

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKING GROUP OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST, TWO-THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101-F MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

1. ROLL CALL

Working Group Members:

Present:

Rich Krapf
Chris Basic
Robin Bledsoe
George Drummond
John Wright, III
Elizabeth Friel

Staff Present:

Paul Holt, Planning Director
Tammy Rosario, Principal Planner
Ellen Cook, Senior Planner II
Jose Ribeiro, Senior Planner II
Scott Whyte, Senior Landscape Planner II
Carla Brittle, Community Centers Administrator
Barbara Watson, Assistant Director of Community Services

Absent:

Tim O'Connor
Heath Richardson

Mr. Rich Krapf called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Krapf opened the public comment.

Ms. Sue Sadler, 9929 Mountain Burry Ct., addressed the Working Group regarding the results of the Virginia Tech survey.

Mr. Steven Sharp, 2305 Montgomerie Arch, addressed the Working Group regarding the results of the Virginia Tech survey.

Ms. Petra Nadal, 106 Indian Cr., addressed the Working Group regarding the results of the Virginia Tech survey.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mr. Krapf closed the public comment.

3. WELCOME

Mr. Krapf introduced Ms. Elizabeth Friel, a representative of the Community Participation Team.

Mr. Paul Holt introduced staff present.

4. OVERVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

Ms. Tammy Rosario, Principal Planner, gave an overview of the current status of the Comprehensive Plan review process and the role of the Planning Commission Working Group.

Mr. Krapf stated that the Working Group will be reviewing the text and Goals, Strategies, and Actions (GSAs) for all of the Comprehensive Plan sections, focusing on Land Use, Economic Development, and Transportation, and will provide guidance to staff regarding the sections brought forth at each meeting. Mr. Krapf also noted that the meetings are being broadcast live and will re-air Wednesdays at 8 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

5. TOPICS FOR REVIEW

A. Citizen Participation Team Public Input Summary

Ms. Friel gave an overview of the Citizen Participation Team's (CPT) work, as well as the comments most frequently raised by citizens through the various public input opportunities.

B. Historic Triangle Coordinated Comprehensive Plan Review

Ms. Ellen Cook, Planner, gave an overview of the Historic Triangle Coordinated Comprehensive Plan Review.

The Planning Commission Working Group members had no questions or comments.

C. Vision Statement

Ms. Rosario gave an overview of the evolution of the Vision statement and the proposed changes.

The Planning Commission Working Group members had no questions or comments.

D. Demographics

Mr. Jose Ribeiro, Planner, gave an overview of the current demographics of James City County, how they have changed over time, and projections for the future.

Mr. Krapf asked which type of projection the County uses to predict the population in 2040.

Mr. Ribeiro stated that the County has historically used the linear model, as it falls between the most conservative and least conservative projections.

Mr. Krapf inquired if the chart illustrating the percentages of different age groups within the population would remain the same regardless of projection model being used.

Mr. Ribeiro stated that there would be likely be some variation between models, but the information is still relatively consistent. Mr. Ribeiro noted that that chart was based on the model from the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

Ms. Friel inquired if the text provided in the agenda packet will be the same text that will be included in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Ribeiro confirmed.

Ms. Friel noted that she is happy with the text.

Mr. Krapf noted that the Demographics section does not have any GSAs.

Ms. Rosario noted that, because the drafts provided are the basis for what will be adopted in the Comprehensive Plan, any suggested revisions can be shared with staff at this time. Ms. Rosario noted that she is under the impression that there are no changes being recommended.

Mr. Krapf confirmed and noted that it is the role of the Working Group to either provide staff with items for further research or provide concurrence with their proposed draft.

E. Population Needs

Mr. Scott Whyte, Planner, gave an overview of the Population Needs section, noting the increasing importance of addressing the needs of youth and seniors.

Ms. Robin Bledsoe noted that, based on the information she received as a member of the CPT, seniors and youth both want more activities within the community and more diverse ways of getting to those activities.

Mr. Krapf noted that there was a change to a GSA regarding the incorporation of input from teens, at-risk youth, seniors, and persons with disabilities, and inquired if there are programs currently in the works targeting those specific groups.

Ms. Carla Brittle stated that it is part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, as well as the Department's work plan, to gain input from these groups and ensure that programs are being provided to meet their needs.

Mr. Chris Basic noted that, based on his experience on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, he can confirm that Parks and Recreation is continually seeking input regarding the needs of the community.

Mr. Krapf noted that these needs will continue to change with the population.

Ms. Brittle confirmed and stated that the work plan changes each year based on the current needs. Ms. Brittle noted that senior program is a new area the County has recently begun focusing on.

Mr. John Wright noted that a substantial portion of the 65 years and older population has disabilities, which should be taken into consideration.

Ms. Brittle stated that Parks and Recreation has a staff member who meets with all citizens with disabilities to coordinate their participation in Parks and Recreation programs, including transportation and personal aid.

Mr. Krapf inquired if all members are comfortable with the Population Needs text and GSAs as they were presented.

The Working Group members confirmed.

6. OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Krapf inquired if there were any other items the members would like to discuss.

Mr. Basic stated that the work put in thus far has been very thorough. Mr. Basic noted that the Working Group members' lack of questions should be not construed as disinterest, as it is instead reflective of all the preparation that has taken place prior to the meeting.

Mr. Krapf agreed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Krapf opened the public comment.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mr. Krapf closed the public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wright moved to adjourn until to the next Planning Commission Working Group meeting scheduled for Aug. 21, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.


Richard Krapf, Chairman


Paul D. Holt, III, Secretary