**Chester County Planning Commission**

**August 20, 2019**

The August 20, 2019 meeting of the Chester County Planning Commission was held at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers at the R. Carlisle Roddey Government Building in Chester, SC.

**Notice of Meeting:** Public Notices providing time, date and place for this meeting were posted in the Chester County Government Complex, Chester County Court House, and published in the July 31, 2019 Chester News & Reporter. All properties were also posted.

**Quorum Established:** Chairman Raines, Vice Chairman Smith, Commissioners Howell, Williams, Hill, Walley and Grant were present.

**Absent:** No commissioners were absent.

**Staff:** Director Mike Levister and Nicole Hutchins were present

**Call to Order:** Chairman Raines called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Raines asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda presented by staff. There were none. Commissioner Howell made the motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Vice Chairman Smith. Vote was 7-0 to approve the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Raines asked if there were any additions or amendments to the May 21, 2019 minutes as presented by staff. Commissioner Hill stated page four, first paragraph, second sentence from the bottom, should read Gateway Master Plan instead of the typo Gateway Mater Plan. Chairman Raines made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction; seconded by Commissioner Grant. Vote was 7-0 to approve.

**New Business:**

Chairman Raines made the motion to combine these two since it’s one continuous property, asking for the same actions. Vice Chairman Smith seconded the motion. Vote was 7-0 to combine the votes.

**CCLDV19-03:** **Brenda S. Fort request a street access easement. Article 5 § 4.8 for Tax Map # 120-00-00-008-000 located on Great Falls Highway, Chester SC. This property is currently zoned R-2 (Rural Residential)**

**CCLDV19-04**: **Brenda S. Fort request a street access easement. Article 5 § 4.8 for Tax Map # 120-00-00-008-000 located on Great Falls Highway, Chester SC. This property is currently zoned R-2 (Rural Residential)**

Chairman Raines stated the two issues are both asking for easement. Tax Map Number 120-00-00-008-000. 499.44 acers. Currently zoned R2 and asking for a private rural drive (actually an easement, Chairman Raines just stated private rural drive) for street access to a cemetery. Second piece of property continuous to this is same tax map, R2, also asking for street easement, twenty-five foot on each side of easement for each parcel after division of the property. These two will go hand in hand. This is on Great Falls Highway back on this side of town coming from the interstate.

Chairman Raines called Ms. Fort to the podium to state her reason for the request for the easements. She stated her name as Brenda S. Fort and the reason we’re requesting this is because both my sister-n-law and my husband had died, and they had been joint owners of the land. The land has now been divided up between the two families. The road access that we’re asking for, one of them divides the property exactly into. It is a rural road. It’s a dirt road. Then the road going to the cemetery, I’m not sure even an ATV could get up to it, but due to the law we have to ask for this easement incase anyone related to someone in the cemetery would want to go to it.

Chairman Raines asked if the commissioners had any questions for the applicant. There were none. He then thanked Ms. Fort.

Chairman Raines asked if anyone asked to speak in favor or in opposition of this request. There were none.

Commissioner Grant made the motion to approve the easements; seconded by Commissioner Hill. Vote was 7- 0 to approve both easements.

Chairman Raines instructed Ms. Fort to follow up with staff on how to proceed on the approval of the easement.

Chairman Raines asked staff if there was any discussion. Ms. Hutchins wanted to give a heads up of the continuing education class on October 5th from 8:30 to 12:00. Chairman Raines then asked if we had a meeting for next month and Ms. Hutchins said we do.

Commissioner Grant made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Howell. Vote was 7-0 to adjourn.

This is a summary of proceedings at the August 20, 2019 meeting of the Planning Commission; and not a verbatim transcript of the meeting. This summary, and an audio recording of the meeting is retained by the Chester County Building & Zoning department, and available if requested. This summary represents the facts of this meeting; not the opinion or interpretation of the Secretary.