

## Minutes

### Northampton County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

August 9, 2012

This was a regular meeting of the Northampton County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) held on Thursday, August 9, 2012, in the Social Services Building in Eastville, Virginia. Those present were Chairman Bill Parr, Vice-Chairman Bill Payne, Pat Coady, Charles Bell, Dick Drury and David Long. Absent from the meeting were committee members Butch Bailey, Billy Moore and Peter Lawrence.

Also in attendance were Peter Stith, Northampton County Long Range Planner, Sandra Thornton, Director of Planning and Zoning, Ava Wise and Karen Jolly Davis.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. and a quorum was established. Pat Coady moved to table the minutes until the next meeting and Dick Drury seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion began about the survey slides from American Strategies. The committee discussed several comments made by Mrs. Thornton. Bill Payne expressed his concern that the slides were too long and thought the amount could be reduced. After some discussion, Mr. Payne said the Board wants to know the bottom line and he suggested they not bog them down with too much information. Ava Wise stated the presentation should be short and tight and they should pull out the important slides.

Mr. Parr said the executive summary for the Board should maybe be different from what is given to the public. He indicated there will be a multitude of consumers of this and there will be some who want all the information. He suggested the committee go slide by slide and pick which ones should remain for the Board presentation. The committee went through the presentation and matched up corresponding slides with each bullet point in the executive summary.

Joe Goode called at 10:10 am and the committee discussed some of their previous comments and the changes the committee would like to see. Mr. Goode said he would get the comments from Mr. Parr and would also shorten the slide show to accommodate the Board for their meeting. He also indicated he would be available to do a WebEx for the Board meeting. The call ended around 10:35 am. There was discussion about who should present this to the Board and Mr. Parr said he would give part of the presentation along with Mr. Goode. Pat Coady said there are really three take-aways from the survey, the county is on the wrong track, need more focus on economic development, jobs and education and a reduction in regulations. There was agreement from the committee to support Mr. Coady's comments and include them in the presentation. Mr. Coady also said the committee needs to differentiate between this scientific survey and the results of the public meetings.

The committee began discussion about their charge and items 3, 4 and 5. Ava Wise had written an email and composed a layout which was distributed to the committee. There was discussion about how to approach these three items and if outside help was needed. It was decided these items will be the focus of the next meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.