

Patrick County Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes of November 20, 2018

Present: Mike Helms, Chairman; Brandon Simmons, Vice-Chairman, Marbin Anderson and Owen Caldwell, members of the Planning Commission, Rickie Fulcher, Board of Supervisors.

Also Present: Teresa G. McCormick, Secretary to the Planning Commission, Alan Black, County Attorney, Sandra Belcher, Tourism Director and Sarah Sheppard, Assistant Tourism Director.

Call to Order:

Mike Helms, Chairman called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

A motion was made by Brandon Simmons to approve the Agenda and August 21, 2018 minutes as presented; seconded by Owen Caldwell and carried unanimously by all voting members present.

Old Business:

Planning Commission are reviewing and updating the County Comprehensive Plan.

New Business:

Alan Black presented to the Planning Commission a survey for Sheree H. Nickelston, etals, Tax Map 5011-05-53 surveyed by Benchmark Surveying. Sheree H. Nickelston, etals are requesting a variance to create two (2) lots of 0.92 acres, wanting to sell the house with 0.92 acre, keeping the vacant 0.92 acre tract to locate a mobile home.

A motion was made by Mike Helms in order to grant a variance for the vacant 0.92 acre tract, there will need to be approval by the Health Department for well and septic system layout; seconded by Brandon Simmons and carried unanimously by all voting members present.

Teresa McCormick will speak with Patrick Hall, Benchmark Surveying regarding the well and septic approval. The Planning Commission will review changes once the request has been finalized.

Sandra Belcher, Tourism Director and Sarah Sheppard, Assistant Tourism Director, met with the Planning Commission to revise Tourism in the Comprehensive Plan.

Sandra Belcher stated the Tourism Council is funded by a 5% Transit Occupancy tax come from staying at the Bed & Breakfast, Cabin rentals and Primland lodging in the County.

Sandra Belcher stated she has applied and was submitted a Transportation Alternative grant. Patrick County was awarded this grant which will be used in the Meadows of Dan village area for one sidewalk starting at the Community Center to Concord Corner Store. Sandra Belcher stated she will be applying for an Appalachian Region Commission Grant to help on the project as well, and update other areas in the Meadows of Dan village.

Sandra Belcher stated will be applying for grants from DCR and/or VDOT to work on trails in the County.

Alan Black stated what we need for the Comprehensive Plan is the inventory of what we do have lodging, walking trails, wineries etc. as well as a wish list and where we want to go with tourism.

Rickie Fulcher stated within the needs of the Tourism the liquor by the drink needs to be passed in the County, to increase economic stimulation.

Adjourn:

Mike Helms asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Brandon Simmons and carried unanimously by all voting members present. The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

Mike Helms, Chairman