

**Town of Greensboro ♦ Planning Commission
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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: Monday, October 10, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

MEMBERS: Joe Wood, Chair; Christine Armstrong; Lily McAteer; David Miltenberger; Phil Gray; and Dylan Laflam (ABSENT)

OTHER ATTENDEES: John Schweizer, community member and Laura Hansen, applicant for open seat

AGENDA:

MINUTES:

*Motion by David Miltenberger to approve minutes of September 12, 2016 with changes.
2nd by Lily McAteer.*

FIRST CUT PROPOSED MAJOR GOALS & POLICIES:

Joe discussed agenda with details on Greensboro's growth, jobs and working families. He spoke of bringing in younger families to Greensboro and reducing property taxes by bringing in more children. Christine disputed.

Lily noted she knew persons her age that wanted to move to Greensboro but could not afford it.

David discussed his draft of major objectives and suggested having only three or four goals. He discussed protecting Rural Character and Natural Resources, improving Recreation and Infrastructure and affordable Housing.

Phil noted that #2 (Recreation) in David's list was not priority and thought it should be moved to bottom.

David noted his list was not in priority format.

John discussed protecting the Rural character of Greensboro, protecting lake resources, population, growth, improving Infrastructure and standard living of seniors.

Lily discussed livable community for all ages and income levels, preserving and enhancing viability of both summer and yearly residents, preserving natural beauty and water quality, and supporting and improving Education. She reviewed her summary of all individuals and goals under the specific sections such as Transportation (maintaining roads and encouraging multiple modes of transportation) and Housing (supporting affordable housing development and minimize negative aesthetic impacts).

Lily and John discussed Education.

Christine noted she would have statistics from the State to add to the Education component. She noted the theme was that we are in flux given Act 46.

Phil discussed Education and Joe's prior notes which came from the Education section in the current Town Plan.

David discussed viability of life for both full time and summer residents that Lily spoke about as a goal.

Christine discussed protecting and preserving the Rural Character of Greensboro and the Natural Resources and working to site Housing or land projects that would not impact the visual impacts of scenic resources.

John noted he thought all members were on the same page.

Joe agreed and noted he heard lots of similarity from the group. He noted the reason they were doing this was to help the group see where they were going.

Phil discussed sewage disposal capabilities.

John thought it should be put under protect lake and Natural Resources.

Committee discussed electric and improving Infrastructure.

John discussed protecting view sheds and the Rural Character and tourism.

ASSET MAPPING CONSIDERATION

Joe discussed Asset Mapping, previous Town Survey and raw results from Alison's summary which he sent to Cheryl Morse, UVM educator for her spring classes. He noted Cheryl might be able to include this information as a class project.

Committee discussed Survey and people wanting small cottage industry but no big development.

Joe noted Asset Mapping would be a great addition to the Town Plan.

Phil commented about re-inventing the wheel and wondered if other small towns the size of Greensboro had used it before and how Asset Mapping affected them.

PROJECTED NVDA CONSULTANT SUPPORT

Joe noted for the November meeting the Committee needed to think about if there were other areas that they should dig down on such as Housing, Transportation, etc., and how they wanted to use Alison and the leftover monies. He noted by law, they needed to be consistent with Regional Planning.

Christine noted Alison spent money on colored maps and wondered where they were. She thought the maps should be given to Town Hall for viewing.

Phil thought the Committee should put Alison off for a bit longer.

CONCLUSION:

Joe inquired what the Commission members wanted to do for next month's meeting.

Christine discussed Asset Mapping and the group's main focus. She discussed Housing and deferred her discussion to Lily for her opinion.

Lily discussed development of housing and noted overall she was interested in everything that would come in from Asset Mapping.

Commission discussed Recreation and possible focus.

Christine discussed community things such as Recreation and community spirit.

John spoke of Craftsbury's outdoor center and noted Greensboro didn't have many magnets. He thought Education and Recreation would bring in younger families.

Lily thought it was more related to housing and jobs.

David discussed Asset Mapping and wondered if the community would support an indoor community center such as swimming pool and exercise gym.

Commission discussed Recreation.

Laura spoke of having four goals and going back to the person (Cheryl) with areas of designation for Recreation and where the Town should put things. She spoke of a working relationship with the UVM Professor and special information along with framing it with the goals and how to enact the goals.

John noted what they needed was a road map for the community.

Joe noted they needed something to deliver at Town Meeting. The Commission has November, December and January to work on their information. They need to get back into their individual sections and start talking about them the next month.

Phil thought there wasn't enough time at Town Meeting to get into an in-depth conversation regarding the Town Plan.

Joe noted they only needed to give the residents the information at Town Meeting, only a draft version.

David thought establishing goals and giving a couple of policy changes may be better than giving residents a half done plan.

Joe suggested giving the residents Goals and Policies.

John suggested giving the residents an outline.

Phil suggested an executive summary.

Joe noted Town meeting was the best place to get information out to the residents. He suggested that the Commission work on each of their sections.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 14th at 7 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Audrey DeProspero, Zoning Administrator