

Scottsville Planning Commission

Regular Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Victory Hall
401 Valley Street
Scottsville, Virginia

Members:
James V. Kerlin, *Chair*
Barbara W. Coleman
Jesse B. Grove, III
William S. Hyson
Jeannette E. Kerlin

Minutes

1. Call to order – Mr. Kerlin called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. Establish a quorum – All members were present. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Clark Draper, Town Clerk Amy Moyer, and Ann Whitham of TJPDC.
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes of February 4, 2008 – Upon a motion by Ms. Kerlin, seconded by Mr. Grove, the minutes were approved by voice vote.
4. Matters not on the agenda from the public.

Bebe Williams inquired regarding opportunities to raise funds without raising taxes. Mr. Grove commented that very few towns do not have a real estate tax. Ms. Kerlin noted that current revenue sources include BPOL, meals tax, transient occupancy tax, and traffic fines.

Ms. Kerlin asked if the Arnett Muldrow study included any ideas for additional revenues. Mr. Grove replied that the study focused on how to attract businesses and tourists. Ms. Kerlin noted that a survey indicated that residents wanted a larger grocery store and service businesses such as dry cleaning.

Mr. Williams suggested camera tickets to increase revenues from traffic fines.

5. Comprehensive Plan update.

Commissioners continued the earlier discussion regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Hyson suggested elimination of the Developed Community Goal 4 Objective 1 strategy regarding the location of middle and high schools, as the county is unlikely to build another school closer than Monticello High School.

Mr. Hyson inquired regarding the Developed Community Goal 4 Objective 2 strategy to continue development of Canal Basin Square, as he thought the project was finished. Mr. Grove commented that this project is still ongoing.

Mr. Hyson made several suggestions regarding Developed Community Goal 4 Objective 2 strategies. He asked if Strategy 2 regarding Dorrier Park could include financial or political support or a liaison to the county. He suggested that Strategy 4 be modified to include “maintain” and that the reference to the Streetscape Project be removed. Mr. Hyson also commented on Strategy 6, stating that the area next to the river is a mess.

Ms. Kerlin remarked that it is difficult to improve the riverfront area if the town does not own the property. Mr. Grove suggested checking land records to see how much of the property is owned by CSX. Mr. Draper noted that the county/town boundary shifts up to the center of the levee near the plant.

Mr. Hyson questioned the Developed Community Goal 4 Objective 3 reference to computer research facilities at the library. Ms. Kerlin agreed that this reference should be removed.

Mr. Hyson asked whether the Developed Community Goal 4 Objective 3 strategy to encourage retirement housing is desirable in an area without a hospital.

Mr. Grove commented that the Zoning Ordinance does not provide for the alternative development plans for residential development referenced in the Future Land Use section.

Ms. Kerlin expressed concern regarding townhomes; she suggested establishing a minimum square footage for attached housing.

Mr. Grove noted that the 14,500-square-foot lot size was incorrect for Village Residential, in the Residential Standards section. Mr. Draper pointed out that the reference to a requirement for public water and sewer was also incorrect. Mr. Grove recommended review of the Village Residential classification to see if the 1.5-acre requirement is appropriate for areas with many homes on less than half an acre.

Mr. Grove noted that the Tourism events list should be updated, and a current water and sewer map was needed. He commented that the solid waste and recycling information was also outdated. Ms. Kerlin stated that paper recycling might soon be available at the Scottsville Community Center.

Mr. Grove noted the need to update the Streetscape section, as well. He commented that he has reviewed the Arnett Muldrow report, which suggested redevelopment of the Canal Warehouse.

6. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.