

AT A MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ON JULY 11, 2012 IN THE BOARD ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Lau, Chair, called the meeting to order.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mr. Tuttle established the presence of a quorum.

Present: Frank Lau, Chair
John Tuttle, Secretary
William Seitz, Member
Joel Donahue, Member
Bryan Rice, Member
Cindy W. Disney, Member
Chris Tuck, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Dari Jenkins, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Jamie MacLean, Development Planner

Absent: Robert Miller, Member
Steven Sandy, Planning Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

On a motion by Mr. Rice, and seconded by Mr. Seitz, and unanimously carried the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

On a motion Mr. Donahue, and seconded by Mr. Seitz, and unanimously carried the consent agenda was approved.

PUBLIC ADDRESS:

Mr. Lau opened the public address; however, there being no comments the session was closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Hopkins stated the State Safe Routes to School Administrator had provided comments on the draft travel plans that were submitted for pre-approval. The comments were very positive and there are minimal revisions necessary for the submittal. It is anticipated that the deadline for final submittals will be released within the next month. The County should be able to obtain grant funding in the next cycle if there is a desire to apply.

WORKSESSION:

On a motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Seitz, and unanimously carried the Planning Commission entered into work session.

Parking Lot Surfacing Requirements

Ms. Jenkins discussed proposed zoning ordinance revisions relating to parking lot surfacing requirements. Revisions to the proposed language included additional information to try to address the low frequency of use and exemptions for particular uses. If the Commission has additional uses that should be considered please advise staff.

Mr. Rice asked if the proposed amendments would alleviate the Tannahill issue.

Ms. Jenkins stated that the storage area for vehicles awaiting repair would not be required to be paved; however, the entrance would need to be. When considering the amendments the County Attorney was careful to prevent the Zoning Administrator from making legislative decisions.

Mr. Lau asked if staff had notified the Tannahills of the proposed changes.

Ms. Jenkins stated notification would be sent when the amendment is prepared for public hearing.

Mr. Donahue stated he felt the proposed amendments are a good compromise.

Mr. Seitz stated he agreed that the proposed language is appropriate.

Mr. Rice noted staff may want to consider adding a definition to clarify storage area from parking area; however, the amendments appear to be appropriate. He commended staff for a job well done.

It was the consensus of the Planning Commission to proceed with the public hearing process.

On a motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Donahue, and unanimously carried the Planning Commission exited work session.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Supervisors: Mr. Tuck reported that the Board will be advertising a meeting for the Joinder Study in August. There will also be an advertisement for a District E Planning Commission member. Applications have been received for the at-large member vacancy.

Agriculture & Forestal District: Ms. Maclean stated the Agricultural and Forestal District Review Committee will be meeting July 31 to discuss districts 3, 4, and 5. The committee will forward a recommendation to the Planning Commission.

Blacksburg Planning Commission: No report

Christiansburg Planning Commission: No report

Economic Development Committee: Mr. Tuttle stated Jim McCallister discussed banking and lending regulations.

Public Service Authority: Mr. Donahue stated the PSA passed their budget. The Joinder Study is going to the Board of Supervisors and the public hearing is scheduled for August 13th. There was mention in director's report that there may be issues with Southwood Drive and water capacity.

Parks & Recreation: No report.

Radford Planning Commission: No report.

School Board: No report.

Planning Director's Report: Ms. Hopkins reported the July 18th meeting is cancelled.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.