

**AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2000, AT 4:03 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.**

**A. ROLL CALL**

Ronald A. Nervitt, Chairman, Powhatan District  
Bruce C. Goodson, Vice Chairman, Roberts District

John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District  
Jay T. Harrison, Sr., Berkeley District  
James G. Kennedy, Stonehouse District, Absent  
Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator  
Frank M. Morton, III, County Attorney

**B. BOARD DISCUSSION**

1. Research and Technology District Task Force Findings and Recommendations

Mr. Skip Campana, Industrial Development Authority, introduced the Task Force members, gave a brief history of the Task Force, and gave an overview of its mission.

Members of the Task Force provided the Board with information concerning:

- a. key ingredients a research park would need, such as working linkages with Colonial Williamsburg, and regional institutions; incorporate niche strengths; utilize appropriate partners;
- b. characteristics desirable for a park;
- c. benefits of a park for the County and its citizens; and
- d. issues surrounding the development of a park.

The Task Force then asked the Board for recommendations concerning establishing a steering committee to address the issues mentioned above, develop a timeline plan for a research park, and then present the findings and recommendation to the Board; as well as discussions regarding funding for staff support of the steering committee, technical and consulting expertise, and who will be represented on the steering committee.

The Board and Task Force members held a discussion concerning locations and establishments of existing examples of research parks, direct and indirect costs involved in the development of a park, overall benefits to the County, economic development advantages to parks, and local government commitments to a park.

2. Large Single Retail Stores

Mr. Don Davis, Principal Planner, gave a brief overview of the packet of information regarding large-scale commercial uses presented to the Board.

Mr. Davis introduced Ms. Karen Drake, Planner.

Ms. Drake defined large retail space and gave a presentation on the data related to the impact of “big boxes” on community comments nationwide.

The Board and staff held a discussion regarding how special use permits pertain to large-scale commercial uses, opportunities for other developments such as Monticello Marketplace, expectations concerning large-scale retail in the County, and the desire to discuss this issue while reviewing the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Nervitt recessed the Board until Friday, October 6, 2000, at 9:00 a.m.

The Board recessed at 6:02 p.m.

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Sanford B. Wanner  
Clerk to the Board