

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Board

Public Hearing Minutes – August 18, 2021 City Council Chambers – 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Chairman Bruce Weckworth called the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA) Board meeting of August 18, 2021, to order at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

Roll Call:

PRESENT

Bruce Weckworth, Chair
Kimberly Koelsch, Vice Chair
Kaite James, Member
Jillian Sunderland, Member
Victoria Thomas, Member
Rick Underhill, Alternate Member
Chris Wilson, Alternate Member

EXCUSED

John Klesch, Member
Karen Toida, Member

PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT

Ethan Hoar, CBPA Planner
Gilbert Bostwick, AICP, Current Planning Administrator
Lewis Martinez, CBPA Recording Secretary

CITY ATTORNEY STAFF PRESENT

Meredith Jacobi, Assistant City Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The July 21, 2021, CBPA Board minutes were presented into the record for CBPA Board action.

CBPA BOARD ACTION:

Minutes for the July 21, 2021 CBPA Board were APPROVED by unanimous consent.

CBPA APPLICATION:

- 1. PLN-CBPA-2021-027**
PROJECT/LOCATION: 1536 Lauren Ashleigh Drive
APPLICANT: Paulette Williams
PROPOSAL: In accordance with Section 26-528, of the Chesapeake City Code, the applicant seeks an **EXCEPTION** to construct a shed within the 50-foot landward portion of the 100-foot RPA buffer. The total proposed additional impervious area will be 100 SF (100 SF in RPA).
WATERSHED: Western Branch of the Elizabeth River
TAX MAP PARCEL: 0154001000070
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CBPA BOARD ACTION:

The CBPA Board APPROVED THE EXCEPTION requested in PLN-CBPA-2021-027 for a period of two years with the following stipulation:

One (1) small canopy trees (SCT) shall be planted in the Resource Protection Area (RPA) to mitigate the additional impervious area associated with the proposed development. See appendix A of the Chesapeake Landscape Specifications Manual for recommended tree species.

Staff Presentation:

Mr. Hoar presented the application to the Board, along with the CBPA Review Committee's findings and recommendations. Pictures of the site at 1536 Lauren Ashleigh Drive were presented. The Board was informed that the applicant is seeking an approval to construct a shed within the 50-foot landward portion of the 100-foot RPA buffer. The CBPA Review Committee reviewed this application on July 6, 2021, and recommended approval of the application with the following stipulation: one (1) small canopy trees (SCT) shall be planted in the Resource Protection Area (RPA) to mitigate the additional impervious area associated with the proposed development. The lot was recorded in 1987.

Proponent:

Paulette Williams, 1536 Lauren Ashleigh Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, Applicant. She stated that the shed she is requesting is further away from the water compared to her neighbors. Ms. Williams also stated that she is requesting the shed for storage since her property currently does not have a shed.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Wilson questioned if the calculations showing 13 large trees shown in the package were calculated as part of the plan.

Mr. Hoar stated that the 13 trees are what would bring the lot to the 50 percent minimum coverage for the lot.

CBPA BOARD VOTE:

Mr. Wilson moved to **APPROVE PLN-CBPA-2021-027** based on the findings contained in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Review Committee staff report. Vice Chairman Koelsch seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 7 – 0; Klesch and Toida excused.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Discussion on HRPDC Maps**
- **Update on City Council decision on creating Wetlands Board**

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

Sincerely,

Lewis Martinez,
Recording Secretary

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