

**Orange County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building; Board Meeting Room
11282 Government Center Drive, Orange, Virginia 22960
Thursday, September 7, 2023**

Members Present: Donald Brooks, Chairman; Jason Capelle, Vice Chairman; George Yancey; Adam Bryington; Bryan Nicol (via Zoom: Mr. Nicol was in Colorado for the purpose of personal business).

Members Absent:

Others Present: Josh Frederick, Planning and Zoning Services Manager; Amanda Lewis, Assistant County Attorney; Susan Crosby, Planning Commission Secretary.

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was established.

2. Adoption of Agenda

On the motion of Mr. Capelle, seconded by Mr. Bryington, which carried by a vote of 4-0 (Mr. Nicol had not yet joined on Zoom), the Commission adopted the agenda, as modified, to include adding a New Business item, Potential Planning Commission Projects List.

3. Adoption of Minutes

a. June 22, 2023 Regular Meeting

On the motion of Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Bryington, which carried by a vote of 4-0, the Commission adopted the June 22, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes, as presented.

4. Public Comment

At 6:02 p.m., Chairman Capelle opened the floor for Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Public Comment was closed at 6:02 p.m.

5. New Business

a. Potential Planning Commission Projects List

Chairman Brooks suggested forming a committee with districts 1, 2 & 4 with District 1, Mr. Capelle, chairing the committee. To begin with solar projects and move on to other subjects from there and will contact Ms. Washington to choose a staff member to assist. Discussion ensued. Making sure not to have meeting of all 3 committee members accept through a group email.

Mr. Nicol joined via Zoom.

6. Old Business

- a. CPA 23-01: A County-initiated Comprehensive Plan amendment which primarily updates data and informational tables/graphs, currently-planned transportation projects, and currently-planned capital projects. A few minor changes to the goals and objectives section are also proposed. No substantive planning policy positions are proposed to change with this amendment. (*Deferred Public Hearing from August 3, 2023*).

Mr. Frederick stated he had outlined the changes in the memo and the packet and is ready for the Commission to finalize the public hearing, close it out and make a recommendation to the Board. Discussion ensued.

At 6:23 p.m., Chairman Brooks called the Public Hearing to order.

There were no speakers, and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:23 p.m.

On the motion of Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Capelle, to approve as presented, motion carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

7. Reports

- a. Board of Supervisors Report: R. Mark Johnson, Board of Supervisors Liaison

No report, Mr. Johnson was not present.

- b. Planning and Zoning Services Report: Josh Frederick, Planning and Zoning Services Manager

Mr. Frederick spoke to commissioners concerning two potential public hearings that could come before the Commission for either the second meeting in October which would be October 19th, or the first meeting in November which would be November 2nd. Chairman Brooks stated the next meeting would be October 19, 2023.

8. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners shared their thoughts concerning multiple topics.

9. Next Meeting Date: October 19, 2023 Regular Meeting

10. Adjourn

On the motion of Mr. Capelle, seconded by Mr. Yancey, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 6:34 p.m.



Donald Brooks, Chairman



Susan Crosby, Planning Commission Secretary

While the events of this meeting were captured via digital audio recording, these written minutes shall serve as the official record of actions taken during the meeting.