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**November 4, 2020**

Commission Members Present: Jim Luff, Tracey Williams, Rob Thompson, Dick Story, and Cindy Genther, Kate Gray and Aaron Bramble

Also in Attendance: Bob Jacob, County Commissioner; Shelley Heller, County Administrator; Jamie Williams, Director, Economic Development; Jana Carter, Assistant Director, Tourism Development

At 3:02 p.m. Mr. Luff called the meeting to order. Mr. Luff requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2020 meeting. On motion by Ms. Gray and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes from the October 14, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Mackey provided an update on the Planning, Housing, and Zoning activities, the second meeting of the Comprehensive Rezoning task force will be held on Thursday, November 12, at 4 p.m. This second meeting is for the task force to discuss group values, develop a mission statement, and discuss benchmarks for organizing future meetings; there are no items regarding zoning content.

The Technical Advisory Committee reviewed a Major Site Plan Review (concept), submitted by CK Property Management, LLC (Greenscapes) zoned Crossroads Commercial (CC). The project is intended to add a new greenhouse and allow for the addition of outdoor storage of materials for an existing grounds care business.

The Public Service Commission made a virtual presentation on the currently existing process the State uses to review applications related to utility-scale solar facilities. MACo is coordinating a series of follow-up meetings to discuss. Carla Gerber will be representing Kent County in upcoming discussion with the solar industry arranged by MACo.

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved an application for a Special Exception for Adaptive Reuse of an Historic Structure for the property located on Piney Neck Road, Rock Hall, zoned Community Residential (CR). The applicant proposes to renovate the existing two-story dwelling into a private office/storage structure.

Mr. Story gave an update the Economic and Tourism Development subcommittee’s progress in developing a recommendation regarding the restructure of the departments, to the County Commissioners at their November 10, 2020 meeting.

Jamie Williams shared a data center attraction web page is being developed and will be available online soon. The web page will include all the information important to data center developers and operators when selecting a location, as well as sites suitable for this type of

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business operation in Kent County <https://www.kentcounty.com/business/resources/datacenter-locations> .

Ms. Williams gave an update on COVID grants available to businesses and organizations and staff continues to process applications and distribute checks. The CoronaVirus Updates, Business Resources tab continues to be updated with financial and other business assistance resources <https://www.kentcounty.com/coronavirus> .

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Bramble seconded by Ms. Gray and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm. The Commission agreed to meet again on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie L. Williams, CEcD  
Director