

1 **Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Planning Commission of Henrico**
2 **County held in the County Administration Building in the Government Center at**
3 **Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 13,**
4 **2022. Display Notice having been published in the Richmond *Times-Dispatch* on**
5 **December 27, 2021, and January 3, 2022.**
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8 **Members Present:** Mrs. Melissa L. Thornton, Chairperson (Three Chopt)
9 Mr. Robert H. Witte, Jr., Vice Chair (Brookland)
10 Mr. Gregory R. Baka (Tuckahoe)
11 Mr. C. W. Archer, C.P.C. (Fairfield)
12 Mr. William M. Mackey, Jr., (Varina)
13 Mr. R. Joseph Emerson, Jr., AICP, Director of Planning
14 Secretary
15 Mr. Daniel J. Schmitt (Brookland)
16 Board of Supervisors' Representative
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18 **Also Present:** Ms. Jean Moore, Assistant Director *
19 Mr. Ben Sehl, Senior Principal Planner
20 Ms. Rosemary D. Deemer, AICP, County Planner
21 Mr. Livingston Lewis, County Planner
22 Mr. Seth Humphreys, County Planner
23 Ms. Kristin Smith
24 Mr. Justin Briggs, Henrico County Public Schools *
25 Mr. John Cejka, Traffic Engineer, Public Works *
26 Mr. Billy Moffett, Police *
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30 **Mr. Daniel J. Schmitt, the Board of Supervisors' representative, abstains on all**
31 **cases unless otherwise noted.**
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33 **Mr. Mackey -** Good evening and welcome. This is the January 13, 2022,
34 **Planning Commission Rezoning Meeting for Henrico County. At this time, I would like to**
35 **ask you, if you don't mind, would you please silence or turn off your cellphones. And**
36 **everyone who is able, would you please stand with us for the Pledge of Allegiance?**
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38 **[Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance]**
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40 **Thank you. Do we have anyone from the news media here tonight? If anyone is logged**
41 **on via Webex, we welcome you. We have all our commissioners seated tonight, so we**
42 **can conduct business.**
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44 **I'd like to take a moment to officially welcome from the Varina -- excuse me -- from the**
45 **Brookland District, Supervisor Dan Schmitt. He will be sitting with us this year on the**
46 **Planning Commission. Welcome, sir. I'm glad to have you.**
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48 All right. Okay. So, at this time, I'll turn the meeting over to our supervise -- to our
49 Secretary, Mr. Emerson.

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51 Mr. Emerson - Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Happy New Year to everyone.

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53 Mr. Mackey - Happy New Year.

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55 Mr. Emerson - Just apologize for the change in venue. But I think staff and
56 Media Services worked pretty hard and IT has set it up for us tonight.

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58 The Board room is under renovation, as you know. So, we'll be back there at our next
59 meeting, assuming everything runs with the construction as planned. But we'll make do
60 here this evening.

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62 I'll want to join with the Chairman welcoming everyone to the Henrico County Planning
63 Commission Public Hearing for January 13, 2022.

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65 Please be advised, Henrico County has implemented a mask policy for all employees and
66 visitors in County facilities regardless of vaccination status. If you need a mask, we have
67 those available in the lobby. We ask that you continue to practice all safety protocols for
68 COVID-19. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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70 Public comments this evening will be given from the microphone that you see in line with
71 the pillar there. And normally we have it in a lectern in the back of the room. But, again,
72 we are in cramped quarters this evening. So, if anyone has public comments or are
73 representatives of the applicants, we would appreciate it if you would make use of that
74 microphone.

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76 For everyone who is watching livestream on the county website, you can participate
77 remotely in the public hearings. You go to the Planning Department's meeting web page
78 at Henrico.us/planning/meetings. You should be able to see this on your screen. Scroll
79 down under Planning Commission and click on Webex event.

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81 Once you have joined the Webex event, please click the chat button in the bottom-right
82 corner of the screen. Staff will send a message asking if anyone would like to sign up to
83 speak on an upcoming case. To respond, select Kristin Smith from the dropdown menu
84 and send her a message.

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86 The Commission does have guidelines for its public hearings. The applicant is allowed
87 10 minutes to present the request and time may be reserved for responses to testimony.
88 The opposition is allowed a cumulative 10 minutes to present its concerns. [loud noise] I
89 like the emphasis, Fred.

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91 Commission questions do not count into the time limits. The Commission may waive the
92 time limits at its discretion and comments must be directly related to the case under
93 consideration. Thank you again for your participation and interest this evening.

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With that, Mr. Chairman, we move on to the first item of business on your agenda. Those are the requests for withdrawals and deferrals and those will be presented by Mr. Ben Sehl.

Mr. Sehl - Good evening, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Commission. Staff is aware of three deferral requests this evening. The first is on page 1 of your agenda in the Three Chopt District. This is PUP2021-00025 SKM, LLC.

PUP2021-00025 Andrew M. Condlin for SKM, LLC: Request for a Provisional Use Permit under Sections 24-4315.C and 24-2306 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to allow commercial uses and zoning modifications as part of a master-planned development on Parcels 733-764-9576 and 733-765-4819 located at the northwest intersection of W. Broad Street (U.S. Route 250) and N. Gayton Road. The existing zoning is A-1 Agricultural District. R-6C General Residence District (Conditional) zoning is proposed with REZ2022- 00003. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Urban Mixed-Use and Environmental Protection Area. The site is in the West Broad Street Overlay District.

Mr. Mackey - Is there anyone in attendance or via Webex that's in opposition of the deferral to the February 10th meeting of PUP2021-00025 Andrew M. Condlin for SKM, LLC? I don't see anyone.

Unknown Speaker - (indiscernible)

Mr. Emerson - On Webex you can ask. Is there anyone on Webex that wants to speak to this case? Ms. Smith? Ms. Deemer?

Mr. Sehl - One second, Mr. Secretary, we're checking right now.

Mr. Emerson - All right. Livingston, would you go check and make sure they can hear us? Thank you. That's Livingston. Seth is going.

Mr. Sehl - You're okay, Livingston. Seth is going.

Mr. Emerson - You have some background music, Fred?

Mr. Emerson - Do you have a mic on? Okay.

Mr. Mackey - We apologize for the delay.

Mr. Emerson - Did we have any -- no one's on Webex, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Mackey - Okay.

