

PLANNING COMMISSION

April 20, 2016

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016, AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNTY MEETING ROOM.

Those present were: Jay Willer, Chairman
 Frank Morris, Member
 John McCloskey, Member
 William Saunders, III, Member

Those absent were: Victor Schaff, Vice-Chairman

Staff present were: Dale Herring, Ex-Officio Member
 Bart Svoboda, Planning Director
 Stephanie Golon, Planner
 Marsha Alley, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The Chairman asked each member to state their name for the record to determine a quorum.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings scheduled.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission: RLRP, Phase II, Presentation

Mr. Svoboda introduced representatives from the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) who would be making a brief presentation relating to the Rural Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRP). He added that each locality addresses their own projects within the regional plan. He noted that an information packet had been made available at each Commissioner's seat.

Wood Hudson, Senior Planner with TJPDC, and Nick Morrison, Planner with TJPDC, addressed the Commission.

Mr. Morrison stated that the TJPDC has been working with localities to update the RLRP plan. He explained that the RLRP plan evaluates transportation deficiencies on the road networks and makes recommendations for

improvements to those areas. He described the process for inclusion in the House Bill 2 (HB 2) prioritization process and noted that inclusion would assist localities in securing funding through grants, etc. He reviewed the map included in the packet which is divided into three (3) sections: new projects not in the previous plan, existing projects, and existing projects for the future. He stated that feedback is important.

Mr. Hudson stated that the process would likely continue for another six to nine months. He reviewed the methodology for allocating state transportation monies for transportation projects and the process for identifying new transportation projects.

There was discussion relating to the Rural Technical Advisory Committee participation and purpose as it relates to transportation needs in Greene County.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Morrison reviewed the map and notations on the map that demonstrate the areas for development and roads that would be constructed by the developers and then incorporated into the VDOT system.

There was discussion regarding the map provided by the TJPDC that demonstrates new developer roads. There was additional discussion regarding the inclusion of roads in the plan being used as leverage in applying for HB 2 monies.

Mr. McCloskey asked if recreational provisions were made for things such as biking improvements.

Mr. Morrison stated that it was included in Charlottesville and noted that it could be added.

Mr. Hudson explained that efforts are being made in parallel to the transportation effort regarding cycling areas, unsafe roads, and the possibility of increased paved shoulder ways.

Mr. Willer asked if that map could be provided.

Mr. Hudson stated that when it is developed it can be shared, noting that it was included in the FY 2017 budget year.

Mr. McCloskey asked if there is any consideration for the use of round-abouts.

Mr. Hudson stated that those decisions would be left up to VDOT but added that VDOT is usually amenable to using round-abouts when appropriate.

There was discussion regarding the display of the map. It was noted that the colors provided no ranking of the projects. It was pointed out that by ranking the projects, the TJPDC is merely providing advice as to how a locality would prioritize projects.

Mr. Willer asked if the Commission needed to act on anything tonight.

Mr. Morrison stated that the presentation is made in order to provide a quick update as to the progress of the project and added that feedback is appreciated.

Mrs. Golon asked what the deadline would be for any feedback to be provided.

Mr. Hudson stated that it would nice to receive feedback within the next month.

Mr. Morris asked Mr. Svoboda if this plan would apply to subdivision roads that have not been accepted into the VDOT system but need to be.

Mr. Svoboda explained that the plan addresses roads that are currently in the VDOT system.

There was discussion relating to the conceptual lines on the map and the prospective projects, their order of need and importance, and how the points shown were added to the map.

Mr. McCloskey asked if the TJPDC was involved in designating scenic byways.

Mr. Wood stated that those designations are made by VDOT. He added that he was unsure what the state was doing with that program right now.

Mr. Hudson explained how the project will progress from this point.

Mr. Willer thanked Mr. Wood and Mr. Morrison for sharing the information.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Morrison thanked the Commission for their time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McCloskey made a motion to approve the March 16, 2016 work session minutes as presented.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

The minutes for the March 16, 2016 work session were approved by a 4-0 vote.

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Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Comprehensive Plan Public Work Session

Mr. Svoboda reviewed the list of changes as made by the Commission. He noted that Mrs. Golon had done a good job and provided a great effort in compiling the information.

Mr. Morris asked if the meeting tonight was advertised as a public work session for public input.

Mr. Svoboda affirmed that it was advertised as a public work session.

