

Macon County Planning Board Minutes

September 9, 2010

Call to Order: Chairman Lewis Penland called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Members: Lewis Penland, Mike Gruberman, Ronnie Beale, Mark West, Alan Marsh, Karl Gillespie, Jimmy Tate, Evelyn Owens, Bobby Koppers, Susan Ervin, Lamar Sprinkle

Macon County Staff: Derek Roland, Jack Morgan,

Media: Franklin Press

Approval of Minutes: Alan Marsh made motion to approve minutes from the July 15, 2010 meeting, Mark West seconded this motion

Liaison Reports:

MCWC- Did not meet for the month of August as they are currently awaiting feedback from the County Attorney regarding the revisions to the Sedimentation and Erosion Control Ordinance.

Transportation Steering Committee- Committee continues to discuss prioritization of transportation needs in Macon County. A lot of comments continue to focus on Needmore Road and the McCoy Bridge. The purpose of this committee however, is to focus on larger transportation needs that affect the county as a whole. A public hearing has been set for September 21, 2010 to address Needmore Road and the McCoy Bridge. The committee will meet again in the near future.

New Business:

Southern Environmental Law Center Letter

Derek Roland informed the board that he had received a letter from the Southern Environmental Law Center regarding the NC Geological Survey Landslide Hazard Maps and Realtor Disclosures for Macon County. This letter which was unsolicited on the part of Macon County, elaborates on the statutory duty licensed realtors have to disclose mapped landslide hazards and the potential liability they could face for failing to disclose these areas. The letter goes on to address the fact that Macon County does not risk liability by publishing these landslide hazard maps. Jack Morgan and Ronnie Beale

informed the board that this letter was merely an opinion of this law firm. At this point the letter has not been reviewed by the commission or the county attorney. Evelyn Owens commented that some realtors are unaware of how much disclosure is needed. Owens went on to say that there are currently no forms provided for realtors to disclose these hazards on.

Presentation of Comprehensive Plan rough draft

Derek Roland presented the rough draft of the Macon County Comprehensive Plan to the Macon County Planning Board. Penland, Kupperts and Beale expressed gratitude to the committees and the board for their efforts thus far in completing the draft. The board is now tasked with reviewing the plan and producing a final copy to present before the county commission for adoption. Beale suggested that all board members take the plan home and read it prior to the next planning board meeting. At the next planning board meeting, the board will decide how to best proceed with the review of this document. Morgan suggested that the committees who helped work on the plan be recognized in front of the county commission at a future meeting.

Census

As the meeting came to a close Beale notified the board that Macon County had been recognized for its outstanding accomplishments regarding the 2010 census. The county had the highest participation rate of the 13 Westernmost Counties. Rhonda Blanton and Derek Roland who lead the 2010 census campaign for Macon County will be presented an award at the September 13, 2010 commissioners meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Public Session:

Next Meeting Date: September 16, at the Nantahala Community Center

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Alan Marsh, Lamar Sprinkle seconded this motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.