

# Macon County Planning Board Minutes

January 21, 2010

**Call to Order:** Chairman Lewis Penland called meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

**Members:** Lewis Penland, Mark West, Alan Marsh, Larry Stenger, Evelyn Owens, Bobby Koppers, Susan Ervin, Lamar Sprinkle, Karl Gillespie.

**Macon County Staff:** Derek Roland, Jack Morgan

**Media:** WFSC, Smoky Mountain News, Franklin Press, Macon Co. News

**Public:** N/A

**Approval of Minutes:** Elections were added to the minutes. Motion was made to approve minutes with revisions by Larry Stenger, Karl Gillespie seconded this motion.

## **Liaison Comments:**

**Environmental/ Land Use (Comp Plan)-** Committee has had excellent attendance. Roland reported as of the last meeting the committee has begun to compile recommendations, using other plans as a format or guide.

**Transportation Steering Committee-** Koppers reported that common thread seems to be getting from point A to point B without tearing up the mountains. They are still working the survey and Koppers felt the next meeting was when the "rubber was going to meet the road".

**Slope Development-** Ervin reported that recommendations will be ready to present to the planning board by next month.

**Housing/Transportation (Comp Plan)-** Susan Ervin reported that the group is making progress and beginning to talk about interesting things. The last meeting

centered on housing affordability, and a presentation was given. Road issues have also been discussed at previous meetings.

**Public Input (Comp Plan)-** Will be left open until march 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Economic Development/Public Services (Comp. Plan)-** Mark West commented that this committee has had excellent attendance. West reported that the chair was in attendance, and after tonight this group would have a better idea of what they were to accomplish. Chris Hanners reported that he wished his committee had better attendance. Penland commented that members who are not engaged should be replaced. Penland felt that replacing members should be done at the discretion of each committee. The board felt that if a member has missed over two meetings an attempt should be made to contact them. If they are unresponsive, then action should be taken to replace them. Penland asked Hanners to get him a list of unresponsive members, as a last attempt to contact them. If unresponsive, Penland suggested sitting down and adjusting the committees. Evelyn Owens volunteered to serve on this committee

**Health/Seniors/Childcare (Comp. Plan) -** Tim Hubbs reported his committee had met two times. He reported there was confusion on his part concerning the final product of the committee. Tim Hubbs felt his committee was a little behind and hoped this meeting would clear up any confusion. Hubbs asked when the planning board expected a final product. Penland "understands some groups will take longer than others. The job we do on the plan needs to be thorough." May would be an optimistic date for completion.

**Education and Recreation-** Eric Pierson Liaison/ Chairperson has been unreachable. Larry Stenger volunteered to work with the education/recreation sub-committee.

**Unfinished Business:** Morgan commented that he did not plan to release the public education questions on the subdivision ordinance until after Monday's commissioners meeting. The purpose for waiting is to see whether or not the commissioners choose to adopt the revised ordinance. After adoption, Morgan will present these questions to the board.

**New Business:** Roland gave presentation on what was expected by the planning board from each sub-committee as a final product. After meeting, all committees were clear as to what was expected of them by the planning board.

Public input was process for comprehensive plan will be left open until March 1, 2010.

Elections: Motion was made by Mark West to keep officers the same (Lewis Penland: Chair, Larry Stenger: Vice) Susan Ervin seconded this motion, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Session:** N/A

**Next Meeting Date:** February 18, 2010 @ Mill Creek Country Club

**Meeting Adjourned:** Mark West made motion to adjourn, Larry Stenger seconded motion. Meeting was adjourned ay 6:40 pm.