

PRESENT: T. Cole, Chairman
E. Shipplett, Vice Chairman
J. Curd
C. Foschini
K. Shiflett
R.L. Earhart, Senior Planner and Secretary

ABSENT: K. Leonard
T. Fitzgerald, Director

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Augusta County Planning Commission held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Virginia.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mr. Cole stated as there were five (5) members present, there was a quorum.

MINUTES

Mr. Curd moved to approve the minutes of the called and regular meeting held on March 11, 2014.

Mrs. Shiflett seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Earhart announced the resignation of Commissioner, William Garvey who served on the Planning Commission since January, 2011.

Capital Improvement Plan and Budget

Mrs. Earhart stated the Planning Commission received a briefing on the Capital Improvement Plan & Budget at their afternoon worksession from Mr. Coffield, County Administrator.

Mrs. Shiflett stated she appreciates all the work that has been done on the Capital Improvement Plan. The practice in recent years of using capital funds for operating expenses has hurt the ability to implement parts of the Comprehensive Plan and has created a shortfall of funds needed for road improvements and infrastructure to facilitate the Comp Plan. The \$.05 tax increase is needed and in part should be dedicated to capital improvements.

Mrs. Shiflett moved to send the above comments to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration during the budget deliberations.

Mr. Shipplett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Curd stated he agrees that the Capital Improvement Plan needs to match the Comprehensive Plan in order to fund the infrastructure where the Comp Plan calls for it. Long term goals need to be considered instead of immediate needs. The tight budgets from the past several years have hurt the County's ability to implement the Comp Plan. It would be more helpful for the Board of Supervisors to consider long term goals in order to coincide with the Comp Plan.

Mr. Curd moved to add the above comments to the comments being sent to the Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Shiflett seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan Review - Annual Scorecard

Mrs. Earhart referred to the Annual Scorecard and stated it is tremendously time intensive and of limited value at this time. Staff is suggesting to remove the recommendation to prepare an Annual Scorecard from the Comp Plan and incorporate the land use information into the Annual Report of the Planning Commission. The Board of Supervisors will continue to receive statistical information from other agencies and departments through their annual reports or yearly updates.

STAFF REPORTS

A. CODE OF VIRGINIA – SECTION 15.2-2310

Mrs. Earhart reviewed with the Commissioners the requests coming before the BZA.

Mr. Cole asked if there were any comments regarding the upcoming items on the BZA agenda.

14-23 Keith Willis

This property is located in a Community Development Area slated for Low Density Residential development. The Planning Commission is concerned about expanding a business use on this site which was already inappropriate for the landscaping business that was located there. The Planning Commission reiterated their opposition to siting another business at this location and intensifying the use with this new request which will only serve to increase the negative impact on the neighbors. The Planning Commission also expressed concern about the possibility of setting a precedent of facilitating businesses moving from Business zoning to General Agriculture zoning in direct conflict with the County's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Curd made the motion to pass along those concerns to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mrs. Shifflett seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

14-27 Leslie K. Smith

The Planning Commission expressed concern about allowing a business with so many vehicles to operate in a Rural Conservation Area. The Commission also cautioned against permitting the business at this location just because they have been operating at this site illegally for some time. The Commission encouraged Ms. Smith to find a business location for her business. Mr. Curd made the motion to pass along those concerns to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Shipplett seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

Secretary