

AT A MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ON JANUARY 16, 2013 IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Rice, Chair, called the meeting to order.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Ms. Disney established the presence of a quorum.

Present: Bryan Rice, Chair
 Cindy W. Disney, Secretary
 Bryan Katz, Member
 Robert Miller, Member
 Frank Lau, Member
 John Tuttle, Member
 Chris Tuck, Board of Supervisors Liaison
 Steven Sandy, Planning Director
 Dari Jenkins, Planning & Zoning Administrator
 Brea Hopkins, Planning & Zoning Technician

Absent: Joel Donahue, Vice-Chair
 Jeanne Stosser, Member

Mr. Sandy welcomed commission members from the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg to the joint meeting.

Update from VDOT

Mr. Thomas DiGiulian, VDOT, presented information regarding the status of transportation projects such as widening of Route 114, Southgate Interchange, Route 8 and Route 11/460 Corridor study, I-81 widening, I-81 bridge replacement near Exit 105, and various other projects in the area.

Huckleberry Trail update

Mr. Dean Crane, Blacksburg Parks & Recreation Director discussed the extension of the Huckleberry Trail between the Route 460 Tunnel and Plantation Road and the completion of a segment of the Huckleberry Trail between the Prices Fork Fire Station to the property boundary of the Virginia Tech farmland on the north side of Prices Fork Road. He reported VDOT is also assisting with the construction of a bridge over 114 to allow expansion of the trail toward the Christiansburg Recreation Center.

Mr. Steve Huppert, Christiansburg Planning Commissioner gave a brief overview of the Huckleberry Trail developments in the Town of Christiansburg.

Comprehensive Plan updates

Ms. Kali Casper, Planner II, stated the Town of Christiansburg was working on transportation updates to comply with the new state regulations.

Ms. Karen Drake, Comprehensive Planner stated the Town of Blacksburg had recently adopted the 2012 Update to the Blacksburg 2046 Comprehensive Plan. The updates included policy updates as well as map updates. Due to the update being approved in December, a transportation update will not be required by VDOT.

Mr. Steven Sandy, Planning Director stated Montgomery County has been reviewing transportation plans and has notified VDOT of proposed completion date for the comprehensive plan update. Other updates have been adopted over the last couple of years such as the designation of Urban Development Areas, Route 11/460 and Route 177 Corridor plans.

NRV Livability Initiative Update

Mr. Kevin Byrd, Director-NRV Planning District Commission, stated that the New River Valley Livability Initiative has been taking place for over a year. After a rough start, the project has been very successful at bringing together a variety of people and ideas. He presented results of various community surveys

that had been conducted through the previous year. An interim report outlining preliminary goals and the project to date has been drafted and is available on the website.

NRV BUILT game

Planning commissioners were divided into groups and proceeded to participate in the NRV BUILT game with NRV Planning District Commission staff.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Chairman

Secretary