The Chairman opened the public work session.

There being no public comment, the work session was closed.

Mr. Willer thanked Mrs. Golon for the hard work.

Mrs. Golon explained the items that were focused on based on the feedback received throughout the process. She reviewed the information summary and the specific requests from various agencies. She gave an overview of how the feedback was incorporated into the plan as revisions. She explained that the agencies have provided a great deal of organized information.

Mr. Willer asked if agencies are rethinking their portions or are if they are providing data updates. He noted that there had been mention of incorporating a new section to address infrastructure relating to cell towers and things of that nature.

Mrs. Golon stated that it appears that agencies are providing information as a result of the guidance provided by the Commission during previous work sessions.

Mr. Svoboda stated that Mrs. Golon verified data and removed items that no longer applied.

Mr. Willer asked if there is a way of tracking the locations of new homes in the past six years.

Mrs. Golon stated that this question has been addressed before and reminded the Commission that the county GIS consultants only have data available since their date of contract which is about the last three years.

Mr. Willer stated that a map representing the growth in three years may be helpful if possible.

Mrs. Golon explained the mapping process and how points are shown. She stated that the growth trends would likely not stand out due to the densities within the map.

There was discussion regarding growth trends and how mapping may or may not be beneficial to demonstrate the growth.

Mr. Svoboda stated that the data may be able to be determined but that it may not be best displayed in map form.

Mr. Willer stated that a chart would be fine.

There was discussion regarding the best way to incorporate data in a useful and consistent manner.

Mrs. Golon noted that the Comprehensive Plan is a planning tool; it is not a marketing document or a scale for how well the schools are doing. She added that it provides an overview of the vision of the county for the future.

Mr. Willer asked what staff needs from the Commission prior to next month.

Mrs. Golon explained that she will provide a copy of the red-lined version on a cd to each Commissioner so that the public hearing can be held at the May Commission meeting.

Mr. Svoboda stated that the public hearing is tentatively scheduled for May 18th.

There was discussion regarding the Commission members reviewing the red-lined version and providing feedback. There was additional discussion relating to the public hearing schedule. It was determined that Commission members will review the red-lined version and provide feedback to staff in anticipation for the public hearing in May.

Mr. Morris asked if email comments are provided to staff should they be copied to other members or if that would be considered a meeting.

Mrs. Golon explained that copying other members would be fine as long as no one responds to the email which could give the appearance of a meeting.

Mr. Svoboda explained that there can be no conversation among members relating to public business outside of the public meeting.

Mr. Saunders suggested assigning chapters for each member to review.

There was discussion regarding how to proceed in review. It was determined that the Commission would review the document as a whole and that the public hearing would be scheduled for May 18th.

Mr. Svoboda suggested that the May schedule be revised to begin the meeting at 6:30 pm.

There was discussion regarding the May meeting and the start time. It was determined to begin the May meeting at 6:30 pm and to hold the citizen generated application first.

Mr. Willer thanked Mrs. Golon for all the work she has done thus far.

Mr. Svoboda stated that there is potential for two applications to be heard in July.

Mr. Willer stated that there will be no meeting in June.

Mr. Svoboda agreed noting that no applications were filed for the June meeting.

Relating to the Comprehensive Plan review, Mr. Willer asked how staff would make the decision to incorporate the most beneficial comment if there is an instance where several members have different comments regarding the same issue.

Mrs. Golon stated that she would review those items with Mr. Svoboda and move forward from there.

Mr. Svoboda explained that the proposed comments would be considered and included to assure the most benefit for the county adding that if the intent remains unclear, the issue would be presented at the meeting for the entire Commission to review.

Mr. Morris stated that he currently has no comments and will likely not provide comments until the May 18th meeting.

Town of Stanardsville Information

Mr. McCloskey stated that information has been submitted for the revitalization projects. He noted that a lot of progress in being made and that they are anticipating the announcement in July. He also reviewed the progress at the William Mills house.

There was discussion regarding the damaged rail on Main Street and the process relating to how to get that repaired.

Mr. Willer asked if staff would contact Mr. Schaff and provide him with information from tonight's meeting.

Mr. Svoboda stated that Mr. Schaff would be made aware of items relating to tonight's meeting.

Next Month's Agenda


This information was discussed earlier in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Alley
Secretary



Planning Commission, Chairman

5.18.16

Date