140 Mr. Emerson - That's fine. You can proceed. We have verification no one is
141 on Webex.
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143 Mr. Mackey - Yeah. For the record, we have verification that no one is on
144 Webex. So, having said that, all in favor of granting --
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146 Ms. Thornton - Oh, hold on.
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148 Mr. Emerson - No one on Webex, Ms. Deemer, for this case?
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150 Ms. Deemer - For -- not for this case.
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152 Mr. Emerson - Okay; no one on Webex for this case, Mr. Chairman.
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154 Mrs. Thornton - Okay; Mr. Chairman, I move that PUP2021-00025 SKM, LLC
155 be deferred to the February 10, 2022 meeting at the request of the applicant.
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157 Mr. Witte - Second.
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159 Mr. Mackey - All right. We have a motion by Ms. Thornton, a second by Mr.
160 Witte, all in favor say aye.
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162 The Commission - Aye.
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164 Mr. Mackey - Any opposed? The motion is granted.
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166 Mr. Emerson - Mr. Sehl.
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168 Mr. Sehl - Yes, Mr. Chair. Mr. Secretary, the next item -- request for
169 deferral is on page 3 of your agenda in the Brookland District. This is PUP2021-00024,
170 Holland Associates, LLC.
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172 **PUP2021-00024 Joe Marchetti for Holland Associates, LLC:** Request for a
173 Provisional Use Permit under Sections 24-2306 and 24-3708 of Chapter 24 of the County
174 Code to allow a multifamily development with office and commercial uses on Parcel 774-
175 740-9115 located on the east line of Staples Mill Road (U.S. Route 33) approximately
176 600' south of its intersection with Bethlehem Road. The existing zoning is B-2 Business
177 District. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Light Industry. The site is in the
178 Westwood Redevelopment Overlay District and the Enterprise Zone.
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180 Mr. Mackey - All right, thank you. Is there anyone in attendance or via
181 Webex that's in opposition of the granting the deferral to the February 10th meeting of
182 PUP2021-00024 Joe Marchetti for Holland Associates, LLC?
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184 Mr. Emerson - Mr. Humphreys, do we have anybody on Webex?
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186 Mr. Humphreys - Not that I'm getting from them, no.

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188 Mr. Emerson - Mr. Chairman, we have no one on Webex for this case.
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190 Mr. Mackey - All right, no one on Webex. No one in attendance.
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192 Mr. Witte - Mr. Chair, I move that -- excuse me, PUP21 -- 2021-00024
193 Holland Associates, LLC be deferred to the February 10, 2022, meeting at the request of
194 the applicant.
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196 Mrs. Thornton - Second.
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198 Mr. Mackey - All right. We have a motion by Mr. Witte, a second by Mrs.
199 Thornton. All in favor say aye.
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201 The Commission - Aye.
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203 Mr. Mackey - Any opposed? The motion is granted.
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205 Mr. Sehl - Mr. Chairman, the final request for deferral that staff is aware
206 of is also on page 3 of your agenda in the Brookland District. This is PUP2022-00002
207 Spy Rock Real Estate Group.
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209 **PUP2022-00002 T. Preston Lloyd, Jr. for Spy Rock Real Estate Group:**
210 Request for a Provisional Use Permit under Sections 24-2306 and 24-3708 of Chapter
211 24 of the County Code to allow a multifamily residential development with commercial
212 uses on Parcel 778-735-0109 located on the east line of Dabney Road approximately
213 500' north of its intersection with Westwood Avenue. The existing zoning is M-1 Light
214 Industrial District. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Heavy Industry. The site
215 is in the Westwood Redevelopment Overlay District. Staff – Lisa Blankinship (Deferral
216 Requested to February 10, 2022)
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218 Mr. Mackey - Thank you. Is there anyone in attendance or via Webex that's
219 in opposition of the granting of the deferral of PUP2022-00002, Spy Rock Real Estate
220 Group to the --
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222 Mr. Emerson - So, we do have someone that would like to speak?
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224 Mr. Mackey - Thank you. Should we let them speak now, or do you want to
225 move into the -- you want to let them speak (indiscernible)? Could anyone ask if they are
226 opposed to the deferral? Or do they just want to speak?
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228 Mr. Witte - We do have somebody?
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230 Mr. Mackey - Well, we're trying to find out if they're opposed to the deferral,
231 or if they just have a comment.
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233 Mr. Witte - (indiscernible) If they're opposed, put it on the regular agenda.

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235 Mr. Mackey - Well they don't -- they won't say.
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237 Mr. Emerson - Is it Mr. Raidabaugh? Okay; Mr. Chairman, I would suggest
238 that we let the gentleman speak and then you can make a determination from there how
239 you'd like to proceed.
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241 Mr. Mackey - Okay; all right.
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243 Mr. Emerson - Thank you.
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245 Mr. Mackey - Okay; we have no one in attendance that would -- has a
246 comment or is opposition. So, we can hear from the person on Webex now? Or --
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248 Mr. Sehl - We're trying to get that set, Mr. Chairman, right now. So, I
249 think we need to let -- with --
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251 Mr. Emerson - Just have her record the Webex and let's put him through.
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253 Mr. James - Sorry about that. We (indiscernible).
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255 Mr. Emerson - That's okay. Mr. Humphreys, can you have --
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257 Ms. Deemer - I can't even unmute.
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259 Mr. Emerson - I hear Rosemary.
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261 Mr. Sehl - There, we can hear. Ms. Deemer, are you able to let the
262 resident speak?
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264 Ms. Deemer - Yeah.
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266 Mr. Emerson - Ms. Deemer, can you hear us?
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268 Ms. Deemer - Yes, I can.
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270 Mr. Emerson - Okay; can you put the citizen through?
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272 Ms. Deemer - We are trying. Just a second. Mr. Raidabaugh. You are
273 unmuted.
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275 Mr. Raidabaugh - Hi. Can you hear me?
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277 The Commission - Yes, sir.
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279 Mr. Raidabaugh - Okay; I'll defer till next month if this matter of Spy Rock is
280 going to be continued.
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282 Mr. Emerson - Yes, sir. It's on the agenda tonight for deferral to next month.
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284 Mr. Raidabaugh - All right. I'll be there in attendance or by way of one or the
285 other.
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287 Mr. Emerson - You certainly are welcome to share your concerns quickly, if
288 you would like to.
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290 Mr. Raidabaugh - Well, there are a number of concerns concerning traffic. But
291 then reading the Comprehensive 2026 Plan in detail this afternoon, I think that brought
292 up some more questions, probably more pertinent, that should be addressed next month,
293 probably.
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295 Mr. Emerson - Yes, sir.
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297 Mr. Mackey - All right. Thank you, sir. Was that the only person that wanted
298 to speak, Ms. Deemer?
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300 Ms. Deemer - That's all we heard from.
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302 Mr. Mackey - Okay, thank you. Mr. Witte, you want to go forward with the
303 deferral till next month?
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305 Mr. Witte - Yes.
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307 Mr. Mackey - Okay; all right. Go ahead with your motion.
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309 Mr. Witte - All right. Excuse me. Mr. Chairman, I move that PUP2022-
310 00002 Spy Rock Real Estate Group be deferred to the February 10, 2022, meeting at the
311 request of the applicant.
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313 Mrs. Thornton - Second.
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315 Mr. Mackey - Okay. All right. We have a motion by Mr. Witte, a second by
316 Mrs. Thornton, to grant the deferral of PUP2022-00002 to the February 10, 2022
317 meeting? All in favor say aye. Any opposed? Motion is granted.
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319 Mr. Emerson - Mr. Chairman, that completes the deferrals and withdrawals
320 for this evening unless the Commission has a deferral that they would like to enter at this
321 time. If not, we move now onto the requests for expedited items, which also will be
322 presented by Mr. Ben Sehl.
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324 Mr. Sehl - Mr. Chairman, the first item for expedited agenda is on page
325 1 of your agenda in the Three Chopt District. This is REZ2022-00001, Sandhya and
326 Madhu Tumu.

