

**GREENE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 6:00 PM HYBRID IN-PERSON WITH REMOTE VIA TELEPHONE AND ELECTRONIC MEANS.

Members present: Ron Williams, Chairman
Mike Traber, Vice Chairman
John McCloskey, Member
Mark Kelp, Member
Angela Hawkins, Member

Staff present: Jim Frydl, Planning Director & Zoning Administrator
Stephanie Golon, Deputy Planning Director
Shawn Leake, Zoning Officer
Cristy Snead, Permit Technician/Secretary via Zoom
Steve Bowman, BOS Liaison

NOTICE

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The Planning Commission will begin the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Dial-in
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CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Each Commissioner stated their name to establish a quorum.

Mr. John McCloskey
Mr. Mark Kelpé
Mr. Ron Williams
Mr. Mike Traber
Ms. Angela Hawkins

There was a quorum with all 5 Commissioners present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Williams stated they would start the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORK SESSION

Mrs. Golon explained what was going to be discussed during this work session which included the following:

- The Greene County website under planning and zoning and community participation
- The Code of Virginia requirements
- Reviewing agencies' participation and review schedule
- Review the tools for implementation of the plan
- Review the current vision statement

Mrs. Golon stated that staff and Commissioners would discuss and define the next steps of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mrs. Golon advised the Commission that community participation has been accomplished by contacting the County via Mrs. Golon's email, the planning, and zoning department's phone number, and speaking with either Jim Frydl or herself. The community can also visit our website.

Mrs. Golon also showed the Commission the area of the County website the Comprehensive Plan page. She then reviewed the Code of Virginia stated that the Comprehensive Plan has to be reviewed every five years.

Mrs. Golon also reviewed the partners that the staff was using to review the Comprehensive Plan. She then showed the Commissioners the vision statement from 2015.

The Commission was shown word clouds that included statements mentioned the most by community feedback.

Mrs. Golon presented a chart showing the Commission visually of the Comprehensive Plan chapters that have been reviewed and finalized and the chapters that are left to review.

Economic Development Chapter

Mr. Williams gave some input regarding these two chapters. He stated that he feels that these two chapters read very well and it is right on target with where the county stands and where the county is hoping to go.

Mr. Williams asked his fellow Commissioners if it could be a possibility that some of this chapter can be downsized. He gave an example:

In the Goals and implementation strategies: Economic Development section, Mr. Williams stated that in many of the introduction sentences it should simply say the county will, instead of "Greene County through the ED&T will".

Mr. Traber asked if there is a possibility to downsize some of these goals.

Mr. Yost stated that the reason there is so much of their information in the Comprehensive Plan is that a lot of people go to the County website first and read the Comprehensive Plan before they reach out to his office or the planning and zoning office.

Mr. Kelpé stated that the Clay Festival has been mentioned in this chapter quite a bit and no other festivities.

Mr. Yost stated that their plan was written five years ago. He stated that they have been working on updating the Economic Development plan and the Tourism plan separately.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Frydl discussed the data for commuting patterns.

The Commission, Mr. Frydl, and Mr. Yost discussed employment data for Greene County.

Mrs. Golon stated that the staff could correlate between employment and population.

The Commission agreed to that.

The Commission discussed telework and how that was reflected in employment data for Greene County.

Mr. Yost stated that staff should add a statement regarding the Villages at Terrace Greene for potential retail and light industrial space.

Mr. Williams stated that if we are going to use any acronyms in any of the chapters, the first time we should completely write the word out, and then continue with the acronym.

The Commission discussed being consistent with the word "will".

At this time the Commissioners, Mr. Yost, and staff discussed the Goals and Implementation Strategies. They determined to clean up the language and remove some of the goals from the Economic Development chapter and add it to the Tourism chapter.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Frydl if there was anyone on Zoom that would like to speak. Mr. Frydl stated that there was no one with their hand raised.

Tourism Chapter

The Commission discussed the Tourism chapter and recommended edits as needed. The County staff and the Commission agreed that since this chapter is the tourism chapter when referring to short-term lodging as tourist lodging because that is what it is referred to in Greene County's Zoning Ordinance, to maintain consistency.

Mr. Williams stated that there are a few highlighted areas in this chapter that the staff is waiting to receive more data.

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Closing the work session.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Williams stated that there is no old business.

MINUTES

January 19, 2022 Minutes

Mr. Kelp made a motion to approve as written.

Mr. McCloskey seconded

Mr. McCloskey - Aye
Mr. Kelp - Aye
Ms. Hawkins - Aye
Mr. Traber - Aye
Mr. Williams - Aye

With a roll call vote of 5 Aye's and 1 that abstained, the January 19, 2022 minutes were approved as written

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Ruckersville Advisory Committee – Thoughts and input on pedestrian paths in Ruckersville was talked about, and possible grants to utilize for that. The Commission and Mr. Frydl discussed the possibility of crosswalks over Rt. 29.

Town of Stanardsville – Mr. McCloskey stated that Richard Early is the new Vice Mayor this year. The Town of Stanardsville has to be its voting district. Mr. Frydl stated that this is a new law.

Mr. Frydl stated that each Commissioner has the monthly developmental report in their packets.

Next Month's Agenda – The Comprehensive Plan work session will be Law Enforcement, Broadband, and Water/Wastewater. There are two special use permit applications that will require public hearings.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Cristy Snead,
Secretary



Planning Commission, Chairman