

Patrick County Planning Commission

Sub-Committee Work Session

Revising Comprehensive Plan

February 21, 2023

4 p.m.

Present: Larry Cowley, Chairman; Kurt Bozenmayer, Vice-Chairman other members of the Sub-Committee; David Lusk, Jane Fulk and Cynthia Cowley, Citizen at Large members; Doug Perry, Board of Supervisor Liaison.

Also Present: Teresa McCormick, Clerk

Comprehensive Plan Revisions:

Transportation:

Larry Cowley received an email from Carol Moneymaker, Planning Specialist/Salem District with VDOT with information updating the section of the Transportation. Larry Cowley and Cynthia Cowley will rewrite the Transportation section and present it to the planning commission for editing.

Kurt Bozenmayer presented a copy proposing a disclaimer for the Transportation Section. No action was taken.

Land Use: - Chapter 11

Pg. 11-1 – Keep introduction and revise Existing Land Use Section

Pg. 11-2 – No changes

Pg. 11-3 – Future Land Use Trends -- add Patrick County Economic Development, Enterprise Zones have been established in designated areas.

Revise 2nd paragraph revise to – The improvements to U.S. Route 58 west of Stuart, which will involve widening this aerial roadway two four lanes, started in 2022 with a finish date of 2025, presents the possibility of greater commercial development along the 58 corridor.

Remove – A water line extension along this corridor from Stuart to Patrick Springs further increases this possibility.

Pg. 11-4 – Remove 1st paragraph – Remove 4th paragraph – Add website for the Blue Ridge Heritage Education Center – <https://brheritage.org/ourhistory>

Gerri Hazelwood, County Administrator emailed information to the Recreation Office for the Planning Commission to review to add Objective and Strategies for Solar in the 2021 Comprehensive Plan.

Larry Cowley speaks with Gerri Hazelwood, County Administrator via speaker phone. Gerri Hazelwood states:” In talking with the Mark Popovich, High Council deemed additional Objective Strategies should be added to the Comprehensive Plan regarding Solar. Should the Planning Commission so deem to adopt the Objective and Strategies as written by Mr. Popovich, a public hearing for the Planning Commission approval of the Solar Objective & Strategies written by the county attorney to amend the 2021 Comprehensive Plan. The recommendation from the Planning Commission will send to the Board of Supervisors for review and to hold a public meeting to add into the Comprehensive Plan.”

The Planning Commission discussed Ms. Hazelwood’s telephone call. No action was taken, further information will be required.

The next Planning Commission Sub-Committee work session scheduled March 21, 2023 at 4 p.m.

Larry Cowley, Chairman