



HENDERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Environmental Advisory Committee Thursday, January 6, 2011

The Environmental Advisory Committee met on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 3:30 pm at the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King St.

Committee members present: Dr. Richard DeSimone, Dr. Robert Sweeney, Mr. Jim Fickes, Mr. Richard Freudenbergerr, and Ms. Marijane Pell, Mr. Ron Ehlinger and Mrs. Charlotte Wolf

Staff present: Ms. Megan Piner, Ms. Alexis Baker, Mr. Matt Cable, Mr. Anthony Starr, Mrs. Autumn Radcliff

Guest: Barbra Barnett

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Committee Chairman Mr. Ron Ehlinger called meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

The minutes from October and November's Meetings were approved.

Planning Department Presentation

There was a presentation by Mr. Matt Cable of the Henderson County Planning Department on the Dana Community Plan, specifically the Natural and Cultural resources section of the plan. The Planning Board has not made a recommendation on this plan yet, they will act on this plan at their next meeting in January.

The presentation for this community plan is attached.

Land Development

Discussion about presenting recommendations to the Board of Commissioners about possible changes to the Land Development Code; Mr. DeSimone sent an email to the group with his proposed wording for changes. His concerns stem from the fact that there is nothing in the LDC concerning mitigations for Environmental damages.

Mr. Starr discussed that part of the proposed changes are very similar to what is currently in front of the Board of Commissioners for approval.

There was a motion by Mr. DeSimone; which was approved by the Committee, for Chairman Ehlinger to write a letter to the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. This letter would ask that the BOC adopt in the Land Development Code provisions so that all major subdivisions and

commercial property's that disturb more than one acre of land require an improvement guarantee (bond) that includes money available to mediate water quality issues.

Small Area Plans

The Etowah Community Plan's zoning was voted on; the Planning Department's website shows the adopted changes. The Planning Department is currently working on the Edneyville Community plan, and a schedule of that plan is located on the Planning Department's website.

Water Quality

There is a group trying to start the Mills River Partnership in the Mills River watershed; this group would be a non regulatory group. The plan is to apply for 501(c)3 (non-profit) status so that the group could apply for grants. This group would be made up of members from The City of Hendersonville, The City of Asheville, NCDENR-Water Quality, Pisgah National Forest Service, The Soil and Water Conservation District, and private groups including Trout Unlimited. There is a proposal to add a member representing Henderson County as well. There will be a meeting January 14th to further discuss the forming of this group.

There are proposals in front of The Cities of Asheville, and Hendersonville currently to increase water charges to fund this program, until non-profit status is obtained.

Energy Management

Alexis Baker has written a grant with the Land of Sky Council of Government to add capacity for the CNG station; this money will come from Triangle J Council of Governments clean sky initiative if the grant is approved. The CNG station has been completed and should open this Spring.

The lighting retrofit project is ongoing, and on schedule.

Air Quality

The Air Quality standards for peaks release date has been put off until July 2011.

Commissioners Meeting

No Updates.

DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

The next meeting will be February 3, 2011 at 3:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Ms. Megan Piner, MPA
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