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328 **REZ2022-00001 Andrew Browning for Sandhya and Madhu Tumu:**
329 Request to conditionally rezone from A-1 Agricultural District and R-3C One-Family
330 Residence District (Conditional) to R-3C One-Family Residence District (Conditional)
331 Parcels 737-768-7055 and 737-768-8659 containing .96 acres located at the terminus of
332 Leakes Mill Court. The applicant proposes a single-family residence. The R-3 District
333 allows a minimum lot area of 11,000 square feet and a maximum gross density of 3.96
334 units per acre. The use will be controlled by zoning ordinance regulations and proffered
335 conditions. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Suburban Mixed Use, density
336 should not exceed 4 units per acre.
337 Staff is not aware of any opposition to this request and is recommending approval and I'd
338 be happy to answer any questions you have at this time.

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340 Mr. Mackey - All right. Thank you. Is there anyone in attendance or via
341 Webex that's in opposition of the expedited approval of REZ2022-00001 Andrew
342 Browning for Sandhya and Madhu Tumu?

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344 Ms. Deemer - We have no one on Webex for this case.

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346 Mr. Mackey - Okay and no one in attendance.

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348 Mrs. Thornton - Mr. Chairman, I move that we recommend approval of
349 REZ2022-00001, Sandhya and Madhu Tumu with the proffers in the staff report dated
350 December 20, 2021.

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352 Mr. Baka - Second.

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354 Mr. Mackey - All right, we have a motion for expedited approval by Mrs.
355 Thornton, a second by Mr. Baka, for REZ2022-00001. All in favor say aye.

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357 The Commission - Aye.

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359 Mr. Mackey - Any opposed? The motion is carried.

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361 **REASON:** Acting on a motion by Mrs. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Baka,
362 the Planning Commission voted 5-0 (one abstention) to recommend the Board of
363 Supervisors grant the request because it reflects the Comprehensive Plan and future use
364 and zoning of the area.

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366 Mr. Sehl - Mr. Chairman, the next item for expedited approval is on page
367 2 of your agenda in the Fairfield District. This is REZ2021-00062, Marc A. Allocca.

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369 **REZ2021-00062** Andrew M. Condlin for Marc A. Allocca: Request to
370 conditionally rezone from B-3 Business District and M-1 Light Industrial District to M-1C
371 Light Industrial District (Conditional) Parcel 784-758-4750 containing 1.867 acres located
372 on the east line of Telegraph Road approximately 225' north of its intersection with Brook
373 Road (U.S. Route 1). The applicant proposes light industrial uses. The uses will be
374 controlled by zoning ordinance regulations and proffered conditions. The 2026
375 Comprehensive Plan recommends Light Industrial. The site is in the Enterprise Zone.

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377 Again, staff is recommending approval and is unaware of any opposition at this time.

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379 Mr. Mackey - Thank you. Is there anyone in attendance or via Webex that
380 is in opposition of the expedited approval of REZ2021-00062 Marc A. Allocca?

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382 Ms. Deemer - We have no one on Webex for this case.

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384 Mr. Mackey - Okay, and no one in attendance.

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386 Mr. Archer - All right; then, in that case, Mr. Chairman, I move that we
387 recommend approval of REZ2021-00062 Marc A. Allocca with the proffers in the staff
388 report dated December 15, 2021.

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390 Mr. Baka - Second.

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392 Mr. Mackey - Okay; we have a motion for approval by Mr. Archer, a second
393 by Mr. Baka, for REZ2021-00062. All in favor say aye.

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395 The Commission - Aye.

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397 Mr. Mackey - Any opposed? The motion's carried.

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399 **REASON:** Acting on a motion by Mr. Archer, seconded by Mr. Baka, the
400 Planning Commission voted 5-0 (one abstention) to recommend the Board of Supervisors
401 **grant** the request because it conforms to the Light Industrial recommendation of the
402 Comprehensive Plan.

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405 Mr. Sehl - Mr. Chairman, the next item on your expedited agenda is also
406 on page 2. This is in the Brookland District. This is REZ2021-00041, Laurel Land, LLC.
407 And, if you'll give me one second, I'll bring up the -- my computer decided to restart there.

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409 **REZ2021-00041** Andrew M. Condlin for Laurel Land, LLC: Request to
410 conditionally rezone from R-2 One-Family Residence District and [R-6C] General
411 Residence District (Conditional) to R-6C General Residence District (Conditional) Parcels
412 767-760-8701, 768-759-3393, and 768-760-1507 containing 5.30 acres located at the
413 northeast intersection of Hungary Spring and Hungary Roads. The applicant proposes
414 townhomes and condominiums. The R-6 District allows a maximum gross density of 19.8

415 units per acre. The use will be controlled by zoning ordinance regulations and proffered
416 conditions. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Suburban Residential 2, density
417 should not exceed 3.4 units per acre.

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419 This case again staff is recommending approval after several deferrals and is unaware of
420 any opposition at this time. If you give me one second, my device is apparently running
421 into an error. But Ms. Deemer could speak to if we have any opposition online as well.
422 That is not (indiscernible).

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424 Ms. Deemer - We have no one on Webex for this case.

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426 Mr. Mackey - All right; is there anyone in attendance that's in opposition of
427 REZ2021-00041 Laurel Land, LLC? Okay. All right.

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429 Mr. Emerson - Mr. Chairman, everybody has a staff report, so they're familiar
430 with the location. If you'd like to move on since there's no opposition.

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432 Mr. Witte - All right; Mr. Chairman, I move that we recommend approval
433 of REZ2021-00041 Laurel Land, LLC with the proffers in the staff report dated December
434 15, 2021.

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436 Mr. Mackey - Second.

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438 Mr. Mackey - All right; we have a motion by Mr. Witte, a second by Mr.
439 Mackey, for approval of REZ2021-00041 Laurel Land, LLC. All in favor say aye.

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441 The Commission - Aye.

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443 Mr. Mackey - Any opposed? The motion is carried.

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445 **REASON:** Acting on a motion by Mr. Witte, seconded by Mr. Mackey, the
446 Planning Commission voted 5-0 (one abstention) to recommend the Board of Supervisors
447 **grant** the request because it reflects the type of residential growth in the area and would
448 not be expected to adversely impact the pattern of zoning and land use in the area.

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450 Mr. Sehl - And Mr. Secretary and Mr. Chairman, with their -- when we
451 move on from the last case, we'll see how that goes. I also have a backup computer that
452 we can load up here. Because it does look like the windows is having some issues here.

