

Department of Planning & Community Development



A work session of the Franklin County Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, in the Franklin County Board of Supervisors conference room located in the Franklin County Government Center.

THOSE PRESENT:

James Colby – Gills Creek District
C. W. Doss, Jr. – Blue Ridge District
Earl Webb – Blackwater District
Wendy Ralph – Union Hall District
Edmund “Doc” Law – Rocky Mount District

THOSE ABSENT:

Sherrie Mitchell – Snow Creek District
Angie McGhee – Boone District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Neil Holthouser, Director of Planning & Community Development
Lisa Cooper - Senior Planner, Long Range Planning Manager
Lori Crouch - Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl Webb at 6:13 PM in Board of Supervisors conference room. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the June 11, 2015 Planning Commission. Mr. Edmund Law, representative of the Rocky Mount District, made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Chairman Webb noted we have a motion for the approval of the minutes, all in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay; motion carried.

(RESOLUTION 07-15-1):

BE IT THEREFORE resolved as intended to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the public and to implement the adopted Comprehensive Plan for the orderly and controlled development of the county by the Franklin County Planning Commission to approve the May 12, 2015 minutes as written and presented.

MOTION: Law

SECONDED: -----

Voting on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Doss, Webb, Law, Colby

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Ralph

Chairman Webb introduced the next item on the agenda for the election of officers, Chair and Vice-Chair. Chairman Webb opened the floor to nominations of Chair. Mr. Edmund 'Doc' Law, representative of the Rocky Mount District moved to nominate Mr. Earl Webb for position of Chair. Mrs. Wendy Ralph, representative of Union Hall District seconded the nomination. Mr. Neil Holthouser, reminded the Planning Commission that according the by-laws in **Article 3 - Officers and their Selection**. According to 3-2 "Nominations of officers shall be made for the floor at the regular July meeting each year. Election of officers shall follow immediately." Chairman Webb asked for further nominations. With no other nominations. Mr. C.W. Doss, representative of Blue Ridge District called for the nominations to be closed. Mrs. Wendy Ralph, representative of Union Hall District seconded the motion. Chairman Webb noted we have a motion for the nomination of Chair be Mr. Earl Webb, all in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay; motion carried.

(RESOLUTION 07-15-2):

BE IT THEREFORE resolved as intended to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the public and to implement the adopted Comprehensive Plan for the orderly and controlled development of the county by the Franklin County Planning Commission to approve the nomination of Chair as Mr. Earl Webb.

MOTION: Law

SECONDED: Ralph

Voting on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Colby, Doss, Ralph, Law

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chairman Webb opened the floor to nominations of Vice-Chair. Mrs. Wendy Ralph, representative of the Union Hall District moved to nominate Mr. Jim Colby for position of Vice-Chair. Chairman Webb asked for further nominations. With no other nominations. Mrs. Wendy Ralph, representative of Union Hall District called for the nominations to be closed. Chairman Webb noted we have a motion for the nomination of Vice-Chair be Mr. Jim Colby, without a second, all in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay; motion carried.

(RESOLUTION 07-15-3):

BE IT THEREFORE resolved as intended to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the public and to implement the adopted Comprehensive Plan for the orderly and controlled development of the county by the Franklin County Planning Commission to approve the nomination of Vice-Chair as Mr. Jim Colby.

MOTION: Ralph

SECONDED: -----

Voting on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Webb, Doss, Ralph, Law, Colby

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

With no other new business, Chairman Webb opened the floor to the Staff to discuss old business on the updates on the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Neil Holthouser, Director of Planning & Community Development, thanked the Planning Commission for their time. Mr. Holthouser and Mrs. Lisa Cooper, Senior Planner, Long Range Manager, updated the Planning Commission on House Bill 2 (HB2) regarding transportation requirements and Urban Development Areas (UDA's) that may be added to the Comprehensive Plan using the proposed Further Land Use map to show the Planning Commission where such growth areas (UDA's) may want to be located. Mr. Holthouser also discussed Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) as a new zoning category. Mr. Holthouser and Mrs. Lisa Cooper, requested the Planning Commission to continue discussion on the Comprehensive Plan to the August 11, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lori A. Crouch

Clerk

July 15, 2015

Date