COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE TRANSMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUMMARY OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

AGENDA TITLE:

ZTA201900008 - Section 33-Zoning Text Amendments, Zoning Map Amendments, Special Use Permits and Special Exceptions

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:

Request to: Amend the submittal and review procedures for Zoning Text Amendments, Zoning Map Amendments, Special Use Permits and Special Exceptions.

SCHOOL DISTRICT:

N/A

AGENDA DATE: February 17, 2021

STAFF CONTACT(S):

Walker, Herrick, Filardo, Fritz

PRESENTER (S):

Bill Fritz

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on January 12, 2021, the Planning Commission held a work session to discuss the proposed amendments to Section 33, containing the submittal and review procedures for Zoning Text Amendments, Zoning Map Amendments, Special Use Permits and Special Exceptions. Attachments A, B, and C are the Planning Commission action letter, staff report, and minutes from the meeting.

DISCUSSION:

During the work session, the Planning Commission discussed the proposed amendment of Section 33. The proposed amendments are included as Attachment A2. The Planning Commission offered the following substantive comments:

- Include a provision to allow the Planning Commission to defer an application at the request of an applicant.
- Add a provision to consider equity when evaluating an application.
- Include cultural and heritage resources as a type of study that may be required when submitting a special use permit or zoning map amendment application.

The Planning Commission also requested a summary of the history of Section 33. Staff has prepared a summary as Attachment D.

Following the Planning Commission meeting, staff is continuing work on the draft ordinance, both to address the Commission's comments and to suggest non-substantive clarifications of existing language.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors both (a) provide feedback or specific revisions for the proposed ordinance and (b) direct that this item be scheduled for public hearing.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A Planning Commission January 12, 2021 staff report
- B Planning Commission action of January 12, 2021
- C Planning Commission minutes of January 12, 2021
- D Brief Summary of the history of Section 33.