

Patrick County Planning Commission Meeting

Discussion Meeting May 19, 2020

Present: Mike Helms, Chairman, Sandra Belcher; members of the Planning Commission; Denise Stirewalt; Board of Supervisor.

Also Present: Teresa McCormick, Clerk; Bryce Simmons, Economic Development Director, Geri Hazelwood, Interim County Administrator.

Also via Zoom: Owen Caldwell, Planning Commission member; David Hoback, Executive Director, West Piedmont Planning, Leah Manning, Deputy Director, West Piedmont Planning, Sarah Wray, Reynolds Homestead and Julie Steele, Director at the Reynolds Homestead; Max Stephens, Laura Nagel and Courtney Surmanek with Virginia Tech.

Absent: Larry Smith and Richard Hazelwood

Sarah Wray spoke regarding previous Community Collaborative workshops, involving representatives from local government and citizens of Patrick County as to “What would you like to see life look like in Patrick County in the next 15 years”.

Max Stephens also noted the workshop with (Community Change Collaborative) comprised with graduate students, faculty from Virginia Tech.

Max Stephens stated Reynolds Homestead and Virginia Tech are willing to help to gather information from various groups in the County to help complete the Comprehensive Plan.

It was mentioned to rebuild the entire Comprehensive Plan.

David Hoback, Executive Director, of West Piedmont Planning District stated the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2223, Land Use, Demographics and Transportation requirements should remain in the plan.

Leah Manning, Deputy Director, West Piedmont Planning District, also stated the Comprehensive Plan should adhere to the Virginia Department of Transportation requirements which are currently included in the plan.

Meeting adjourned.

Mike Helms

