

**LEXINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010  
5:00 P.M.**

**First floor meeting room in the  
Rockbridge County Administrative Office Building**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** C. Miller J. Gianniny J. Dunbar  
A. Carr T. Sanders C. Smith

**Members Absent:** M. Harvey

**Staff Present:** B. Blatter; Director of Planning and Development  
V. Garrett; Secretary of Planning and Development

**Call to Order:** J. Dunbar called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**Citizens' Comments on matters not on the Agenda:** None to record.

**Unfinished Business:**

C. Miller gave a brief update on the small business focus groups that met. She indicated the turnout was good and the participation helpful.

**New Business:**

Applications to be heard in the near future include an application for subdivision of the apartment building located at 303 White Street into 11 condominium units, the proposed amendment to the City of Lexington Zoning Ordinance to permanently permit portable signs in the C-1 and the C-1A Zoning Districts, and the proposed amendments to the City of Lexington Zoning Ordinance to create a parks, cemeteries, and open space district and to amend the City of Lexington Zoning map to designate these districts.

**Comprehensive Plan:**

Planning Commissioners went through the draft of the Housing Chapter. Changes, suggestions, and corrections were noted by B. Blatter and by V. Garrett to be incorporated into the chapter. Once the changes have been incorporated into the chapter a final draft will be distributed.

J. Gianniny moved to advertise the Housing Chapter for public hearing. T. Sanders gave the second. The motion passed.

Planning Commissioners thanked all involved in writing the Housing Chapter.

**City Council Report:**

J. Gianniny gave the City Council report. Council had met and discussed the Capital Improvements Plan, changing policy as it relates to filling vacant positions on the ARB, Planning Commission, and School Board, and negotiations on the Transfer Station. C. Miller voiced opposition to the proposed changes to filling the vacant positions. She moved to change the bylaws of the Planning Commission to include a two-year term limit with the stipulation a person can be eligible for reappointment after a one year absence and filling an unexpired term does not count in the limit. The motion died for lack of a second.

After further discussion, C. Miller was asked to draft language showing possible changes to the by-laws and email the language to Planning Commissioners for their review.

**Staff Report:**

B. Blatter indicated he had been researching how other jurisdictions handle condominium subdivisions and would not recommend any changes to how the City of Lexington is processing these applications. He met with M. Carmagnola, W and L representative, in reference to the “train station” and informed him a Conditional Use Permit will be needed for any proposed change in use.

A memo was distributed and brief discussion held on the possible amendments to the R-1, General Residential District, to address problems associated with the lot size language for two-family dwellings. This issue will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

**Approval of Minutes:**

T. Sanders moved to correct the February 11, 2010 minutes as corrected. C. Miller gave the second. The motion passed.

**Adjourn:** J. Dunbar adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.