

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2023

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The Town of Orange Planning Commission held a meeting at 6:00 p.m., in the Town of Orange Community Meeting Room. Planning Commission members present were: Commissioners Rita Carroll, Donald Schafer and L.J. Taylor. Staff members present were Director of Community Development John Cooley, AICP, CZA and Deputy Town Clerk Kimberly Strawser, CZA, CMC. Mayor Roby was also present. Benjamin Sherman and Page Sullenberger were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

The Director of Community Development called the meeting to order. The Deputy Town Clerk called roll and noted that there was a quorum present.

ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR

The Director of Community Development reported that the Planning Commission bylaws stated that the elections of Chair & Vice-Chair are to be done annually at the first regular July meeting with a term of one year.

The Director of Community Development called for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Schafer nominated Mr. Benjamin Sherman as Chairman for the coming year.

There being no other nominations for Chairman the Director of Community Development called for motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Schafer, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to elect Commissioner Sherman as Chairman of the Town of Orange Planning Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2024. On vote, Commissioner Carroll – aye, Commissioner Sherman – absent, Commissioner Schafer – aye, Commissioner Sullenberger – absent and Commissioner Taylor – aye. Motion carried.

Normally the Director of Community Development would turn the meeting over to the Chairman, however the elected Chairman was not present. It was the consensus of the Commission that the Director of Community Development continue to run the meeting.

The Director of Community Development called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Taylor nominated Commissioner Sullenberger as Vice-Chair for the coming year.

There being no other nominations for Vice-Chair Chair the Director of Community Development called for motion.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Carroll, to elect Commissioner Sullenberger as Vice-Chair of the Town of Orange Planning Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2024. On vote, Commissioner Carroll – aye, Commissioner Sherman – absent, Commissioner Schafer – aye, Commissioner Sullenberger – absent and Commissioner Taylor – aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dani Rivera of 364 Harper Drive, spoke on behalf of the Youth Civic Group of Orange regarding a designated space for a skate park in town. The designated space they are looking at was the old Gardner property behind Rt. 20 Market.

Jess Cifizzari appeared before the Commission and asked when the water repairs would be completed on West Church Street. The Director of Community Development reported repairs would be completed by Public Works on Wednesday.

Pat Mcaloon of 155 West Main Street suggested that plans of improvements for the Town, such as items in the CIP be up on a visual for the community to see. Mr. Mcaloon stated he spoke to Debbie Kendall, Town Manager of Gordonsville and they had architectural visuals done by LDPA, in Charlottesville for the Town Gordonsville.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Schafer, to approve the meeting minutes of June 26, 2023, as presented. On vote, Chairman Sherman – absent, Vice-Chair Sullenberger – absent, Commissioner Carroll – aye, Commissioner Schafer – aye, and Commissioner Taylor – aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FY2024-FY2029 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The Director of Community Development reported that the CIP had been updated to reflect projects that had been funded through ARPA. A discussion and review of the CIP was done.

After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Schafer, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, that the Town of Orange Planning Commission recommended approval of the FY2024-FY2029 Capital Improvements Plan to Town Council for their approval. On vote, Chairman Sherman – absent, Vice-Chair Sullenberger – absent, Commissioner Carroll – aye, Commissioner Schafer – aye, and Commissioner Taylor – aye. Motion carried.

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CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATES – THEME 3 – EDUCATION

A discussion was held on Theme 3 – Education of the Comprehensive Plan. The following items were discussed:

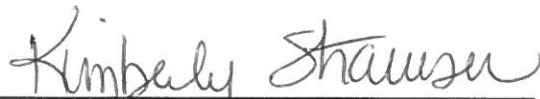
- Support of CTE program within the schools
- Support of internships and mentoring programs within the schools
- Teach professional development/skills to the younger generation
- Organize a group to explain how to be a professional, how to write a resume, how to interview for a job

The Director of Community Development asked the Commission to forward any other suggestions to him. The Director of Community Development stated that Theme 4 – Transportation would be discussed at the next meeting. The Director of Community Development stated further that he would like feedback on the SWAT analysis from the Commission.

NEXT MEETING

The Commission will meet on Monday, September 25th at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Kimberly Strawser, CZA, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk



Chairman Benjamin Sherman