

## Patrick County Planning Commission

Meeting of March 1, 2007

**Present:** Leon Holt, Chairman; Johnny Marion, Vice Chairman; Ed Anthony, Stanley Fain, and Gary Griffith, Commission Members.

**Also Present:** Michael Burnette, County Administrator; Mary Beth Roberson, Assistant to the County Administrator; Bob Dowd and Joan Hullett, WPPDC; Tim Mabe, citizen; Nancy Lindsey, The Enterprise; and Keith Wright, W.H.E.O.

**Absent:** Jonathan Large, Commission Member

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Chairman Holt called the meeting to order.

Chairman Holt called for a moment of silence.

Chairman Holt requested that a comment period be inserted in the meeting agenda after the Approval of Minutes and that the Comprehensive Plan, which would include a presentation by West Piedmont Planning District Commission staff, replace the Subdivision Ordinance item on the agenda. On motion by Johnny Marion, seconded by Ed Anthony and carried, the amended meeting agenda was approved.

Voting Aye: Holt, Marion, Anthony, Fain, and Griffith

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Large

On motion by Johnny Marion, seconded by Ed Anthony and carried, the minutes of the February 15, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

Voting Aye: Holt, Marion, Anthony, Fain, and Griffith

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Large

Chairman Holt welcomed Stanley Fain to the Commission and asked if he had any questions for the members. Mr. Fain stated that he had received a packet of information regarding items that are being studied by the Commission.

### Miscellaneous / Public Comment :

Chairman Holt noted that Tim Mabe was in attendance and invited him to address the Commission. Mr. Mabe advised that a problem had recently arisen with his neighbor's dog, which is a rottweiler. He stated that the dog attacked his daughter and dog while they walked to their mailbox. He inquired about an ordinance relating to vicious dogs. Mr. Burnette advised that he would contact the County Attorney regarding the issue. Chairman Holt advised that the Commission would need direction from the Board of Supervisors to address the matter.

**Comprehensive Plan:**

Mr. Bob Dowd and Ms. Joan Hullett, WPPDC, presented the Commission with a draft copy of the Community Facilities and Services section of the County's Comprehensive Plan, which is in the process of being updated. The Commission reviewed the document and noted several additions that they would like to see included in same. Mr. Burnette asked that the County's crime rate ranking on a state-wide basis be reflected in the report. Chairman Holt asked that the County's appreciation of the local fire departments and rescue squads be amplified in the document. Mr. Dowd recommended that the County request the General Assembly to provide additional funding for local fire departments and rescue squads. Mr. Burnette inquired about including photographs in the plan. Mr. Dowd advised that adding pictures is "doable" and that the inclusion of same would be the last step in creating the final document. Chairman Holt noted that the Commission's first draft of the proposed zoning ordinance is almost ready for review by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Dowd asked the Commission to send a copy to his office as well.

Chairman Holt noted that a variance request from A.C. Carter included an existing property line that runs through a graveyard. He advised that per the County Attorney, the variance could be approved and signed. He stated that this fact should be reflected on the deed.

**Proposed County Zoning Ordinance:**

Mr. Burnette advised that per the County Attorney, the Board of Supervisors could vote on the adoption of the proposed zoning ordinance following the completion and approval of the County's Comprehensive Plan. He noted that the proposed ordinance is not required to become effective on its adoption date. The Commission reviewed the proposed ordinance and agreed to change all height restrictions for towers from thirty-five feet to one hundred feet. Chairman Holt requested that a definition for "fallow" be included in the document. The Commission directed the County Administrator to submit the first draft of the proposed ordinance to each member of the Board of Supervisors for their review and comments.

Chairman Holt advised that the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2007 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, on motion by Gary Griffith, seconded by Ed Anthony and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Date