

**AMHERST COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, December 4, 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
Lillian Floyd
George Brine
Les Irvin
Michael Martineau
David Pugh, Board of Supervisors Liaison

STAFF PRESENT: Jeremy Bryant, Director of Planning/Zoning
Stacey Stinnett, Administrative Assistant

STAFF ABSENT: Austin Mitchell, Assistant Zoning Administrator/Planner

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizens Comments
4. Prioritizing Comprehensive Plan Strategies
5. Old/New Business
6. Approval of Minutes for October 2, 2014 & November 6, 2014
7. 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: Martineau

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. PRIORTIZING COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES

Mr. Bryant presented the feedback that he had received from the Planning Commission and reviewed the ranking report that Mr. Mitchell had conducted. Mr. Bryant stated that Economic Development ranked top on the list.

The Planning Commission had a general discussion regarding Economic Development, schools and technology.

The Planning Commission advised Mr. Bryant to have a representative from the Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the School Board come to the next meeting and respond to questions and concerns from the Planning Commission.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bryant gave an update on the Geographical Information System (GIS).

There was a brief discussion regarding the rezoning process of several properties that weren't coded correctly by the previous Planning director.

There was discussion as to whether the Planning Commission should review Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) cases and make recommendations. Mr. Bryant stated that he would look further into the county code and reply to the Commission at the next meeting.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2014 & NOVEMBER 6, 2014

October 2, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Brine Motion to approve the October 2, 2014 minutes as submitted.

Second: Martineau

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote. (Irvin abstained)

November 6, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Irvin Motion to approve the November 6, 2014 minutes with the one (1) correction.

Second: Floyd

The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. (Jones & Martineau abstained)

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Irvin Motion to adjourn.

Second: Martineau

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

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Chairman