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454 The next item for expedited approval is on page 3 of your agenda, also in the Brookland
455 District. This is PUP2022-00001 Breomo Road RMP, LLC.

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457 **PUP2022-00001 Breomo Road RMP, LLC:** Request for a Provisional Use
458 Permit under Sections 24-4205 and 24-2306 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to allow
459 a personal service establishment (cosmetology) on part of Parcel 770-740-4117 located
460 on the northwest line of Breomo Road at its intersection with Old Richmond Avenue. The

461 existing zoning is O-2 Office District. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Office.
462 The site is in the Enterprise Zone.

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464 Staff is recommending approval with the conditions noted in the staff report and un -- is
465 unaware of any opposition at this time.

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467 Mr. Mackey - All right; is there anyone in attendance or via Webex that's in
468 opposition of the expedited approval of PUP2022-00001 Bremono Road, RMP, LLC?

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470 Ms. Deemer - We have no one on Webex for this case.

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472 Mr. Mackey - All right; and no one in attendance.

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474 Mr. Witte - All right; Mr. Chairman, I recommend approval of -- excuse
475 me -- provisional use permit PUP2022-00001 Bremono Road RMP, LLC with the
476 recommendation -- with the recommended conditions listed on the staff report.

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478 Mrs. Thornton - Second.

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480 Mr. Mackey - All right; we have a motion for approval by Mr. Witte, a second
481 by Ms. Thornton, for PUP2022-00001 Bremono Road, RMP, LLC. All in favor say aye.

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483 The Commission - Aye.

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485 Mr. Mackey - Any opposed? The motion is carried.

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487 **REASON:** Acting on a motion by Mr. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Thornton,
488 the Planning Commission voted 5-0 (one abstention) to recommend the Board of
489 Supervisors grant the request because the conditions should minimize the potential
490 impacts of surrounding land uses and would be reasonable in light of the surrounding
491 uses and existing zoning on the property.

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493 Mr. Emerson - Mr. Chairman, I think we can move on to the next item on your
494 agenda while staff works on the technical difficulties we're experiencing. But after the
495 next item I would suggest that you take a short recess until these items are corrected, so
496 you can have the information available both for you and the public to view.

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498 Mr. Mackey - Okay.

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500 Mr. Emerson - Mr. Chairman, the next item on your agenda does not have
501 any type of presentation or display. It is the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.
502 The Commission will vote on the slate of officers nominated at their December 9, 2021,
503 meeting for the 2022 calendar year. Your slate of officers that were nominated to serve
504 during the 2022 calendar year in December were Ms. Melissa Thornton as Chairman and
505 Mr. Bob Witte as Vice Chairman.

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507 Mr. Mackey - Do we need any motions again? Or do we just --
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509 Mr. Emerson - Just a motion to elect.
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511 Mr. Mackey - Okay. All right. Thank you, Mr. Secretary. All right. Is there
512 a motion to approve the slate of officers for 2022? I have a motion -- should we go by the
513 motion we used before? Or should we just go ahead and --
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515 Mr. Emerson - Just say I move to approve. I move to elect.
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517 Mr. Mackey - Oh, go ahead.
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519 Mr. Baka - Okay; I so move to elect the vice -- the Chairman and Vice
520 Chairman as nominated last month.
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522 Mr. Mackey - Second. All in favor say aye.
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524 The Commission - Aye.
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526 Mr. Mackey - Any opposed? The motion is granted. All right.
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528 Mr. Emerson - All right, Mr. Chairman, thank you very much for your
529 cooperation and working with staff over the last year. And Madam Chairman,
530 congratulations on your election.
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532 Mr. Mackey - Congratulations.
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534 Mrs. Thornton - Thank you.
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536 Mr. Emerson - And, Mr. Vice Chairman, congratulations as well.
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538 Mr. Witte - Thank you.
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540 Mr. Emerson - I would suggest that we take a -- as your first official action,
541 Madam Chairman, I would suggest we take a short recess while Mr. Sehl replaces his
542 computer.
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544 Mrs. Thornton - Okay. No. Well, I do want to thank Mr. Mackey for last year.
545 Since I've joined the Planning Commission, he has been somebody who's guided me and
546 helped me through, and I've learned so much from him. So, I appreciate all that you've
547 done for our County and for our Planning Commission this last year. You've really led us,
548 and we really greatly appreciate. And I personally appreciate all that you've done for me
549 in helping me. So, thank you so much.
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551 Mr. Mackey - Thank you.
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553 Mrs. Thornton - And I'll be calling on you.
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555 Mr. Mackey - No problem. We, you know, we have a great team. And I can
556 just echo what you said. I've learned so much on Mr. Baka and Mr. Archer and yourself,
557 Mr. Witte. No one has ever, you know, turned the shoulder away, you know, when you
558 ask for some help and it's a pleasure and an honor to serve with this group and with the
559 County staff. I would say they're second to none. And thank you.
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561 Mr. Archer - Mr. Mackey, I believe you deserve a round of applause.
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563 Mr. Mackey - Thank you, sir. Thank you.
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565 Mr. Emerson - Madam Chair it looks like we're up and running again. So,
566 moving along with the agenda. We now move into the regular agenda on page 2. The
567 first case up this evening is REZ2021-00061, Andrew M. Condlin for Ashley Ventures,
568 LLC.
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570 **REZ2021-00061 Andrew M. Condlin for Ashley Ventures, LLC:** Request to
571 conditionally rezone from A-1 Agricultural District to M-1C Light Industrial District
572 (Conditional) Parcel 811-698-6315 and part of Parcel 811-696-1854 containing 89.1
573 acres located on the east line of S. Laburnum Avenue at its intersection with Michael
574 Robinson Way. The applicant proposes light industrial uses. The uses will be controlled
575 by zoning ordinance regulations and proffered conditions. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan
576 recommends Office, Traditional Neighborhood Development, and Environmental
577 Protection Area. Part of the site is in the Airport Safety Overlay District.
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579 Mrs. Thornton - Is there anyone in the audience or via Webex in opposition or
580 in favor of the REZ2021-00061 Andrew M. Condlin for Ashley Ventures, LLC?
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582 Ms. Deemer - We have no one on Webex for this case.
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584 Mrs. Thornton - And no one in the audience. Okay; thanks, Livingston.
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586 Mr. Lewis - Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the Commission. This
587 is a request to conditionally rezone 89.1 acres from A-1 to M-1C Light Industrial for
588 warehousing and distribution. Surrounding uses include Route 895, undeveloped
589 acreage, large-lot single-family residential, and the Excel to Excellence building across
590 Laburnum Avenue.
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592 The 2026 Plan recommends Office or Environmental Protection Area for most of the site,
593 which is also designated as a Prime Economic Development Area and is also part of the
594 South Laburnum Avenue Corridor Reinvestment/Redevelopment Area. These
595 designations clearly identify the site for job-producing uses in support of the
596 Comprehensive Plan's economic development goals.
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598 As illustrated on this proffered conceptual plan, a single 584,000 square-foot building is
599 proposed toward the rear of the site, approximately 900 feet from S. Laburnum and 300
600 feet from Route 895.

