

SUFFOLK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: March 7, 2001

Place: Arthur H. Kunz Memorial Library, 4th Floor, H. Lee Dennison Bldg., Hauppauge, New York

Present: Donald Eversoll, Chairman (At Large)
Robert Martin (Smithtown), Vice Chairman
Louis Dietz (Babylon), Secretary
Edward Rosavitch (Brookhaven)
Thomas Thorsen (East Hampton)
Frank Tantone (Islip)
Linda Petersen (At Large)
Richard O Dea (Riverhead)
Laure Nolan (Village 5,000 & Over)
William Cremers (Southold)
Michael Macco (Huntington)
Ronald Parr (At Large)
David Casciotti (Southampton)
Basia Braddish, Esq., Counsel
Thomas A. Isles, Director
Harold Withers, Deputy Director
Gerald Newman, Chief Planner
Andy Freleng, Principal Planner
Kathleen Rigano, Principal Stenographer
Claire Chorny, Sr. Clerk Typist

Absent: George J. Dickerson (Shelter Island)
Richard London, (Village 5,000 & Under)

Guests: Lori Talmage, Office of the County Executive
Betty Gallagher, Office of the County Executive
George Proios, Chief, Environmental Analyst

The meeting of the Suffolk County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Eversoll at 12:10 P.M. in the Suffolk County Arthur H. Kunz Memorial Library.

Chairman Eversoll took this opportunity to welcome Thomas A. Isles, new Director of the Planning Department, who took the position as of March 5, 2001. Mr. Isles was known to several members of the Commission since he served on the Planning Commission some years ago.

Minutes:

On a motion by Commissioner Petersen, seconded by Commissioner Rosavitch, the minutes of the February 7, 2001, Planning Commission meeting were unanimously approved.

Director's Report:

Mr. Isles briefed the Commissioners on the following:

a. Last week, the Planning Department submitted to the Legislature a report on the Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program which was required by the Legislature last year. This report is in relation to the 1/4% sales tax program. That portion that will be allocated for restoring wetlands and reducing stormwater run-off in the wetland areas as well as dealing with other aspects of agricultural run-off. Copies of the report will be distributed to the Planning Commission after the Legislature completes its review.

Commissioner Rosavitch questioned if funds would be allocated from the 1/4 % over the next 13 years based on the report. Mr. Isles responded that this report identifies the areas that will need policy decisions that have to be made as to how this program will be administered. A part of the report also contained solicited projects from four County agencies.

b. There was a policy plan for Smart Growth completed under Steve Jones last October which contained a proposal for a small amount of money to fund the Suffolk County Planning Federation. This organization is intended to promote the acquisition of knowledge and training for Planning Board and Zoning Board members. That program will provide money to be available to fund speakers and programs that could move forward possibly Smart Growth and other topics operated by the Suffolk County Planning Federation.

c. The census information will start to come out in the next few months. The information will be used for studies to be done in the Planning Department.

d. Harry Withers, who has been attending the ISTEA Committee meetings regarding the 25A corridor, was requested to brief the Commissioners.

Deputy Director's Report:

Mr. Withers stated that under the ISTEA Program, the Federal government has given Nassau/Suffolk \$650,000 for the historic trail Route 25A for signage, kiosks and other amenities to promote that highway. This money will develop well over 100 logo signs on 25A from the Queens border to Pt. Jefferson. Installed as well will be 18 kiosks which will indicate

destinations nearby, including tourist sites, and will, hopefully, encourage visits to the historic sites. The kiosks will have both photos and directions and will be placed near a cluster of sites, park sites, historic trails, etc.

Commissioners' Roundtable:

Commissioner Thorsen stated that former Commissioner Gil Sheppard, now 94 years of age, will be moving to a full-care facility in Massachusetts.

Commissioner Macco advised the Commission that the government seized an office of another attorney in Nassau County and put Mr. Macco in charge of it. That, coupled with a family loss, kept him from attending the last few Commission meetings.

Commissioners Parr and Tantone expressed their good wishes and welcome to Mr. Isles.

Commissioner Cremers stated that Supervisor Jean Cochran of the Town of Southold has proposed 5-acre zoning in agricultural lands under the watershed area and an environmental review is being done. Included in this review as well are residential lots that are 2 acres on Long Island Sound that are in the watershed area. The 5-acre zoning would be clustered so large, 5-acre parcels would not be used.

Commissioner Casciotti announced that Raymond Ontiveros, the Chief Planner of the Town of Southampton, has passed on. He had a great impact on the Town staff even though he held that position with the Town for just a few months. Good attendance is expected at a Public Hearing scheduled for March 16, 2001, on the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the Atlantic coastal area. The Town is planning to hire Cliff Bragdon to assist with the Transportation Advisory Task Force and be a leader of that group.

Commissioner Petersen stated that Supervisor John LaValle agreed to sign on to the Sustainable Growth Study for Routes 347, 112 and 25 with NYMTC and a group of people who have approached the Town to be part of the study.

Commissioner Rosavitch stated that the Reckson property, which was at the head of the Swan River in Patchogue, was denied PDD zoning by the Town. The Town Board, on its own motion, will apparently rezone it for residence purposes. One of the problems was the watershed area to the south shore estuary. Hopefully, that will take care of some of the concerns that the neighborhood has. Last Wednesday, there was a Public Hearing in the Jennings Avenue firehouse with regard to the south shore estuary master plan. The Plan seems to be moving forward.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section A14-24 of the Suffolk County Administrative

Code of the Suffolk County Charter, the proposed subdivision plats and zoning actions are duly considered and acted upon as appended hereto:

<u>Resolution Number</u>	<u>File Number</u>
ZSR-01-16	S-IS-01-10
ZSR-01-17	S-IS-01-11
ZSR-01-18	BR-01-14
ZSR-01-19	BR-01-15
ZSR-01-20	SM-01-4

S-1 - Forest City Daly (S-IS-01-10)

Motion: Approved, per Staff Report, by Commissioner Thorsen, seconded by Commissioner Tantone.

Vote: 13 Ayes - 0 Nays - 0 Abstentions

S-2 - Davis, Christopher & Zuck, Janine (S-IS-01-11)

Motion: Disapproved, per the Staff Report, by Commissioner Macco, seconded by Commissioner O'Dea.

Vote: 13 Ayes - 0 Nays - 0 Abstentions

Z-1 - Oceanhorse, LLC (BR-01-04)

Motion: Disapproved, per the Staff Report, by Commissioner Macco, seconded by Commissioner Tantone.

Vote: 13 Ayes - 0 Nays - 0 Abstentions

Z-2 - Gordon-Held, LLC (BR-01-15)

Motion: Disapproved, per the Staff Report, by Commissioner Rosavitch, seconded by Commissioner Petersen.

Vote: 13 Ayes - 0 Nays - 0 Abstentions

Z-3 - Wendy's International (SM-01-4)

Motion: Disapproved, per the Staff Report, by Commissioner Macco, seconded by Commissioner Rosavitch.

Vote: 12 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Abstention (Commissioner Martin)

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosavitch to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cremers. The regular meeting of the Suffolk County Planning Commission was adjourned at 1:15 PM.