

**AMHERST COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, February 18, 2016, in the School Board Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Jones, Chairman
George Brine, Vice Chairman
Les Irvin
Derin Foor
Michael Martineau
David Pugh, Board of Supervisors Liaison

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lillian Floyd

STAFF PRESENT: Jeremy Bryant, Director of Planning/Zoning
Austin Mitchell, Assistant Zoning Administrator/Planner

STAFF ABSENT: Stacey Stinnett, Administrative Assistant

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizens Comments
4. Public Hearing
 - A. Ordinance 2016-0003 Timeshares in the A-1
Agricultural Residential District
5. Old/New Business
6. Approval of Minutes for January 21, 2016
7. Adjournment

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Planning Commission Action:

Motion: Martineau Motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Foor

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 2016-0003 Timeshares in the A-1 Agricultural Residential District

Amending certain definitions associated with time share projects to remove constraints repealing the prohibition of time share projects in the agricultural residential district, and authorizing them as special exceptions in that district and as by right permitted uses in planned unit developments. In a technical amendment not shown in the text of the ordinance, numbered paragraphs under 702 and 911 have been replaced with bulleted paragraphs.

Mr. Bryant presented the ordinance reminding the Planning Commission that ordinance originated at the request of the Economic Development Authority. Mr. Bryant gave a history of timeshares in the County.

Ms. Jones opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition; therefore, Ms. Jones closed the public hearing.

Mr. Pugh asked about advertising and if the ordinance needed to be advertised in the Lynchburg Newspaper.

Mr. Brine asked about a few of the definitions that were left out. Mr. Brine replied that these errors needed to be clarified by the County Attorney.

Mr. Foor commented that if many people are very concerned about changes in the A-1 Agricultural Residential then where are these people tonight. Mr. Pugh wanted to make sure that citizens were properly notified and changes were advertised in the newspaper as well as on the website.

Staff will consult with the County Attorney on why changes were omitted. Mr. Bryant did not see that it needed to be readvertised when brought back again to the next Planning Commission to review.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bryant discussed the House Bill 2 (HB2) projects in Amherst County; Woody's Lake Road, sidewalks in Madison Heights, sidewalks in Amherst, and the timing of stoplights on Route 29. Mr. Bryant also mentioned the progress on the Train Depot project.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 21, 2016

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Irvin Motion to approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2016.

Second: Brine

Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Brine Motion to adjourn.

Second: Martineau

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

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Chairman

