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Planning & GIS Services 2019 Annual Report

PLANNING COMMISSION
2019 BY THE NUMBERS

5  SITE
VISITS

 12
MEETINGS

10 PUBLIC
HEARINGS

AAAA APPLICATIONS
AAA AFD RENEWALS

 4 MAJOR
SUBDIVISION
REVIEWS

This Annual Report showcases the work of the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and the staff of the Planning & GIS Services office for 2019 and meets the requirements in § 15.2-2221 of the Code of Virginia, updating the Board of Supervisors on the operation of the Commission and the status of planning in Montgomery County.

With applications resulting in 10 public hearings, 3 AFD renewals, and the long range planning work taking place, the Planning Commission did not work on major projects such as ordinance amendments in 2019 as has been the case in year's past.

November's election resulted in all new leadership for the Commission. Coy Allen ended his term as Chair, William Foster moved from Vice Chair to Chair for the coming year, and Trey Wolz will now serve as Vice Chair. Adam Workman was elected to serve as Secretary.

Launching in 2020:

New Land Development Software

The staff of Planning & GIS Services, along with staff from Building, Environmental Services, and Information Technology has worked throughout 2019 to build and test our replacement software for permits and applications. The first quarter of 2020 will be the launch of the first phase of this effort which includes the "behind the scenes" work by staff. The second phase will be launched by the second quarter of 2020 and includes a customer web portal to increase service to our citizens.

2020 Planning Commission Members

Chair: Bill Foster | Vice-Chair: Trey Wolz | Secretary: Adam Workman | BOS Liaison Sara Bohn | BOS Alternate ???
Coy Allen | William Bulloss | Bryan Katz | Scott Kroll | Robert Miller | Bryan Rice

2020 Board of Zoning Appeals Members

Chair: Richard M. DiSalvo, Jr. | Vice-Chair: Michael V. Reilly
C.P. "Chuck" Shorter | David Moore | Zach Milton | Robert Miller (alternate)

2020 AFD Advisory Committee Members

John Garrett | Thomas A. Loflin | Gregory W. Miller | Richard J. Obiso, Jr. | Harry Groot
Bryan Rice (PC Representative) | (BOS Rep) | Jason Cowan, County Assessor | 3 Vacancies

Montgomery Matters - Long Range Planning

Work on the Prices Fork Village Plan update is nearing completion. Staff enlisted the assistance of the New River Valley Regional Commission and is working to finalize the text for the new and improved village plan known as "Prices Fork Matters". The steering committee met in October to finalize concepts and provide clarification for new elements included in the plan. The plan is on track to go to the



Board of Supervisors this Spring to consider for adoption. Staff is looking forward to adoption of the ideas and concepts we have worked on with the

steering committee and community members.

The Riner Village Plan update kicked off this fall with community meetings at Auburn High School on October 24th and December 5th. For those that could not attend the December meeting, a follow-up survey was created. The link to the survey was distributed in our Montgomery Matters newsletter and through social media. Staff has already received interest by members of the community to serve on the Riner Matters steering committee which will be formed in early 2020.



GIS Services Highlights

2019 was an exciting year for GIS Services. After receiving additional funds in the FY2020 adopted budget, staff began work to implement a long-term plan modernizing our system and expanding our capacity. We upgraded to ESRI Enterprise in the fall which makes other large initiatives such as integration with the new land development software and replacement of the current iGIS Map Portal possible.

GIS Services also performed many duties tied to our addressing work in preparation for Census 2020. These efforts ensure accurate addresses are provided to the US Census Bureau by the County, in cooperation with both Towns.

Ongoing daily duties and continuing activities for GIS Services include support for various departments and agencies, creating E911 addresses/road names, creating/updating various mapping layers to support County departments and agencies, maintaining the external iGIS website, providing maps to the public,

and more. Some specialized support of note for 2019 includes:

- ◆ Improved Workflow Efficiencies for Building/Stormwater Inspections
- ◆ NRV911 Authority Continued Primary GIS Support
- ◆ NextGen 911 Preparations
- ◆ Economic Development-Preliminary Site Selection
- ◆ Voter Registrar support

Montgomery County launched the Complete County Committee for Census 2020. This initiative is led by the Director of Public Information, Jennifer Harris and the Director of Planning & GIS Services, Emily Gibson. Michael Sutherland, GIS Manger also represents the County in addition to colleagues from both Towns and representatives from Virginia Tech and Montgomery County Public Schools.



Staff Review/Approvals

Application Type	No. Received	No. Approved	Deferred	Withdrawn
Predevelopment Permit	356	255	0	0
Major Subdivision	5	4	0	1
Minor Subdivision	26	21	4	1
Boundary Line Adjustment	50	37	11	2
Family Subdivision	9	4	4	1
Site Plans	17		0	0

Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, Board of Zoning Appeals

Application Type	No. Received	No. Approved	Pending	Withdrawn
Rezoning	4	3	1	0
Special Use Permit	2	1	0	1
Special Use Permit (BZA)	1	0	0	1
Variance/Appeal	1	0	0	1

Three AFD Districts were renewed:

AFD-1 (Prices Fork District)

556.01 Acres Renewed
621.67 Acres Withdrawn
None Added

AFD-2 (Catawba/Mount Tabor District)

6,331.77 Acres Renewed
528.89 Acres Withdrawn
89.15 Acres Added

AFD-15 (Taylor Hollow)

353 Acres Renewed
None Withdrawn
None Added

The districts up for renewal in 2020 are:

AFD-3 (Little River - 1,703.76 acres)

AFD-4 (Silver Lake Road - 1504 acres)

AFD-5 (Riner - 6,519.9 acres)

Congratulations on Certifications!

Will Bullos– Completed the 95th VA Certified Planning Commissioner Program

Emily Gibson & Brea Hopkins– Completed VDOT's Locally Administered Projects Qualification Program

Other Conferences, Seminars, & Trainings Attended by Staff:

**Engaging Local Government Leaders Annual Conference - Emily Gibson
Land Use Education Program Legal Seminar– Emily Gibson & Brea Hopkins**

APA Virginia Annual Conference– Emily Gibson & Brea Hopkins

VFMA Floodplain Management Workshop– Dari Jenkins & Ingrid Mans

ESRI Federal GIS Conference– Ingrid Mans

LIDAR Training Workshop– Ingrid Mans



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