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602 The site's primary access would be from Laburnum via the planned extension of Michael
603 Robinson Way. Because of the building size a second emergency-only access may be
604 required and could be accommodated by a gated stub connection in the southwest corner
605 joining with an existing driveway on the adjacent parcel. That stub is located right here
606 on the layout.

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608 If adjacent properties were to develop in the future, the layout also shows where the
609 extension of Miller Road, or Concept Road 199 as it's shown on the Major Thoroughfare
610 Plan, may occur to provide internal circulation between parcels. That's in this location
611 here and here.

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613 If this Miller Road extension occurs, the emergency-only access would no longer be
614 required.

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616 Other proffered assurances include a list of exterior building materials; principal use
617 restrictions; perimeter buffers around the entire property, including a 100-foot buffer and
618 supplemental landscaping for the single-family home to the southwest; a no-build zone
619 between the RPA boundary and Laburnum Avenue; construction hour limitations; and
620 turn-lane and median improvements on Laburnum Avenue, among other topics.

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622 The applicant held a community meeting on November 30th at the Varina Library
623 attended by two adjacent residents. Additional citizen comments have been received
624 from eight other individuals via email and phone.

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626 While the proposal is not fully consistent with the designations in the 2026 Plan, a
627 warehouse distribution use would be comparable to other nearby industrial properties and
628 would help achieve the economic development goals for the site. The applicant has also
629 provided a number of commitments to ensure quality development and compatibility with
630 surrounding properties. For these reasons, staff supports the request and believes the
631 proposed use could be an appropriate alternative on the site.

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633 And that concludes my presentation. Sorry about that. I'm happy to take any questions.

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635 Mrs. Thornton - Thanks, Mr. Lewis. Does anybody have any questions for Mr.
636 Lewis?

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638 Mr. Mackey - I don't have anything for Mr. Lewis.

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640 Mrs. Thornton - How do you want to proceed?

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642 Mr. Mackey - I want to hear from Mr. Condlin and from the applicant.

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644 Mrs. Thornton - Okay; Mr. Condlin. Where does he go? Oh. Okay.
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646 Mr. Lewis - It might take a moment. Okay.
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648 Mr. Emerson - We got it.
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650 Mrs. Thornton - Did you get one?
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652 Mr. Mackey - Did you all get any?
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654 Mr. Condlin - Members of the Planning Commission, my name is Andy
655 Condlin, here on behalf of the applicant, Ashley Ventures. I believe we have Tim
656 Schneider on Webex, if we need to speak, to answer any questions.
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658 I just wanted to point out a couple of features of this property that I handed out. And this
659 is a -- and, Mr. Lewis, I gave an extra copy to Mr. Sehl. If you want to look at that as well.
660 It's just -- it's the same as the concept plan, except it shows the extent of the
661 environmental areas, including almost four -- it's over 400 feet to that one BMP that you'll
662 see on the -- on the left from Laburnum Avenue, and over 675 feet between Laburnum
663 Avenue before you get to the first parallel driveway. So, there's over 675 feet of existing
664 tree area off of Laburnum Avenue.
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666 This property is very unique in that sense, in that it really is an island with -- surrounded
667 by environmental areas and then Route 895 and then, of course, properties to the -- to
668 the north and south. So, the use in particular that we're looking for, while it is a -- one
669 particularly large building, is not necessarily distribution. They're going to be splitting it
670 up potentially with three and four different users on the property itself. Is what their intent
671 is. And they will build the facility itself.
672
673 So, we have a number of proffered conditions to help with the design standards as well
674 as construction hours and things of that nature, as well as an extensive buffer, a 100-foot
675 buffer, as you can see, to the left on your sheet. To the property owners to the left, and
676 a 50-foot buffer to the folks on the right, on the north side.
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678 With that, I'll be happy to answer any specific questions you may have at this time.
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680 Mr. Mackey - All right; thank you, Mr. Condlin. I know it was a few people
681 that had reached out to us via email. I was hoping that they would either come tonight
682 or, you know, or sign on via Webex so they could specifically, you know, ask you some
683 questions. I know you had agreed to speak with them after the meeting tonight as well,
684 you know, to give them all, you know, some more information on the project. If they -- I
685 think they had some questions about some screenage and stuff like that. Some buffering
686 and stuff like that.
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688 Mr. Condlin - Yes, sir. We -- I -- we've already started coordinating coming
689 up with a Zoom meeting. It's just going to be, you know, some folks that missed the
690 original community meeting.
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692 Mr. Mackey - Right.
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694 Mr. Condlin - And they really -- it's, like, things like building color and the
695 landscaping, extent of the landscaping --
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697 Mr. Mackey - Right.
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699 Mr. Condlin - They don't want to see it from Laburnum Avenue.
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701 Mr. Mackey - Right.
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703 Mr. Condlin - So, that's why we put this plan together. We sent this to them.
704 So, I'm hoping that'll answer a lot of questions at that point.
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706 Mr. Mackey - Okay, okay. I have one other little issue. On the proffers,
707 number 9, the hours of construction. You see the little bit they -- it says, "The hours of
708 any land disturbance activities including operation of bulldozers and other earth-moving
709 equipment within 500 feet of any existing single-family home and exterior building
710 construction shall be between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m."
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712 Mr. Condlin - Right.
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714 Mr. Mackey - I -- so I would imagine that's Monday through Sunday?
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716 Mr. Condlin - Yes, sir.
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718 Mr. Mackey - All right; well, I'm not a big fan of, you know, the every day. I
719 was hoping, like, you know, maybe we could be a little bit better steward of the, you know,
720 of the area. Hopefully if maybe, you could put something in there, you know, maybe
721 cutting it back to maybe 8 to 6 on Saturdays and no work on Sundays. You know. Unless
722 there's an emergency or something.
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724 Mr. Condlin - Not on Sunday. I've heard that before. Yeah. (indiscernible).
725 That's all right. Yes, sir.
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727 Mr. Mackey - Yeah, you know. Just give them a little bit of a break. You
728 know.
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730 Mr. Condlin - Yes, sir. Absolutely. Yeah. We can work on that.
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732 Mr. Mackey - Okay; all right. I think that was about all the questions I had
733 on the case.

