

PRESENT: C. Bragg, Chairman
R. Harris, Vice Chairman
L. Howdyshell
K. Leonard
B. Schindler
R. Thomas

A. Vane, Planner II
J. Wilkinson, Director of Community Development
D. Wolfe, County Engineer

ABSENT:

VIRGINIA: At the Called Meeting of the Augusta County Planning Commission held on Friday, February 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Virginia.

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Ms. Bragg opened the called work session of the Planning Commission to discuss Chapter 25, Division A, Article VI.D. Solar Energy System.

Mr. Wilkinson presented a brief history of the ordinance, including the definition of small versus large solar installation, and gave an overview of the ordinance. Mr. Wilkinson then reviewed the twelve policies of the solar section of the Comprehensive Plan and provided examples.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that a Siting Agreement allows the applicant to offer compensatory funds to offset the potential loss of urban development area. Accepting a Siting Agreement makes the application automatically compliant with the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Wolfe stated that solar panels are regarded as impermeable surface, as calculated by the "Minnesota Model".

Mr. Howdyshell asked if any rejected solar application has been challenged legally in Virginia.

Ms. Vane presented two Special Use Permits to be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals:

Bradley or Deana Tipler at 118 Hall School Rd, Waynesboro, requesting permission to have short term rental.

Everette & Carol Showalter at 1695 Fadley Road, Weyers Cave, requesting permission to have a special events venue.

No comments or recommendations were sent to the BZA.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business discuss, Ms. Bragg adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Secretary