

Minutes

Northampton County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

June 14, 2012

This was a regular meeting of the Northampton County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) held on Thursday, June 14, 2012, in the Main Conference Room located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia. Those present were Chairman Bill Parr, Vice-Chairman Bill Payne, Pat Coady, Peter Lawrence, Butch Bailey, Charles Bell, and David Long. Absent from the meeting were committee members Billy Moore and Dick Drury.

Also in attendance were Peter Stith, Northampton County Long Range Planner and Ava Wise.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. and a quorum was established. After review by the committee the minutes from June 7, 2012 were approved with a unanimous vote.

The committee began discussing the draft survey questions provided by American Strategies. Peter Lawrence suggested changing "care" on page 2, question 7, to "facilities". He also suggested on page 6, question 37 to "establishing an "emergency medical facility". He suggested spelling Star Transit out on page 6 question 35, instead of "Star Tran".

The committee discussed question 16 in great detail and there were several suggestions as how to reword the question. After discussing question 16, the committee marked it to ask Joe Goode about it. The committee also had discussion about question 20 on page 4 and some of the wording referring to "outlying areas" and including "business" and "home construction" in the same sentence. There was also discussion about the first several questions, 4, 5 and 6 and the committee agreed these should be elsewhere in the survey.

Mr. Bailey stated some question should be added about decel lanes on Rt. 13 and if someone else should be accountable. After discussing this, the committee called Joe Goode and briefly spoke to him on the phone. Peter Lawrence told him about the issue with question 16 and Mr. Goode said he would reword it. After brief discussion, Mr. Goode had to disconnect because of prior commitments and said he would talk with Mr. Parr later today.

Mr. Parr summarized the consensus of the committee: agreement on moving questions 4, 5 and 6 to later in the survey, re tooling question 16, leave question 18 and rewording question 7. There was discussion about question 20 and some suggested changes and whether to eliminate it or not. Ava Wise talked about the need to have a master economic plan for the Eastern Shore and how to think about economic development in a global sense. After further discussion, the committee decided to leave question 20 in the survey. Mr. Parr will relay the changes and suggestions back to Mr. Goode for him to revise and send out a second draft of questions.

Mr. Stith indicated today was the deadline for any comments on the May 30th Vision meeting. The committee agreed to resubmit the previous comments to the Planning Commission and that they still stand by those comments.

Mr. Lawrence said he thought he was supposed to draft some comments to forward to Ms. Benson and the Planning Commission about drafting an introduction to the comp plan now and assess whether or not the goals of the plan have been met. Mr. Lawrence handed out the comments and questions and the committee agreed to submit these along with their previous comments on the Vision.

Bill Payne motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was adjourned at 10:37 am. Next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2012.