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735 Mrs. Thornton - Did anybody from the Commission have any questions for Mr.
736 Condlin? Thank you. How do you want to proceed?
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738 Mr. Mackey - All right, Madam Chair, I'm ready to make a motion.
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740 Mrs. Thornton - Okay.
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742 Mr. Mackey - I appreciate everything that staff and Mr. Condlin did on this
743 case to get it to where it is now. It seems like it's a pretty clean project. I do appreciate
744 Mr. Condlin continuing his dialogue with the residents so we can make sure that we
745 answer everyone's issues or concerns at any time.
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747 Having said that, Madam Chair, I move that we recommend approval of REZ2021-00061
748 Ashley Ventures, LLC with the proffers dated January 10, 2022. Also including the --
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750 Mrs. Thornton - The waiver.
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752 Mr. Mackey - -- the changes. The changes --
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754 Mr. Emerson - Right, yes, sir.
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756 Mr. Mackey - -- yeah. Of -- on the hours of construction that the applicant
757 agreed to.
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759 Mr. Baka - Second. Oh, sorry.
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761 Mr. Witte - It's all right.
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763 Mrs. Thornton - Okay; we have a motion by Mr. Mackey and a second by Mr.
764 Baka for the approval of REZ2021-00061 Andrew M. Condlin for Ashley Ventures, LLC.
765 All in favor say aye.
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767 The Commission - Aye.
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769 Mrs. Thornton - All opposed say no. Motion passes.
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771 **REASON:** Acting on a motion by Mr. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Baka, the
772 Planning Commission voted 5-0 (one abstention) to recommend the Board of Supervisors
773 grant the request because it is appropriate industrial zoning in this area and the proffered
774 conditions should minimize the potential impacts on surrounding land uses.
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776 Mr. Emerson - Madam Chair --
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778 Mrs. Thornton - We need to waive the time limits --
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780 Mr. Witte - On the next one.
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782 Mrs. Thornton - On the next one? Not this one?
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784 Mr. Emerson - Yes ma'am. On the -- no, ma'am. Not on this one.
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786 Mrs. Thornton - Okay.
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788 Mr. Emerson - Madam Chair, the next item also appears on Page 2,
789 REZ2021-00066 Jeffrey P. Geiger for HHHunt.
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791 **REZ2021-00066 Jeffrey P. Geiger for HHHunt:** Request to conditionally
792 rezone from A-1 Agricultural District and R-3 One-Family Residence District to RTHC
793 Residential Townhouse District (Conditional) Parcel 834-713-4519 and part of Parcel
794 833-713-9819 containing 26.79 acres located at the southeast intersection of E.
795 Williamsburg Road (U.S. Route 60) and Whiteside Road. The applicant proposes a
796 residential townhome development. The RTH District allows a density of 12 units per acre.
797 The use will be controlled by zoning ordinance regulations and proffered conditions. The
798 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Open Space/Recreation, Suburban Residential
799 1, density should not exceed 2.4 units per acre, Commercial Concentration, and
800 Environmental Protection Area. The site is in the Airport Safety Overlay District.
801 And on this one, Madam Chair, you do need to waive the time limits.
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803 Mrs. Thornton - Okay; thank you. Is there anybody in attendance or via
804 Webex that is in opposition or in favor of this case, REZ2021-00066 Jeffrey P. Geiger for
805 HHHunt? Okay.
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807 Ms. Deemer - We have no one on Webex for this case.
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809 Mrs. Thornton - Okay; thank you. We will get to you in just a minute on the
810 Webex. Mr. Livingston.
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812 Unknown Speaker - She said one?
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814 Unknown Speaker - She said --
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816 Mr. Lewis - I think -- did she say --
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818 Mrs. Thornton - One.
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820 Mr. Lewis - Oh, one.
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822 Mrs. Thornton - One.
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824 Mr. Lewis - Oh, I thought -- I'm sorry. I heard "no one". Okay; there is
825 one person on Webex.

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827 Mrs. Thornton - I think she said "one".
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829 Mr. Emerson - Yes, ma'am, that's correct. She said "one".
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831 Mr. Lewis - Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. This case was
832 deferred from your December 9th hearing during which it was presented and discussed
833 in detail. So tonight, in the interest of time, I will simply review the recent updates from
834 the applicant. You will see these in the handouts distributed this evening.
835
836 The essential elements of the request have not changed. Still, a rezoning to RTHC to
837 construct 125 townhomes in a similar layout as previously illustrated.
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839 The latest revisions include the following: doubling the width of the central pedestrian
840 park feature that's located here to provide more recreation area and additional visual
841 separation between buildings; confirmation that minimum required front-yard areas would
842 not be used for parking; removal of the internal sidewalk requirement for a portion of the
843 development to accommodate site design changes - and those removals would be in this
844 remote corner of it back here; and this new concept plan, which labels all of the identifying
845 items just covered.
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847 Given these changes, which provide more open and green space within the community,
848 staff believes the proposed development would be more consistent with its surroundings
849 and would be an acceptable alternative to the open space recreation designation on the
850 2026 Plan.
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852 For these reasons, staff supports the request. And I'm happy to answer any questions.
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854 Mrs. Thornton - Does the Commission have any questions for Mr. Lewis?
855 Okay; thank you, Mr. Lewis. How would you like to proceed?
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857 Mr. Mackey - I'd like to hear from the opposition first and then the person on
858 Webex.
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860 Mrs. Thornton - Okay; Ms. Deemer, can you unmute the person that's on
861 Webex? I wasn't sure if they're in opposition or in favor.
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863 Ms. Deemer - Ms. Chairman, the person on Webex is in favor.
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865 Mrs. Thornton - Okay; so, we have two. Okay, thank you. Just one minute.
866 We're going to do the person here in our audience first, and then we'll come back to you.
867 Thank you. You can come on up. Please state your name for the record.
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869 Ms. McClure - Good evening. Jaime McClure with the YMCA of Greater
870 Richmond. It feels weird to talk that way. But - so, I want to say that the YMCA is vested
871 in Eastern Henrico County. Over the last 10 years, our memberships and programs have

872 declined. We -- to remain competitive we need a rejuvenated facility to be a place where
873 members seek. We also, with the rejuvenated facility, want to grow membership and
874 become self-sustaining.

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876 If you were to walk into the Chickahominy YMCA today, it is not indicative of our brand
877 and not representative of our brand image. And our Eastern Henrico County community
878 is worthy of better than that. Thank you.

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880 Mrs. Thornton - Thank you. Okay, Mrs. Deemer, can you unmute the person
881 on Webex, please?

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883 Ms. Deemer - Margaret Nelson is now unmuted.

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885 Ms. Nelson - Okay.

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887 Mrs. Thornton - Good evening.

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889 Ms. Nelson - Yes. Good evening.

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891 Mrs. Thornton - We can hear you, so you can go ahead and speak.

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893 Ms. Nelson - Oh, okay. No, I just wanted to say that I am in favor. And I
894 actually read their viewpoints in regard to doing that construction, which is actually right
895 off of my -- I live off of Williamsburg Road. But I am actually truly in favor of it because I
896 believe that it is to unite and bring people together and other economic, you know,
897 backgrounds together. So, I'm all in favor of that unity and the construction. Thank you.

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899 Mrs. Thornton - Thank you, Mrs. Nelson. Okay; can the applicant please
900 come forward? Thank you.

