

**LEXINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009  
5:00 P.M.**

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

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** G. Macleod J. Dunbar C. Smith C. Miller

**Members Absent:** J. Gianniny M. Harvey T. Sanders

**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.

**Old Business:** None to record.

**New Business:**

- \* **Discussion concerning authorizing drive through facilities as a conditional use in the Commercial District (Central Business) C-1**

No discussion was held.

- \* **Discussion concerning limiting additional telecommunications facilities on the roof of the R. E. Lee building**

No discussion was held.

**Comprehensive Plan:**

- \* **Continued review of the draft of the Housing Chapter**

Planning Commissioners discussed the draft of the Housing Chapter. Discussion centered around the addition of principles/themes. A list of possibilities was discussed including:

- 1) Recognize that preserving Lexington's special character requires retaining a diverse population, including citizens of all economic levels, ages, and physical abilities.
- 2) Encourage housing for all, at prices that all can afford.
- 3) Enable City employees to live within the City limits.

- 4) Preserve the City's traditional housing patterns, which include a distinctive mix of differing home sizes and values.
- 5) Recognize the City's scarcity of buildable land and availability of existing housing.
- 6) Take advantage of the fact that over 60% of Lexington's housing units fall under the federal and state "historic building" designation.
- 7) Do not compete with private sector construction or rentals.

C. Miller suggested the addition of language that commits the city to mixed use housing and strongly supporting the education of future home owners.

G. Macleod pointed out a discrepancy in numbers when comparing two separate charts on population trends. J. Neel will research and correct.

Planning Commission expressed concern about the possibility of demolition of existing neighborhoods and their redevelopment and resolved to discuss this issue further.

B. Blatter will make suggested changes to the draft chapter and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

**Council Report:**

No report given.

**Staff Report:**

The application for review of a subdivision plat to convert National Wholesale building to condominiums was distributed. The public hearing has been scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes were not approved.

**Adjourn:** J. Dunbar adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.