

**LEXINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009
5:00 P.M.**

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

Minutes

Members Present: G. Macleod C. Miller J. Gianniny
M. Harvey C. Smith

Members Absent: T. Sanders J. Dunbar

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

Call to Order: G. Macleod called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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

Public Hearings:

* **Proposed amendments to the City of Lexington Zoning Ordinance to correct internal inconsistencies in Article XIX, Planned Unit Development**

B. Blatter explained the proposal to amend the PUD section of the Zoning Ordinance in section 420-183, Access and Circulation. G. Macleod opened up the meeting for public comment on the proposal.

John Paul Candler, City resident, addressed the Planning Commission. He was not supportive of the proposed changes. He suggested the ordinance is appropriate as written. Discussion was held on access to properties as it relates to public and/or private streets and its relationship to the proposed change.

After a lengthy discussion, the Planning Commission asked B. Blatter to redraft the proposed amendment and resubmit it for their review.

No action was taken on this item.

* **Proposed amendments to the City of Lexington Zoning Ordinance to further establish general guidelines for the siting of towers and antennas in Article II, Regulations of General Applicability**

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendment to the City of Lexington Zoning Ordinance to further establish general guidelines for the siting of towers and antennas in Article II, Regulations of General Applicability. No public comment was heard on the proposal.

M. Harvey moved to send the proposed amendment forward to City Council with a favorable recommendation. J. Gianniny gave the second. The motion passed.

* **Proposed amendments to the City of Lexington Zoning Ordinance to reduce the minimum lot width for single family homes in Article III, General Residential District, R-1**

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendment to correct an error in the Zoning Ordinance that incorrectly states the minimum width for single family homes in R-1 as 70 feet. The correct minimum lot width should be 60 feet.

C. Miller moved to send the proposed amendment to City Council with a favorable recommendation. M. Harvey gave the second. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Lieutenant Bucky Miller of the Lexington Police Department updated the Planning Commission on Yard Guard dog devices. A discussion was held on the issue and it was suggested that the most appropriate place for this discussion would be City Council's Physical Services Committee.

New Business: None to record.

Comprehensive Plan:

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

A work session to continue discussion of the Housing chapter was set for August 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Planning Commissioners will read the second draft, dated June 2009 and the most recent highlighted handout so that they will be ready to discuss on the 20th.

City Council Report:

J. Gianniny gave a brief City Council report including information on amending the code so that loaded weapons are permitted in the City, the Partnership dissolving, the Jail expansion, and the recently advertised Fire/Ems position. A discussion was held at this time on the parking garage and how to better utilize its space.

Staff Report:

B. Blatter reported there will be a community meeting to discuss parking and the possibility of residential parking permits. The meeting is scheduled for August 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lylburn Downing School Gym. Other items B. Blatter reported on included a wayfinding study which will include Lexington, the recent RFP for a parking study, and the Board of Supervisor's public hearing to be held in the upcoming week on the Court House Square easement.

Approval of Minutes:

C. Miller moved to approve the July 9, 2009 minutes as submitted. However, asked that it be reflected in current, August 13, 2009 minutes that after further discussion Planning Commissioner's did not desire a joint work session with City Council to discuss the direction of the Housing Chapter. (As it was stated in on page two of the July 9, 2009 minutes) M. Harvey gave the second. The motion passed.

Adjourn: G. Macleod adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.