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902 Mr. Geiger - Good evening, Madam Chair, members of the Commission.

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904 Mrs. Thornton - Good evening.

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906 Mr. Geiger - My name is Jeff Geiger here on behalf of the applicant. If I
907 may have just a moment to make a quick statement before I answer any questions from
908 the Commission. I think the Greater Richmond YMCA really values partnerships with its
909 community partners. And this case before you reflects a partnership between Henrico
910 County, HHHunt and the YMCA to reinvest into this facility to bring it up to the standards
911 of the YMCA and to continue to provide programming throughout the Varina area.

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913 On behalf of the YMCA and HHHunt we would like to thank the Planning staff for their
914 hard and diligent work to make sure that we came up with a product -- with a project and
915 a layout that was the best that we could achieve. We thank you for pushing us to achieve
916 that goal.

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918 Mr. Mackey - All right; thank you.
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920 Mrs. Thornton - Thank you.
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922 Mr. Mackey - Yeah, I just had a little small favor to ask of you.
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924 Mr. Geiger - Yes, sir.
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926 Mr. Mackey - One last ask. The hours of construction. We -- I know we have
927 the apartments not far away and you have 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through
928 Saturday. I was wondering if you think that HHHunt would be in agreement to cut
929 Saturday back maybe 8:00 to 5:00, 8:00 to 6:00. Something like that. Just to give the
930 residents a little relief.
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932 Mr. Geiger - In the past our kind of standard proffer for -- regardless of
933 where we're working.
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935 Mr. Mackey - I got you.
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937 Mr. Geiger - 7:00 to 7:00, Monday to Friday, and then Saturday 7:00 to
938 7:00.
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940 Mr. Mackey - Okay.
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942 Mr. Geiger - Are you saying -- did I hear you correctly -- on Saturday you
943 want --
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945 Mr. Mackey - Just Sat -- I was just asking just Saturday.
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947 Mr. Geiger - Just Saturday see if we could move it back to 5:00 p.m.
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949 Mrs. Thornton - And also, if it's interior work being done, maybe it wouldn't be
950 as disturbing to the apartments as exterior.
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952 Mr. Geiger - Right. As the ex --
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954 Mr. Mackey - It's more for the exterior. You know.
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956 Mr. Geiger - Right, this is only exterior work.
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958 Mrs. Thornton - Right.
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960 Mr. Geiger - Mr. Mackey, we'd be glad to make that adjustment to 7:00
961 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays.
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963 Mr. Mackey - Okay; all right. Thank you. I appreciate that. I also wanted
964 to echo what Jeff said. I really appreciate all the hard work. It was a lot of work done on
965 this project. It wasn't ever a bad project. It just needed to be tweaked, you know, a little
966 bit to help us along. I mean, we had a very productive meeting. I think it was on the 20th
967 of December after the first meeting when it got deferred. We made a lot of headway right
968 after that and we continue to work.

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970 I appreciate everything you've done. I appreciate everything the people at HHHunt have
971 done to help make it, you know, the project that it is. And I do think it will be a good
972 project for the community and something that we'll all be proud of. So, thank you. All
973 right. All right.

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975 Having said that, Madam Chair, if I can find it, I move that we grant a waiver of the time
976 limits and accept the proffers dated January 13, 2022, for REZ2021-00066 HHHunt.

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978 Mr. Witte - Second.

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980 Mrs. Thornton - A motion by Mr. Mackey and a second by Mr. Archer. All in
981 favor of the waiving of the time limits for REZ2021-00066 Jeffrey P. Geiger for HHHunt.
982 All in favor say aye.

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984 The Commission - Aye.

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986 Mrs. Thornton - All opposed say no. Motion passes.

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988 Mr. Mackey - Thank you. All right.

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990 Unknown Speaker - (indiscernible)

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992 Mr. Mackey - Yeah. I'm good right here.

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994 Mrs. Thornton - I know.

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996 Mr. Mackey - Madam Chair, I move that we recommend approval of
997 REZ2021-00066 HHHunt with the -- yeah -- with the proffers dated January 13, 2022.

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999 Mr. Baka - Second.

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1001 Mrs. Thornton - A motion by Mr. Mackey and a second by Mr. Baka for
1002 REZ2021-00066 Jeffrey P. Geiger for HHHunt. All in favor say aye.

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1004 The Commission - Aye.

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1006 Mrs. Thornton - All opposed say no. Motion passes.

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1008 **REASON:** Acting on a motion by Mr. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Baka, the
1009 Planning Commission voted 5-0 (one abstention) to recommend the Board of Supervisors
1010 **grant** the request because it would permit development of the land for residential use in
1011 an appropriate manner and the proffered conditions will provide appropriate quality
1012 assurances not otherwise available.

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1014 Mr. Emerson - Madam Chair, we now move on to the next item on your
1015 agenda which appears on page 3 and that is a discussion item. And I am requesting the
1016 Commission schedule a work session on February the 10th, your next meeting, to review
1017 materials related to the Comprehensive Plan update.

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1019 We do have several items we'd like to present to you and, hopefully, we'll have some of
1020 our supporting appendices documents fairly complete at that time. We do anticipate
1021 having quite a bit of the survey information at that time. So what I'm requesting is that
1022 you schedule a meeting at 5:30 and, of course, we'll bring in food so we can have dinner
1023 for you.

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1025 Mrs. Thornton - Okay; are you all okay?

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1027 Mr. Witte - You said the meeting was at Hondos?

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1029 Mrs. Thornton - Hondos. And where would we be meeting? Or you will tell
1030 us? To be determined.

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1032 Mr. Emerson - Mr. Witte said Hondos. So --

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1034 Mrs. Thornton - Yes.

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1036 Mr. Emerson - I will let you know what room. It'll be somewhere in this
1037 building.

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1039 Mrs. Thornton - Does Mr. Schmitt come?

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1041 Mr. Emerson - He brings the checkbook, I think. But the -- Madam Chair, all
1042 joking aside, we'll meet somewhere in this building. Probably the Manager's conference
1043 room. But I'll have to check on that and make sure that it's available.

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1045 Mrs. Thornton - Okay; thank you. Yes, I think we can have that work. Okay.

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1047 Mr. Emerson - Madam Chair, the next item on your agenda is the
1048 consideration of approval of the minutes from your December 9, 2021, meeting. We have
1049 no errata sheet but, as always, if the Commission has any corrections they wish to make,
1050 we will -- we will do that accordingly.

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1052 Mrs. Thornton - Do we have any changes?

