

MINUTES
LEXINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
December 15, 2011

The Lexington County Planning Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the County Administration Building. Attendance for the meeting was as follows:

Members Present:

Rock Lucas
Andy White
Michael Shealy
Pat Dunbar
David Laird
Keith Myhand
Warren Cope

Staff Present:

Charlie Compton
Jack Maguire
Bruce Hiller
Janet Turner
Walt McPherson
Sharon Willis

Members Absent:

Lee Matthews
Robert Spires

Others Present:

Earl McLeod

The meeting for December 15, 2011, was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Rock Lucas. David Laird gave the invocation for the meeting.

Minutes: Chairman Lucas stated that the first item for approval would be the minutes at Tab A. Andy White made the motion to approve the November minutes and Pat Dunbar seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the vote for approval of the minutes was as follows:

In Favor: Dunbar
Laird
Myhand
Shealy
Cope
White
Lucas

Opposed: none

Not Present: Spires
Matthews

Activity Reports: Chairman Lucas stated that the next item on the agenda was the Activity Report at Tab B. Charlie Compton stated that there was nothing additional to be reported. He shared with the Commissioners that this was the last meeting that Bruce Hiller would be attending. Everyone wished him well on his retirement.

Vice Chairman Andy White then shared with everyone that the bottom for the recession occurred on June 13, 2011, but that the complete return would probably be slow.

Zoning Text Amendment #T11-04 (buffering restrictions): Chairman Lucas stated that the next item on the agenda is the Zoning Text Amendment #T11-04 at Tab D. Charlie Compton presented this to the Commission by first sharing the minimal recommended changes to the

original draft. He shared his feelings about the role of local government in helping achieve compatibility between land uses and structures, noting that height is one of those compatibility items. Mr. Compton expressed support for the new simpler method of handling height by exempting one- and two-family dwellings; but he also expressed concern for the lack of safeguards for that individual that chooses to use that exemption to the extreme. There was a brief discussion about the changes and Pat Dunbar made the motion for the Planning Commission to recommend the adoption of the draft change dated December 9, 2011. Andy White seconded the motion. With no further discussion the vote was as follows:

<u>In Favor:</u> Dunbar Laird Myhand Shealy Cope White Lucas	<u>Opposed:</u> none	<u>Not Present:</u> Spires Matthews
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Subdivision Bonds: Chairman Lucas stated that the next item on the agenda was Subdivision Bonds at Tab E. Janet Turner shared that there were three letters of credit collected. The subdivisions involved are Fieldcrest, Hope Springs Phase 1, and Orange Pond. She added that there will also be one letter of credit coming due soon for Hope Springs Phase 2.

Road Classifications: Chairman Lucas stated that the next item on the agenda was the Road Classifications at Tab F. Andy White made the motion to approve the Road Classifications as recommended and Pat Dunbar seconded the motion. With no further discussion the vote was as follows:

<u>In Favor:</u> Dunbar Laird Myhand Shealy Cope White Lucas	<u>Opposed:</u> none	<u>Not Present:</u> Spires Matthews
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Adjournment: With no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

(signed copy on file)
Charlie Compton
Secretary

(signed copy on file)
Rock Lucas
Chairman