COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE TRANSMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUMMARY OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

AGENDA TITLE:

R. A. Yancey Lumber Corporation: Special Exception Requests

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:

Requests for special exceptions to allow reduction in setbacks and expanded hours of operation. Approval of the special exceptions would bring the existing mill into compliance and authorize new construction.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Brownsville E.S, Henley M.S., Western Albemarle H.S.

AGENDA DATE:

July 15, 2020

STAFF CONTACT(S):

Filardo, Fritz

PRESENTER (S):

Bill Fritz

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on June 23, 2020, by a vote of 7:0, the Planning Commission recommended denial of R. A. Yancey Lumber Corporation's requested special exceptions to the applicable noise standards.

By a vote of 6:1, the Commission recommended conditional approval of special exceptions for reduction in setbacks for existing structures and machinery, storage of logs and lumber, parking, and modified hours of operation of machinery and the loading and unloading of wood or wood products starting at 6:00 a.m. One Commissioner was not able to support a reduction in setback to zero feet for storage because of the impacts on abutting property. The Commission also recommended denial of special exceptions to allow reduced setbacks for the construction of the sorter/stacker and for 24 hour/day loading and unloading associated with the kiln.

The Planning Commission's staff report, action letter, and minutes are attached (Attachments A, B, and C). The Planning Commission's staff report has been amended to correct an error regarding proposed hours of operation. This change is highlighted in the report.

DISCUSSION:

The Planning Commission's recommendations were consistent with staff's.

After the Planning Commission meeting the applicant withdrew the requests to expand the permitted sound level ranges and reduction in vibration limits.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution to approve SE requests #1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 and to deny SE requests #4, 6, 7, 17. (Attachment E).

If the Board chooses to approve all of the special exception requests, Attachment F provides suggested language.

If the Board chooses to deny all of the special exception requests, Attachment G provides suggested language.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Staff Report from June 23, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting

Attachment A1- Maps and aerial photograph showing character of the area

Attachment A2- Applicant's request and justification

Attachment A3- Chapter 18, Section 4.20 of the Code of Albemarle

Attachment A4- Chapter 18, Section 5.1.15 of the Code of Albemarle

Attachment A5- Chapter 18, Section 4.18 of the Code of Albemarle

Attachment A6- Architectural Review Board action

Attachment A7- Noise and Vibration Study

Attachment A8- Noise and Vibration Study

Attachment A9- Applicant's supplemental information, received March 12th.

Attachment A10- Applicant's supplemental information, received March 12th.

Attachment A11- Survey titled 'Alta/NSPS Land Title Survey' prepared by Timmons Group and dated August 2, 2017

Attachment A12- List of all special exceptions with staff recommendation.

Attachment A13- Aerial photo with building numbers and building schedule

Attachment A14- Public Comment

Attachment A15- Diagram of proposed Sorter/Stacker sound barrier

Attachment A16- Additional noise information

Attachment A17- Yancey Lumber Screening Exhibit

Attachment B - Planning Commission Action Letter

Attachment C – Planning Commission minutes

Attachment D – Letters from the public received after preparation of Planning Commission staff report

Attachment E – Recommended resolution to approve some SEs and to deny some SEs

Attachment F – Resolution to approve all SEs

Attachment G - Resolution to deny all SEs