

Minutes

Northampton County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

August 30, 2012

This was a regular meeting of the Northampton County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) held on Thursday, August 30, 2012, in the County Administration Complex Main Conference Room in Eastville, Virginia. Those present were Chairman Bill Parr, Vice-Chairman Bill Payne, Pat Coady, Peter Lawrence, Charles Bell and David Long. Absent from the meeting were committee members Butch Bailey, Billy Moore and Dick Drury.

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. and a quorum was established. The committee reviewed minutes from August 16 and 23rd. David Long made a motion to approve the minutes of August 16 and with a second from Charles Bell, they were passed unanimously. Pat Coady moved to approve the minutes of August 23rd and with a second from David Long, they passed unanimously.

The committee began a discussion about their upcoming schedule and future meetings with the Board of Supervisors and their September 11 joint meeting with the Planning Commission. Ava Wise was taking notes on a flip chart for the upcoming meetings. The committee listed goals for the meeting with the Planning Commission which included giving the PC their charge, Biographies and a list of people the committee has met with.

Discussion continued about the committee's work up to this point and what they want to present to the PC. The committee listed people or agencies they have met with and included a couple sentences about each. The list was as follows:

VDOT - Many of assumptions about Rt. 13 in the zoning ordinance and comp plan are incorrect or unnecessary; Confusion exists about who has authority regarding enforcement requirements for the use of Rt. 13.

Mary Rae Carter – Industry and commerce; by-right uses and infrastructure are critical; regional approaches to economic development are necessary. The Department of Commerce stands behind the County with vast resources and a strong commitment.

PSA - Bob Panek – Funding not available for North and South nodes in the short term; Treatment is available in Cape Charles; limited system to serve the commercial corridor may be feasible in the short term which could help attract new business.

Developers - Lack of customer service oriented philosophy. County requirements exceed Bay Act; Too restrictive.

VEDP – Liz Povar – Significant resources available to the County for recruitment and business development; Can provide technical support for governance model and staffing.

Va. Finance Authority – Sandy McNish - Independent Economic Development Commissions could be authorized to offer financial incentives and acquire property; are a necessity for Economic Development.

DHCD – Resource for Community Development

DEQ - Rick Weeks – Overview of agency

The committee also discussed submitting the Spencer Murray document. The committee began a discussion on whether or not to include statements made by prior Board of Supervisors that gave specific directives to enact zoning ordinances and comp plan to stop growth in the County. After some discussion Peter Lawrence made a motion to adopt the sources list and what was currently on the board to have the chairman and Ava Wise present it at their next meeting. Pat Coady seconded the motion. Bill Parr asked to remove himself and Mrs. Wise stated she would compile the information.

After further discussion, Bill Payne made a motion to amend the motion made by Mr. Lawrence to re-state what the committee had heard in a less inflammatory way. Pat Coady seconded the motion. The amendment failed 1 -5 with all of the committee members voting against it except for Bill Payne. The original motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Bill Parr stated a press release has been sent to the News from Bill Payne. The next meeting was scheduled for September 6, 2012. Bill Payne motioned to adjourn and with a second from Peter Lawrence the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.