

AT A MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ON AUGUST 20, 2014 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:

Ms. Disney established the presence of a quorum.

Present: Frank Lau, Chair
Scott Kroll, Vice-Chair
Cindy W. Disney, Secretary
Coy Allen, Member
Sonia Hirt, Member
Bryan Katz, Member
Bob Miller, Member
Trey Wolz, Member
Chris Tuck, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Brea Hopkins, Development Planner
Dari Jenkins, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Absent: Steve Howard, Member

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

On a motion by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mr. Kroll and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC ADDRESS:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Lau stated the Planning Commission may want to consider discussing the recent ordinance amendment to allow chickens in residential zoning areas. A recent newspaper article reported there was a link between chickens and increased pests which may be a danger to dogs and cats. This information was not available during consideration of the ordinance amendment.

Mr. Kroll asked if there had been any issues since the ordinance amendment.

Ms. Jenkins confirmed that there had not been any complaints received and she reviewed the requirements for keeping chickens in residential areas.

Mr. Allan stated he would consult with a local veterinarian and get his/her opinion on the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Vice-Chair

Mr. Lau appointed Mr. Kroll as interim Vice-Chair through December 2014.

Planning Commission Appointments

Mr. Lau welcomed Mr. Bob Miller and Mr. Steve Howard to the Planning Commission.

Resolution of Appreciation- Bryan Rice

On a motion by Mr. Kroll, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously carried the Planning Commission adopted the following resolution for Mr. Rice:

WHEREAS, Bryan Rice has provided dedicated and distinguished service to the people of Montgomery County as a member of the Montgomery County Planning Commission from 2006 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rice has provided leadership while serving as Chair (2010-2011; 2013-2014) of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rice's commitment to better planning is evidenced by his service as liaison to the Christiansburg Planning Commission, Tourism Council and the Economic Development Commission, and by his certification by the Citizens Planning and Education Association of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the wise council of Mr. Rice has always been for the betterment of the citizens of Montgomery County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby expresses its appreciation to Bryan Rice for eight (8) years of outstanding service to the people of Montgomery County.

Resolution of Appreciation- Joel Donahue

On a motion by Mr. Kroll, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously carried the Planning Commission adopted the following resolution for Mr. Donahue:

WHEREAS, Joel Donahue has provided dedicated and distinguished service to the people of Montgomery County as a member of the Montgomery County Planning Commission from June 15, 2010 until his death on June 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donahue provided leadership while serving as Vice-Chair (2012-2013) of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donahue's commitment to better planning is evidenced by his service as liaison to the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee and the Public Service Authority and by his certification by the Citizens Planning and Education Association of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the wise council of Mr. Donahue, which has always been for the betterment of the citizens of Montgomery County, will be missed by his fellow Planning Commissioners and Planning Staff.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby expresses its appreciation for the outstanding, and dedicated service Joel Donahue provided to the people of Montgomery County.

WORK SESSION:

One a motion by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Katz, and unanimously carried the Commission entered into work session.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment Discussion

Ms. Jenkins discussed the status of outstanding ordinance amendments. The contractor's service establishment amendments are being prepared based on previous discussions with the planning commission and the fill ordinance will be discussed further with the County Attorney prior to bringing it back to the commission for review.

Mr. Miller stated he would like to see all districts added to the Contractor Service Establishment/Storage Yard chart.

Mr. Kroll stated since the Fill Ordinance would be an entirely new section it may be preferable to postpone further action until a Planning Director is hired.

Mrs. Hopkins stated discussion would be held with the County Attorney and County Administrator regarding the feasibility of postponement since the request was made by the Board of Supervisors.

On a motion by Ms. Disney, seconded by Mr. Kroll and unanimously carried the Planning Commission exited work session.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- Board of Supervisors – Chris Tuck reported the Board is working with the School Board regarding the auction of property located on Junkin Street and the purchase of Shawsville Elementary School. The property is located within the floodplain and would provide Parks & Recreation with much needed ball fields. Blacksburg Middle School negotiations are still ongoing with the Town of Blacksburg. The telecommunication tower at exit 105 was approved at 199' with full array.
- Agriculture & Forestal District – No report.
- Blacksburg Planning Commission – Mr. Allen reported that the Blacksburg Planning Commission discussed comprehensive plan amendments and scheduled a public hearing for the Prices Fork Corridor study.
- Christiansburg Planning Commission – Ms. Disney stated the Christiansburg Planning Commission is studying parking issues in Downtown.
- Economic Development Committee – Mr. Wolz stated Downtown Christiansburg, Inc. spoke regarding the revitalization of downtown and the hindrances of local ordinances.
- Public Service Authority – No report.
- Parks & Recreation – No report.
- Radford Planning Commission – No report.

- School Board – Bryan Katz reported the School Board discussed budget issues, grants, and the demolition of recreation areas at Shawsville Middle School.
- Tourism Council – No report.
- Planning Director's Report – Mrs. Hopkins stated if anyone was interested in attending the Plan VA 2014 Commonwealth Planning & Zoning Conference to advise staff. The conference will be held in Richmond October 12-14th.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Chairman

Secretary