

**AMHERST COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2014
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, October 2, 2014, in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Les Irvin

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. Miscellaneous Code Changes
5. Comprehensive Plan Priorities
6. Old/New Business
7. Monthly Report for September 2014
8. Approval of Minutes for September 4, 2014
9. Adjournment

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Planning Commission Action:

Motion: Jones Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Second: Floyd

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. MISCELLANEOUS CODE CHANGES

Mr. Bryant and Mr. Mitchell briefly reviewed multiple potential code changes to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance. Some of the changes are in accordance with the Code of Virginia while other proposed changes are to clarify existing procedures, or provide reductions in requirements related to the regulations.

Planning Commission Action:

Motion: Jones Motion to move changes forward to the County Attorney
for review.

Second: Brine

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

5. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PRIORITIES

Mr. Bryant and Mr. Mitchell passed out a form to each Planning Commission member to complete by the next Planning Commission Meeting. The form requested each Planning Commission Member to list three (3) strategies in the Comprehensive Plan that they would like to see pursued.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bryant updated the Planning Commission members on the improved Geographical Information System (GIS) and stated that the public was welcome to attend the training session presented by Timmons Group on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 1:30 pm in the School Board

Meeting Room.

The Planning Commission briefly discussed the construction that has taken place at the Train Depot. Mr. Pugh stated that the trees along Route 29 and in front of the building needed to be cut down. Mr. Bryant stated that this was to be considered once the Train Depot project was complete.

7. MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

The monthly report for September 2014 was reviewed.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 4, 2014

September 4, 2014 Minutes

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Brine Motion to approve the September 4, 2014 minutes as submitted.

Second: Martineau

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Brine Motion to adjourn.

Second: Floyd

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

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Chairman

