

PRESENT: S.N. Bridge, Chairman
J. Shomo, Vice-Chairman
J. Curd
W.F. Hite
K. A. Shiflett
R. L. Earhart, Senior Planner and Secretary

ABSENT: T. Byerly
T. Cole

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Augusta County Planning Commission held on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Virginia.

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DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mr. Bridge stated as there were five (5) members present, there was a quorum.

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MINUTES

Mr. Curd moved to approve minutes of the called and regular meeting held on June 10, 2008. Mr. Hite seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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William E. and Sarah Frances Brubeck, Trustees, and Charles N. and Bettie A. Beard – Add Public Use Overlay

A request to add the Public Use Overlay zoning designation with proffers to approximately 0.5 of an acre owned by William E. and Sarah Frances Brubeck, Trustees and Charles N. and Bettie A. Beard located on the south side of Middlebrook Village Road (Rt. 252) just east of the intersection with Cherry Grove Road (Rt. 670) in Middlebrook in the Riverheads District.

Ms. Earhart explained the request. She stated the applicant has submitted the following proffer:

1. Additional permitted uses will be limited to:
 - A. Government buildings and properties to include a library.

Diantha McCauley, 1759 Lee Jackson Highway, Fishersville, Director of the Augusta County Library stated this is an exciting proposal to provide library service to the Middlebrook area. She stated she has provided the Commission a tentative outline of the library's hours of operation and a layout of the interior of the library. She stated there will be a wide variety of services provided such as books, DVDs, CDs, cassettes, and importantly, high speed internet access. She explained there will be reading programs available for all ages. Ms. McCauley stated it will also be possible to share materials between libraries.

Mr. Shomo asked if employees and volunteers will have access to restroom facilities.

Ms. McCauley answered yes.

Mr. Shomo asked if the wireless services will be available outside of the library.

Ms. McCauley stated she is not familiar enough with wireless communications to answer that question.

Mr. Shomo stated he is excited about the facility being in his district.

Mr. Bridge stated he is concerned about the building having no public restroom facilities, especially if children's activities will be provided.

Ms. McCauley stated she was certain the staff would not have a problem with children using the private restroom. She stated the decision was an official ruling from the Health Department for a bathroom for one or two staff members.

Mr. Bridge asked if there was any possibility of getting a public restroom in the facility.

Ms. McCauley answered no according to the regulations from the Health Department.

Ms. Earhart stated this was a limitation of the existing system.

There being no one else desiring to speak, Mr. Bridge declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Shomo moved to recommend approval of the request with the proffer.

Mr. Curd seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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STAFF REPORTS

A. CODE OF VIRGINIA – SECTION 15.2-2310

Mr. Bridge asked if there were any comments regarding the upcoming items on the BZA agenda. The Commission took no formal action on the BZA items.

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Ms. Earhart reminded the Planning Commission of the joint public worksession with the Board of Supervisors on July 30, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. regarding the Ordinance review project.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

Secretary