

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
June 9, 2009

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. in the County Manager's Conference Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico County, Virginia.

Members of the Board Present:

David A. Kaechele, Chairman, Three Chopt District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Vice Chairman, Tuckahoe District (departed at 5:42 p.m.)
James B. Donati, Jr., Varina District
Richard W. Glover, Brookland District (arrived at 5:40 p.m.)
Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

Other Officials Present:

Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., County Manager
J. Thomas Tokarz II, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Barry R. Lawrence, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Tanya B. Harding, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk to the Board
George T. Drumwright, Jr., Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Leon T. Johnson, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Robert K. Pinkerton, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services
C. Michael Schnurman, Jr., Legislative Liaison

Mr. Kaechele called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Mr. Kaechele announced that Mr. Glover and Mr. Thornton were traveling from high graduations and would be arriving while the meeting was in progress. Mrs. O'Bannon noted that she would be leaving the meeting early to attend a high school graduation and would be returning while the evening meeting was in progress.

Mr. Hazelett introduced Min-young Jeon, a management trainee from the County's South Korean sister city, Yangu City. Ms. Jeon began a five-week internship with the County on June 20 and will return to Yangju City on July 4. She works in Yangju City's agricultural department. Ms. Jeon noted that she was very pleased and honored to be in Henrico and have this learning opportunity. Mr. Hazelett advised that Ms. Yeon is staying in the home of a County employee. She will be dividing her time with the County between the Human Resources Department and Division of Recreation and Parks.

Mr. Hazelett next introduced Vaughn G. Crawley as the County's new Director of Internal Audit. Mr. Crawley is a graduate of the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce and is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Information Systems Auditor. He was previously employed by Deloitte and Touche and Circuit City. Mr. Hazelett requested that the Board defer the next Audit Committee meeting from June 23, 2009 until July 14, 2009 to allow time for Mr. Crawley to become acclimated. Mr. Vaughn stated that he is looking forward to this professional opportunity.

Mr. Tokarz introduced Lee Ann Anderson as Henrico's newest Assistant County Attorney. Mrs. Anderson is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and New York University School of Law. She previously served as Associate General Counsel for Circuit City and held positions with private law firms in Richmond and New York. Ms. Anderson has considerable litigation experience. She will be working for the County Attorney's Office in the areas of personnel, police training, and personal injury. Ms. Anderson commented that she is looking forward to serving the County.

Mr. Hazelett briefly reviewed the two items on the agenda.

Freedom Flag Monument Proposal

Mr. Hazelett recognized David O'Kelly, Assistant Director of Planning for Plan Review and Code Support, who began the presentation on this item. Mr. O'Kelly described three existing monuments located in the County – the Flood Marker of 1771 in Varina, the J.E.B. Stuart Monument near Virginia Center Commons, and the Police Memorial at the Henrico County Government Center. The Board and staff also briefly discussed a monument located at Henricus Park and a monument located at Horsepen Road and Glenside Drive. Mr. O'Kelly advised that the Freedom Flag Monument was designed and created by Richard Melito to honor the victims of September 11, 2001. The proposed location of the monument is a 1.18 acre parcel owned by the County at the southeast corner of Parham and Quioccasin Roads in the Tuckahoe District. Mr. O'Kelly briefly reviewed the history of the site and explained several slides depicting the Freedom Monument location, zoning in the vicinity of the site, a 1974 aerial photograph of the site, the subject property, potential site constraints, and the approximate site location.

Mr. O'Kelly recognized Mr. Melito, who continued the presentation by sharing his concept for the monument with the Board. He noted that the proposed site for the monument has one of the highest elevations in the County. Mr. Melito suggested that the Commonwealth of Virginia needs its own monument to memorialize the victims of September 11, 2001 and that a wreath could be placed on the monument annually on September 11. He explained slides depicting the proposed layout of the Freedom Monument site, site elevation, and renderings of the monument. Mr. Melito referred to the large number of vehicles that pass by the site daily and stated that he planned for a private foundation to fund the monument and associated site work and then would like to donate the monument to the County.

There was discussion by Mr. Melito, Mr. Hazelett, and the Board regarding future maintenance of the monument site, the cost of the monument, and the construction schedule. Mr. Melito stated the estimated cost of construction could approach \$ 1 million. Mr. Hazelett pointed out

that the monument would be subject to the County's plan of development (POD) process. There was further discussion pertaining to the foundation's fiscal responsibilities for the monument and the adequacy of parking on the site and in the immediate vicinity of the monument. Mr. Kaechele commented that the monument design is attractive and will improve the site. Mr. Thornton questioned how the monument can be marketed to a larger, more diverse audience. Mr. Melito reviewed a handout distributed to the Board at the outset of the presentation that provided background information on The Freedom Flag and explained what the Freedom Flag represents. He assured Mr. Thornton that the monument would remember persons from all backgrounds and that the foundation would welcome support from throughout the community. Mr. Hazelett wrapped up the discussion and Mr. Kaechele thanked Mr. Melito for presenting this proposal to the Board.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:18 p.m.

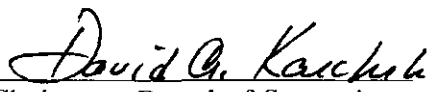
Proposed Guidelines for Monument and Memorial Site Development

Mr. Hazelett recognized Mr. O'Kelly, who reviewed two slides pertaining to development guidelines for monuments and memorial sites on County-owned property. He also referred to a handout that set forth the purpose and provisions of the guidelines. At Mr. Hazelett's request, Mr. O'Kelly explained the distinction between monuments on public versus private property. The Board and Mr. O'Kelly discussed the definition of monuments and the approval process recommended by staff. Mr. Hazelett advised that staff would consider the Board's comments and return to the Board with another draft. The Board, Mr. O'Kelly, and Mr. Hazelett discussed the role of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources in approving monuments, whether the County should assume maintenance responsibilities for the Freedom Flag Monument, and current *zoning and setback requirements for the site where the Freedom Flag Monument is proposed.*

Mr. Hazelett reviewed items on the evening's agenda. Mr. Hazelett and the Board discussed the procedures for the public hearing on the 2026 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Hazelett advised that the Department of Planning would prepare a verbatim transcript of the hearing from the audio recording. Staff responses to public comments will be provided to the Board at a work session on July 14, 2009. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Glover, Director of Planning Joe Emerson provided several statistics pertaining to land acreage proposed for development in eastern Henrico in the proposed 2026 Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Hazelett and Mr. Glover responded to questions and concerns raised by Mr. Donati regarding the resolution on the evening's agenda supporting the extension of high speed rail service to the Richmond region. Mr. Hazelett assured the Board that the resolution would not obligate the County financially and predicted that it will be 10 to 15 years before high speed rail service is established in the I-95 corridor from Washington, D. C. to Richmond.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia