Orange County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Gordon Building Meeting Room
112 W. Main Street, Orange, VA 22960
Thursday, February 7, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Minutes

Present: Nigel Goodwin, George Yancey, Andy Hutchison, J.P. Tucker, III, Donald Brooks, Jim White, BOS Representative

Absent: none

Staff Present: Gregg B. Zody, Director; Tom Lacheney, County Attorney; Josh Frederick, Senior Planner; Janet Jones, Senior Administrative Assistant

All discussion and comment made during this meeting was captured via digital audio recording. The minutes as written below are intended to be a summary of this discussion and comment. Anyone desiring detailed information about comment or discussion made during the meeting is referred to the recording.

1. Call to Order
2. Determination of Quorum
Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He stated a quorum was present to conduct business.

3. Approval of Agenda
Chairman Brooks asked if there were any additions to or deletions from the agenda.

There were no additions or deletions from agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Hutchison that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Comment
There was no public comment.

5. Old Business
A. Board of Supervisors Report – Jim White
Mr. White congratulated Mr. Zody for being employee of the month for January, 2013. Mr. White stated the Route 20 sewer project will not be moving forward. No action taken by the BOS at this time.

B. Planning and Zoning Report – Gregg Zody

Mr. Zody introduced the new Senior Planner Josh Frederick. Mr. Zody stated the the SUP for the new telecommunication tower will be heard by the BOS on February 26, 2013. Mr. Zody stated he attended a Living Towns meeting this day and had pushed for Ag-Tourism in Orange County. Mr. Zody stated a Living Towns meeting could be held in late August or early September of this year.

C. Work Session for 2012 Draft Comprehensive Plan

The Commission discussed at length the "Draft" Future Land Use Map. The need for the map to reflect what the county is today. The "Draft" Future Land Use Map and document should be what we have now and protect areas that want to be protected. The need to look at the density of areas already populated was also discussed. The size of the proposed A-1, A-2 and A-3 districts was also discussed. Mr. Lacheney stated the Commission should not get bogged down with the comprehensive plan. Mr. Lacheney stated the comprehensive plan needs to be one that everyone can live with and then move on to the more important zoning ordinance. Chairman Brooks stated the need for footnote on the bottom of page 34 of the "Draft" comprehensive plan that would direct people to look at the zoning and subdivision ordinances. Mr. Lacheney stated "fuzzy" is better in a comprehensive plan and not be too specific. Mr. Lacheney suggested that the word "Future" be taken off of the "future" land use map and also out of section IV. Mr. Goodwin showed a copy of the "Draft" Future Land Use Map with his proposed changes shown in pink. The Commission also discussed the names of the A-1, A-2 and A-3 zoning district and it was the consciences of the Commission to not give names to agricultural district.

The Commission discussed the January 25, 2013 "draft" of the comprehensive plan and suggested some updates to the Table of Contents and also change department to Constitutional Officers (elected officials) where applicable.

Mr. Henry Lee Carter, Town of Orange Councilmember stated the Town will more than likely have comments to be included in the Orange County Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Zody stated he could work with Mr. Carter on the added language and would provide the information to the Commission. Chairman Brooks stated he would also like to get the same type of information from the Town of Gordonsville to be included in our comprehensive plan.

Mr. Zody stated he will be giving out to the BOS a copy of the January 25, 2013 copy of the comprehensive plan at the board meeting Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

6. New Business

There were no commissioner comments.

7. Commissioner Comments

There were no commissioner comments.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Commission will be Thursday, February 21, 2013 with one public hearing scheduled. The "Draft" Orange County 2013 Comprehensive Plan will be on the agenda for discussion of time allows after the public hearing.

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Hutchison seconded by Mr. Tucker that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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Donald Brooks, Chairman

Gregg B. Zody, Secretary