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Camden County Planning Board
Record of Proceedings
January 21, 2004
7:00 PM
Senior Center Conference Room
Courthouse Complex

Chairman James Burnham called to order a meeting of the Camden County Planning Board with the following members present:

Chairman James Burnham
Vice Chairman Rodney Needham
Members Juanita Staples, Calvin Leary, and Robert Woodrow

The following members were absent: Terri Griffin and Gladys Banks

Also present were David Parks, Permit Officer, and Melissa Joines, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Burnham called for consideration of the agenda. Staff added discussion on Economic Development and the Codification of the UDO.

Chairman Burnham called for consideration of the December 17, 2003 Planning Board minutes. Woodrow made a motion to approve the minutes. Staples seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Burnham called for comments from the public. Hearing none he continued with the agenda.

New Business

Item #1 Preliminary Plat (UDO 2003-08-30) Pine Ridge Subdivision

Chairman Burnham called upon staff. Dave Parks stated the application was Pine Ridge Subdivision Section 4 for nine (9) lots. Staff stated that the UDO states every subdivision with 20 or more lots must have open space. Staff stated that Pine Ridge did not have any open space because there were less than 20 lots in every section.

Leary questioned was it the same developer for every section of Pine Ridge. Staff stated that the sections were done by son then by father.

Eddie Hyman, Hyman and Robey, stated that the first three sections of Pine Ridge were developed by Mr. Sawyer's son. Mr. Hyman stated the first idea for section four

of Pine Ridge was to give it another name. But to cut down on confusion for 911 and police the developer decided to keep the name Pine Ridge. Mr. Hyman stated there had been thirteen (13) lots total under Mr. Sawyer's development of Pine Ridge. Mr. Hyman stated he felt that instead of open space, it would better suit the county for Mr. Sawyer to pay the fee which would go to a recreational facility.

After a planning discussion among the board about subdivisions in the county and open space, Chairman Burnham called for a motion. Staples made a motion to recommend approval of the application to the Commissioners. Woodrow seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Item #2 Discussion on Moratorium – Sheriff Tony Perry

Sheriff Perry stated his office need four more deputies and when transport is needed to a mental facility, it ties the deputy up for eight hours. There is no deputy full time at the satellite office. Sheriff Perry stated there were 5,891 calls in 2002, an average daily of calls of 19.61. The coverage provided by the Sheriff's department is in 12 hours shifts with one deputy for days, 2 for nights, 1 for weekend days, 2 for weekend nights. Sheriff Perry stated his office needs three deputies to cover the day shift now because when the day deputy receives a dangerous call, he has to request aid from Pasquotank County or Elizabeth City and if he has to do a mental transport, another deputy has to be called to work causing overtime. The sheriff's office currently has five road deputies the other four deputies that are assigned administrative duties and special investigative duties. Sheriff Perry stated with 490 lots presently approved, this will create at least 1200 more residents, placing the current population at 8,400. The new subdivisions have created more calls such as alarm responses, mental patients transport and traffic in the county is heavier. Sheriff Perry stated if more deputies are hired then his office could handle new development in Camden County.

Item #3 Discussion – Eric Weatherly

Eric Weatherly, Hobbs Upchurch, gave an overview on the status of the water lines and the sewer system which should be on line in the core area by summer 2005.

Items from Board members and staff

Staff handed out a copy of the number of building permits issued since January 1999 and the copy of the UDO incorporated into the Camden County Code. The board requested the Chief of South Camden Fire Department be present at the next meeting.

Information

1) Board of Commissioners Minutes – Dec. 1, 2003

Consideration of Next Meeting Date February 18, 2004

The next Planning Board meeting will be held on February 18, 2004 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

Woodrow made a motion to adjourn. Needham seconded the motion. The motion

passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Approved: _____

Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Joines, Clerk to the Board