

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LURAY PLANNING COMMISSION
JUNE 12, 2012**

The Luray Planning Commission met on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in regular session. The meeting was held in the Luray Town Council Chambers at 45 East Main Street, Luray, Virginia at which time there were present the following:

Commissioners Present:

Clifton Campbell
John Meaney
Pam Flasch
Joey Sours

Absent: Larry Hake
Ronald Good

Others Present:

Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager
Ligon Webb, Town Planner
Jason Spitler, Town Attorney
Tom Potts
Bob Judd

Vice Chairman Clifton Campbell called the meeting to order and everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Tom Potts submitted his letter of resignation, and thanked the members of the Commission for their support and help over the years. On May 30, 2012, he and his wife became County residents, and therefore he is no longer able to serve on the Planning Commission. He thanked the Commission and its members for their help over the years, and wished them good luck.

Commissioner Campbell led the Commission in recognizing the many things Mr. Potts completed while on the Commission and extended their thanks to him.

Commissioner Campbell stated it's good to have Mr. Bob Judd with us tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Campbell that the minutes of April 11, 2012 meeting be approved as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Sours and the vote was as follows: YEA: Commissioners Sours, Campbell, Flasch, and Meaney.

APPROVED: 4-0

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Mr. Webb then presented the Commission with an update on the workings behind the Comprehensive Plan studies and details. He showed an overall map, and progressed through thirty eight (38) slides showing examples of the proposed items for discussion and review. Mr. Webb reviewed and discussed each one.

A modified version of the slides and plan would be presented at some future time to the Council to indicate the progress.

It was stated that public comment on the proposed draft plan study areas and ideas was important prior to advancing the draft plan through the various Town approval stages.

Mr. Webb indicated that the next would be to start putting this into a draft plan and that planning projects from the other departments would be included as well. He plans to do a website so that the public can review and comment on the Plan updates. Mr. Webb reiterated that the next step is getting the public involved. A series of public meetings to make the current plan and the proposed ideas available for public review and comment is critical.

Mr. Webb asked the Commission if they were comfortable with the slides and concepts presented (along with their suggested modifications).

Mr. Webb stated if you are OK with these maps and ideas, and are inclined to endorse these items, then he will send it on to the Town Council. Mr. Webb indicated that once the Council saw the proposed ideas, then the Commission would continue working on them in July. He indicated that he hoped the updated plan would be done by November or December.

Commissioner Campbell stated he thinks that the more input the Council can give us, the better it is. They may have ideas that haven't been brought up yet. Mr. Webb stated that the Council are going to see these items next. Mr. Webb indicated that he planned to say that the Planning Commission has been working on these ideas for two or three months, and this is what we have come up with.

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Commissioner Sours made a motion that we accept the plans as presented and recommend to Council the 38 slides presented by Ligon. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Flasch with the vote as follows: YEA: Commissioners Sours, Campbell, Flasch and Meaney. **Approved 4-0**

A motion was made by Commissioner Flasch that we accept the resignation of Mr. Potts and seconded by Commissioner Sours with the vote as follows: YEA: Commissioners Sours, Campbell, Flasch and Meaney. **Approved: 4-0**

Commissioner Sours thanked the Commissioners for his time on the Planning Commission and said that he has enjoyed working with you and looks forward to working with you in a different capacity (on the Council).

Commissioner Meaney stated he appreciated his time on the Commission, that he had learned a great deal, and intended to continue to stay involved with the Commission while on the Council.

Commissioner Campbell stated we have appreciated having you both, and that you have put a great deal of thought into the things we have been discussing and that your concern is clearly for the better future of the Town of Luray.

Mr. Bob Judd asked to make a statement, and commented that he has had the opportunity in the past two years to observe and participate in a Comprehensive Plan update in another jurisdiction and in another state and the freshness of this (with the attention to grace notes if you will), little things that make a big visual difference, make this effort seem so fresh compared to what I have seen going on elsewhere where it is just a regurgitation of what was said in the previous plan. This update has some zip to it and it is a real compliment to yourselves and the staff to have gotten to this point.

Commissioner Campbell stated we appreciate those comments very much.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Flasch that the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Commissioner Sours. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Chrisman
Assistant Town Manager

ATTEST:
