

MINUTES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

June 28, 2012

The Lexington County Planning Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2012 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
Warren Cope
Lee Matthews
Robert Spires
Pat Dunbar

Staff Present:

Charlie Compton
Jack Maguire
Sharon Willis
Janet Turner
Walt McPherson
Chris Folsom
Robbie Derrick
Steve Pierce
Ralph Ford

Members Absent:

David Laird
Keith Myhand

Others Present:

Caitlin Strachan
Christina Galardi

The meeting for June 28, 2012, was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Rock Lucas. Robert Spires gave the invocation for the meeting.

Minutes: Chairman Lucas stated that the first item would be the minutes at Tab M. Andy White made the motion to approve the April 2012 minutes and Pat Dunbar seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the vote for approval of the April minutes was as follows:

<u>In Favor:</u> White	<u>Opposed:</u> none	<u>Not Present:</u> Laird
Matthews		Myhand
Shealy		
Cope		
Lucas		
Spires		
Dunbar		

Activity Reports: Chairman Lucas stated that the next items on the agenda were the Activity Reports at Tabs N, O, and P. Charlie Compton introduced Steve Pierce, Mapping/GIS Technician, and stated that later in the meeting he would be sharing with the Commission four different projects he had initiated and recently completed. He also introduced Caitlin Strachan, a recent USC Honor Graduate with a major in Geography and a minor in Political Science. Ms. Strachan is volunteering 30 hours per week as a summer intern with the Department of Planning and GIS. Mr. Compton stated that she would also be making a population change presentation today based on material she had gleaned from the US Census Bureau. He then introduced Christina Galardi, another USC Honor Graduate who is leaving next week on a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Korea. Mr. Compton stated that she is spending part of the day exploring

planning related degree options for her return to graduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill next year. He explained that he had invited her to attend the Commission meeting as part of her research.

Mr. Compton noted that the last two months were very strong for residential permits. So far in June, 58 site-built home permits have been issued. He added that June may not be as strong as April or May but the entire quarter will be up quite a bit from a year ago. A discussion followed on sales nationwide being very strong with local sales increasing as well.

Ordinance #12-1: Chairman Lucas stated that the next item on the agenda was the Ordinance #12-1 at Tab Q. Charlie Compton and Robbie Derrick presented this to the Commission. Mr. Compton stated that the staff’s primary focus had been on the concerns of the Planning Commission concerning detention ponds turned over to the County for maintenance. He also reviewed the application requirements of the entire Ordinance to clarify which sections apply to residential subdivision developments.

Mr. Compton and Mr. Derrick then reviewed a new recommendation by the staff in Section 1.3 which would address temporary activities. It was proposed that such activities that are in place for at least 90 calendar days must meet the requirements of Road Frontage Trees and Scenic Corridor Protection.

The discussion then continued concerning County-maintained detention ponds. Mr. Derrick shared slides of vegetation that could be used for fencing around the ponds to create an improvement in the looks of the detention ponds.

After further discussion on the viability of long-term maintenance, Andy White moved to delete paragraph c of Section 3.4.3 concerning Detention/Retention Ponds. Pat Dunbar seconded the motion. It was then clarified that the motion also included a favorable recommendation to County Council concerning the entire text of Ordinance #12-1 including all of the changes made by the Commission. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved as follows:

<u>In Favor:</u> White Matthews Shealy Cope Lucas Spires Dunbar	<u>Opposed:</u> none	<u>Not Present:</u> Laird Myhand
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Population Change: Caitlin Strachan, Summer Intern, gave an enlightening presentation to the Commission on County and Municipal Population changes in recent decades and historically. She then distributed a paper copy of the material to the members. Charlie Compton stated that this material and additional data would be added to our website.

Development of New Information Packages: Steve Pierce, Mapping/GIS Technician, gave an educational presentation to the Commission on four different projects he recently completed. They were Population Density and County In-Migration (2010 Census), Historical maps collection (1592 - 1865), Lexington County Boundary Changes (1682 - 2012), and Lexington County Recreation Trails and Parks.

Charlie Compton stated that they would let the members know as soon as these packages are posted on the County's web site.

Subdivision Bonds: Chairman Lucas stated that the next item was Subdivision Bonds at Tab R. Janet Turner noted that three collections were made on Crestwell by John Stephenson, Emanuel Creek by Richard Romaro, and Cobbs Hill by John Stephenson.

Road Classifications: Chairman Lucas stated that the next item was Road Classifications at Tab S. Robert Spires made the motion to approve the road classifications and Michael Shealy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the vote for approval of the road classifications was as follows:

<u>In Favor:</u> White	<u>Opposed:</u> none	<u>Not Present:</u> Laird
Matthews		Myhand
Shealy		
Cope		
Lucas		
Spires		
Dunbar		

Adjournment: With no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

(signed copy on file)
Charlie Compton
Secretary

(signed copy on file)
Rock Lucas
Chairman