Orange County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Gordon Building Meeting Room
112 W. Main Street, Orange, VA 22960
Thursday, October 4, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Minutes

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

Staff Present: Gregg B. Zody, Director; Janet Jones, Permit Technician

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.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Public Comment Period - To gather input on the proposed changes to the county's Comprehensive Plan and other ordinances.**

Chairman Goodwin called the meeting to order.

There were eight (8) speakers.

Concerns and ideas spoken were the following:

- The need for equestrian to be mentioned in the comprehensive plan.
- Maps in the comprehensive plan need to reflect what is real.
- Number of lots currently in the county that are not built upon (approx. 2,000).
- Keeping of agricultural in the county (Orange seventh in Virginia in Agriculture).
- Tourism being important to Orange County.
- Economy will control growth.
- Proposed new zoning classifications and the affect they will have on the county.
- Sliding scale as a way of allowing division of property.
- Need for development in the county – needs to be done correctly.
- Not understanding why the change to the ordinances is needed at all.

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Brooks that the Commission go into its regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 4-1, Goodwin voting Nay.

7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Determination of Quorum

Chairman Goodwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He stated a quorum was present to conduct business.

3. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Goodwin asked if there were any additions to or deletions from the agenda.

Chairman Goodwin asked that discussion on the public comment period be placed on the agenda as well as preparing a recommendation to the BOS on the next step to be taken.

A motion was made by Chairman Goodwin seconded by Mr. Yancey that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brooks wanted to state for the record his apology to Ms. Pace for raising his voice toward her during the public comment period. Commissioner Brooks stated that it was not the way he should have acted.

The Commission discussed the comments made by the public. The Commission also discussed the use of a sliding scale for the division of property. Cluster development was also discussed among the Commissioners.

Chairman Goodwin stated he is looking for a consensus or motion on the next step to be taken by the Commission.

Chairman Goodwin made a motion and seconded by Mr. Hutchison to recommend to the BOS that they agree with the proposed land use categories and also prefer a sliding scale as a way of allowing the division of property in the county.

The Commission discussed the motion made by Chairman Goodwin.

The Commission agreed to wait and receive direction from the BOS before taking any action.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Old Business

A. Board of Supervisors Report – Jim White

Supervisor White briefed the Commission on action taken by the BOS at its last meeting.

B. Planning and Zoning Report – Gregg Zody

Mr. Zody briefly discussed the Comprehensive review timeline as well as proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

C. Comprehensive Plan

- Revision discussion

Mr. Zody stated he is getting help on the comprehensive plan from Robin Grimsby. Mr. Zody stated the timeline is a manageable one for his work on the comprehensive plan.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Commissioner Comments

There were no commissioner comments.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Commission will be Thursday, October 18, 2012 at the Gordon Building, 112 W. Main Street in Orange beginning at 7:00 p.m.

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, 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 8:50 p.m.

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Nigel Goodwin, Chairman

Gregg B. Zody, Secretary