepting easement donations in Stafford County. The Planning Commission established a sub-committee, including John Howe from the Ag/PDR Committee, and John Harris, a property owner in the A-1 district. The sub-committee should have their draft report complete by February 4th, and forward to the full Planning Commission at their meeting on February 10th. They are looking to recommend a dedicated funding source, are considering a \$.25 tax to aid with land conservation, and would like to change the name of this committee from Ag/PDR Committee to Ag/Land Conservation Committee.

5. New Business

- Farmers Market Application – Long Family Market

An application for the Long Family Market was presented for discussion. Mr. Adams asked to confirm the hours of operation during the winter months, and Ms. Long indicated generally once a month.

Mr. Broxton made a motion to approve the application for the Long Family Market.

Mr. Young seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-1 (Mr. Adams opposed).

- Appraisals for PDR Application Properties

Ms. Baker stated that the Board of Supervisors has recommended that the Committee establish an appraisal process for new PDR applications, instead of the standard methodology currently used. She stated she would keep it on the agenda as they move forward with overall PDR process review and recommendations.

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6. Approval of Minutes

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Ms. Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes from February 4, 2020.

Mr. Broxton seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0.

7. Member Comments

8. Next Meeting

- February 22, 2021

9. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss Mr. Howe adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.