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1054 Mr. Archer - Now you should hear me. I apologize, first of all, for not
1055 having sent these in earlier. But line 3120 is on page -- it was on page --
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1057 Mrs. Thornton - Sixty-eight.
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1059 Mr. Archer - It should read, I would like to place in nomination the name of
1060 Mr. Robert H. Witte, instead of a nomination.
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1062 And line 3182 on page 72 should read, We need to be on the lookout for -- and then I say
1063 somebody had mentioned -- now wait that's not it either. We all need to be aware that
1064 there are some changes that have already started regarding mailboxes.
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1066 And on 3283 that should read single-family subdivisions and not single-family residences.
1067 And that's all I have.
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1069 Mrs. Thornton - Okay; thank you, Mr. Archer. Those have been noted.
1070 Anybody else have any changes to the minutes? Motion for approval.
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1072 Mr. Mackey - I move that we accept the minutes with the corrections made.
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1074 Mr. Baka - Second.
1075
1076 Mrs. Thornton - Okay. We have a motion by Mr. Mackey and a second by Mr.
1077 Baka. All in favor.
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1079 The Commission - Aye.
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1081 Mrs. Thornton - All opposed say no. The motion passes. Any other agenda
1082 or any --
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1084 Mr. Emerson - Madam Chairman we have nothing further on the agenda. But
1085 I would like to take this opportunity to mention to the Commission as we consider
1086 community meetings I would -- over the next 60 to 90 days there is -- there's a heightened
1087 concern regarding the spread of the Omicron virus, I guess, COVID -- can see -- I guess
1088 it's COVID 2022 now, not COVID 19.
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1090 But the -- and I -- we need to move back as much as we can to virtual community
1091 meetings, I believe. I don't think, based on the directive of the County Manager and the
1092 emergency services, that it behooves us to bring groups of citizens together in person if
1093 we can avoid it. So, we are going to, as staff, encourage that applicants set up virtual
1094 community meetings and make those available.
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1096 Of course, if you or the applicant feel that a community meeting is necessary in person,
1097 that certainly is your prerogative. But I think in the best interests of the health, your health,
1098 the health of County staff and the health of the citizens in general, we probably should try
1099 to refrain from in-person community meetings as much as possible. Because we do have
1100 that tool available to us.

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1102 So, I know Mr. Witte was recently presented with that situation with one of his community
1103 meetings and he quickly made the decision to cancel that and request to go virtual. So,
1104 I would -- I would encourage all of you to give that some thought. From staff's side, we
1105 will encourage that as well.
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1107 Mrs. Thornton - Okay. Thank you.

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1109 Mr. Witte - Just for the record --

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1111 Mrs. Thornton - Can you turn your mic on?
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1113 Mr. Witte - We do have one meeting set up with the -- both virtual and in
1114 person at the Glen Allen Library coming up.

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1116 Mr. Emerson - Yes, sir.

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1118 Mr. Witte - Is it necessary to change that?

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1120 Mr. Emerson - You may want to think about it. Let's you and I talk about that.

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1122 Mr. Witte - Okay.

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1124 Mr. Emerson - And see if we -- and see what we can do to accommodate
1125 that.

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1127 Mr. Witte - All right; sounds --

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1129 Mr. Emerson - Madam Chair, with that said, I have nothing further for the
1130 Commission this evening. Yes, sir?

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1132 Mr. Archer - (indiscernible)

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1134 Mr. Emerson - Mr. Archer, it is supposed to be ready for us in February, the
1135 Board is supposed to be able to be in there for their January 22nd meeting. Fred's over
1136 here offering a prayer to hopefully that will happen. I apologize for what happened tonight.
1137 I know that staff and Media Services and IT worked hard to make sure this room worked
1138 correctly. Initially it was a little clunky.

1139
1140 We had planned on being at Tucker High School and, therefore, IT and Media Services
1141 and staff would not have had to break down everything that the Board used on Tuesday
1142 night. And we just would have followed suit and utilized that facility. We had it reserved.
1143 Evidently the schools didn't notice the band had it reserved as well, and I didn't think I
1144 wanted to take on a group of band parents, necessarily, to fight for that room.

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1146 So, we had -- we had to re -- we had to retreat quickly and find another location. So we
1147 were able to -- able to use this room. And I think it worked well other than I do apologize
1148 for the technical difficulty we had there at the beginning.

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1150 Mr. Archer - (indiscernible) that'd be great.

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1152 Mrs. Thornton - No.

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1154 Mr. Archer - That renovation took about a year.

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1156 Mr. Emerson - Yes, sir. Hopefully it'll be ready. I mean, Fred, do you have
1157 anything you could add to that? Are you aware of the schedule?

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1159 Mr. James - (indiscernible) we should be back into the next Board meeting, so we
1160 should be in good shape.

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1162 Mr. Emerson - Well, I can tell you, your zoning cases that you forwarded --
1163 forwarded to the Board, or advertised for the January 22nd meeting in that room, our ads
1164 have gone out for the Planning Commission meeting in February in that room. So, if the
1165 room isn't ready, we're going to have to scramble in some form of notification to satisfy
1166 the legal requirements on those aspects of our meetings. So, hopefully, it will remain on
1167 schedule. That's our anticipation.

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1169 Mr. Archer - Thank you, sir. I think Fred would like for each one of us to
1170 carry one piece of this equipment out when we go.

1171
1172 Mrs. Thornton - Yes. That's what I was just looking at. And I just wanted to
1173 say thank you guys. Because I know that you'd spent hours to set this up. And we'd be
1174 happy to help you -- happy to help you after to take something down. But we really
1175 appreciate -- the community appreciates it, the ones that wanted to stay at home to, you
1176 know, view it via Webex. So, thank you all so much.

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1178 Mr. James - We're doing it tomorrow. So --

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1180 Mrs. Thornton - Oh, you are.

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1182 Mr. James - Yeah; so you don't (indiscernible).

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1184 Mrs. Thornton - Okay, good.

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1186 Mr. Archer - Well I did offer it (indiscernible).

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1188 Mrs. Thornton - All right; well thank you all. And if there isn't any other
1189 business --

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1191 Mr. Witte - I just really appreciate the staff making the effort to put this
1192 together. I'm just glad I didn't have to get involved. And, other than that, I want to make
1193 a motion we adjourn.
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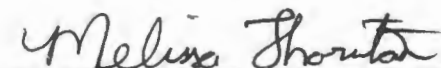
1195 Mrs. Thornton - We don't need a motion.
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1197 Mr. Emerson - Right. Yes, ma'am. I was going to note, it's still on the
1198 agenda. You did change the rules and regs. The chairman, or chairlady in this case, can
1199 adjourn the meeting.
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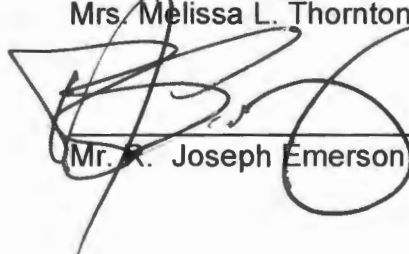
1201 Mrs. Thornton - Okay. If there isn't any other business, I adjourn the meeting.
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1203 Mr. Witte - Here we go. First one. Yeah!
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1205 Mr. Archer - Good job.
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Mrs. Melissa L. Thornton, Chairperson



Mr. R. Joseph Emerson Secretary