

# Scottsville Planning Commission

Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 7, 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 7:02 p.m.
2. Establish a quorum – All members were present, with the exception of Ms. Coleman; and a quorum was established. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Clark Draper and Town Clerk Amy Moyer.
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes of March 3, 2008 – Upon a motion by Mr. Grove, seconded by Ms. Kerlin, minutes of the regular and special meetings were approved.
4. Matters not on the agenda from the public.

No one from the public wished to speak.

Mr. Grove reported on a recent meeting with VDOT regarding the rerouting of truck traffic onto West Main Street. He said that minor work is needed to round the turn at Page and Bird; VDOT has agreed to fund this work, but it may take time to find a crew. Mr. Grove noted that some parking spaces on West Main Street may be eliminated, and VDOT will recommend directional signage advising trucks of the preferred route.

Mr. Hyson expressed concern regarding the additional turns on the West Main/Page/Bird route, as well as the risk to pedestrians encountering turning trucks at three intersections. He noted that rescue squad vehicles are often parked in front of the Scottsville School Apartments.

Mr. Grove commented that the Bird/Valley intersection is too narrow for trucks to turn safely; trucks have hit buildings and driven through a tree pit. He said that the turn at West Main Street is much better, but the Bird/Page intersection needs work. He noted that Bird Street is heavily used by pedestrians, and there is a daycare center at the church.

Ms. Kerlin asked if the town could mandate smaller trucks and movable wheels.

Mr. Grove replied that the town cannot regulate the trucks under Virginia law or VDOT regulations. He stated that trucks would be encouraged to take the alternate route, but it would not be a legally binding plan. Mr. Grove suggested that Ms. Kerlin consult the Town Attorney regarding any possible regulatory authority.

Mr. Hyson asked if the plant had agreed to follow the alternate route. Mr. Grove replied affirmatively.

Mr. Hyson suggested that consideration be given to park traffic and Scottsville School Apartments residents.

Mr. Grove noted that improvements at the Valley/Bird intersection cannot be made while trucks are hitting the sidewalks.

Mr. Grove reported that he had drafted an ordinance for civil penalties for owners of deteriorating structures in the historic district. He said it has been proposed that the town adopt the county's ordinance, as that ordinance has been tested in court.

Mr. Grove suggested that members review TJPDC's transportation and land use study from 2003.

5. Comprehensive Plan update.

Mr. Grove stated that TJPDC's Ann Whitham had made revisions based on comments from previous meetings.

Mr. Hyson suggested eliminating "population" from the title of the land use section in Section III, as well as revising the summary statement. He commented that population and land use should not be addressed together, and he did not feel that a maximum population stipulation was necessary.

Mr. Hyson proposed an additional goal for Historic, Scenic, and Natural Resources that would address natural resources specifically.

Mr. Grove suggested revisions to the vision statement.

Mr. Grove recommended the removal of several references to the town's short-term financial situation. Ms. Kerlin noted that finances are subject to change.

Mr. Grove proposed a Historic, Scenic, and Natural Resources strategy suggesting consideration of civil penalties for Zoning Ordinance violations. Ms. Kerlin commented that this addition is unnecessary, as the Town Council is already doing this.

Mr. Grove suggested a road improvement priority strategy for a roundabout at the

intersection of James River Road and Route 20. Ms. Kerlin noted that this could impact two adjacent residences.

Mr. Grove suggested reevaluation of real estate taxes as a means to provide adequate revenues. Ms. Kerlin noted that the Plan encourages avoidance of additional taxation. Mr. Kerlin suggested that this sentence in the Background Section be removed.

Mr. Draper noted that the Developed Community strategy to avoid incurring the burden for maintenance of trails and infrastructure is in conflict with desires expressed for additional trails.

Mr. Grove explained a proposed strategy to support the Albemarle County Greenway Plan concept for a trail along the James River, which was brought to his attention by Brenda Hyson. He also suggested a strategy for additional public access points for the river.

Mr. Grove commented that the Village Residential standards are too restrictive in some areas. He suggested subparagraphs regarding the existing residential standards and potential revisions. Ms. Kerlin asked that this text be simplified.

Mr. Grove suggested separating the sections on the levee and Streetscape. The proposed Streetscape text will be given to Mr. Hogan for review, and Mr. Draper was asked to draft text regarding the levee.

Mr. Hyson suggested that the Tourism, Victory Hall Theatre, and Canal Basin Square sections also be reviewed by the respective committees. Ms. Kerlin agreed to facilitate this review.

Mr. Hyson noted that Albemarle County Parks and Recreation should comment on the Dorrier Park section.

Mr. Draper suggested alternate text regarding grandfathered nonconforming uses in the entrance corridor. Text regarding the size of the Police Department and trash services was also revised.

A special meeting was scheduled for April 22 to continue the Comprehensive Plan review.

6. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.