



HENDERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

EAC minutes 2/6/09

Present: Anthony Starr, Marcus Jones, Marijane Pell, Autumn Radcliff, Rich DeSimone, Dave Lowles, , Jeff Jennings, Ron Ehlinger, Tom Davis, Chuck McGrady, Adrienne Outcalt, Richard Waters

Absent: Angela Fernandini, Larry Rogers

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30.

Approval of minutes

Tom Davis moved to approve last meeting's minutes, Ron seconded and the minutes were adopted unanimously.

Candidates for Membership

Candidates for membership were discussed. Rich DeSimone discussed his knowledge of applicant Jim Ficks. Dave Lowles asserted that the two major issues in the coming year would be storm water management and energy, and wondered how Jim fit into that agenda. Dave made the decision to vet the candidate by the next meeting.

Land Development Code Amendments

Dave asked for Anthony to explain the amendments to the LDC. Anthony reiterated that the amendments that had been sent to EAC were the ones that the committee had expressed the most interest in. Anthony and Autumn Radcliff went over each amendment. Anthony explained amendment 16, and Rich asked for clarification on space requirements in major subdivisions.

Dave asked if there were any motions to accept the changes. Chuck clarified that the motion would be to support or dissent with the planning board. Ron Ehlinger moved to accept the changes in amendment 16 to the LDC, Jeff seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 17 was discussed. Anthony explained the language and intent behind the amendment. Ron asked for clarification with some of the well drilling provisions. Chuck asserted that the amendment was one of the more controversial that had been discussed at the previous planning board meeting. Dave asked for any additional comments on the amendment. Jeff clarified that the planning board had not recommended amendment 17, and asked for explanation of that. Chuck explained that it was

thought that it would create impediments to development in the county. Dave moved to support the amendment, and the motion passed with unanimous support from EAC.

Amendment 18 was discussed. Anthony offered some explanations of conditional zoning and how it applied to the amendment. Dave asked for a motion to recommend the amendment to the Commissioners. Ron moved, Rich seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 21 was discussed. Tom asked for clarification as to why the planning board had voted against the amendment. Anthony responded that it was likely because it would hinder development in the county, as with the previous amendment the planning board had voted against. Dave asked if the committee recommended the text amendment. Rich moved, Marijane seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chuck asked Anthony how he planned to present the information to the Board. There was a discussion about the presentation. Rich asked for some clarification on how the amendments are made. There was some discussion about the amendment process. Anthony clarified that the land development code is reviewed yearly.

Stormwater Master Plan

Marcus Jones spoke about the storm water master plan. He said that there had been a preliminary meeting and shared some of the discussion points of that meeting. He said that one of the first parts of the plan would be an inventory of streams. There was more discussion of the beginning phases of the storm water management. Marcus assured the committee that the project was coming along.

Energy Statistics

Adrienne Outcalt discussed the results of the report she had compiled for the Commissioners. She explained some of the numbers and answered questions. She also spoke about the audits she had been conducting on county buildings.

Energy Plan

Marcus informed EAC that the Performance Contract had been presented to the Board on Monday, but had been tabled for 9 months. It was thought that the capital output was too much given the current economic situation. There was some discussion of the delay. Dave suggested that there was a greater need for energy education among the community. Several committee members expressed their desire for such a thing. Dave said that he would work on getting that together for the next meeting.

Adjourn

Dave adjourned the meeting at 4:53 pm.

The next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 3:30 in the 100 North King Street Conference room on Thursday, March 5th 2009.

Respectfully submitted by Adrienne Outcalt.