



VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CITIZEN WORKGROUP HELD IN THE VILLAGE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM, 3910 OLD BUCKINGHAM ROAD IN POWHATAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA ON JANUARY 21, 2025

1. Call to Order

Chairman Timberlake called meeting to order at 6:30pm

2. Review of Minutes from December 17, 2024, CWG Meeting

Mr. Melton motioned to approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Donati seconded the motion

VOTE 12-0

Motion PASSED

Chairman Timberlake introduced Mr. Bill Donati who was recently appointed for District 5 and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors to replace Dr. Barbara Brown who had other conflicting obligations.

3. Review of Strategic Plan

- Chairman Timberlake stated there was no update on the Strategic Plan at this point.
- Mr. Webb stated the Strategic Plan was on the January 27th Board of Supervisors meeting agenda.
- Mrs. Salerno added that the board of Supervisors would like to make changes to some of the measurables of the plan which is why it is still being reviewed.
- Chairman Timberlake reiterated to the group that since it is still in review by the Board of Supervisors, if anyone had any input to make sure to voice that to the Board.

- Mr. Rissmeyer mentioned the webpage dedicated to the Strategic Plan and the email address that suggestions and comments could be sent to.
<https://www.powhatanva.gov/1767/Strategic-Plan>

4. Review of Key Impacted Areas of Comprehensive Plan

a) Economic Development (Chapter 4, 2021 Comprehensive Plan)

- Mrs. Salerno reviewed the Workforce Statistics requested by Mr. Rissmeyer. **Copy is included.** Discussion took place of the statistics between the group.
- Mr. Webb pointed out that he did a quick check of Amherst County and found similar statistics.
- Mrs. Salerno reminded the group to keep these statistics as they move along in the process.
- Mr. Melton asked if the previous Board of Supervisors did any tracking of their objectives in their Strategic Plan. As goals are set and a report is created annually then tracking the goals is imperative.
- Mrs. Salerno went over the different categories she tracks in Economic Development.
- Chairman Timberlake stated looking at the list, all the information is available just hasn't been compiled in one booklet that he knows of. But to keep in mind it is all information based off the old Strategic Plan which could all change once the new Strategic Plan is adopted.

b) GIS Layers for Economic Development

- Mr. Reilly presented his GIS map layers available to help the Group see areas of Gateway Business areas and Economic Opportunity areas with the ability to add additional layers showing available parcels for commercial development and potential parcels for commercial development within the RT 60 corridor.
- Mrs. Salerno added a Light Industrial layer in "Economic Priority" areas and explained the benefit of guiding the development of these areas.
- Mr. Reilly presented additional data available to the Group containing Commercial vs I-1 zoning assessed values tracked along the RT 60 corridor (specifically Maidens Rd to the County line.)
- Discussion on several parcels on the map layers and how they could tie into the Economic priority designation by adding the Light Industrial zoning and what that might look like in reality.
- Mr. Shust brought breaking out a sub-committee to start making possible revisions to the Comp Plan

- Chairman Timberlake agreed that based on the first layer of discussions up to this point if that is a direction the group would like to go than that is fine, but if everyone wanted to be on the sub-committee then they might as well just keep having discussions as a whole.
- Mrs. Salerno will add the interactive map to the Comp Plan Citizen Workgroup webpage so the entire group will have access.

Mr. Anderson made the motion to pursue the idea of adding a Light Industrial zoning designation and to create a map to reflect this.

Mr. Reilly seconded the motion.

As continued discussion, Mr. Doug suggested the idea of looking at the “gap” area between Flat Rock and Academy Rd. for further Light Industrial designation as utilities are not typically a requirement of those type businesses. He also reminded everyone of the need for workforce.

Chairman Timberlake stated that most business types in the Light Industrial designation would not be looking for as much local workforce as an I-2 designation would so it would be a better fit. However, the “gap” area has long been a protected area so that could be an area of discussion keeping that in mind.

VOTE 12-0

Motion PASSED

Chairman Timberlake asked if a sub-committee should be formed. Mr. Anderson agreed. After a short discussion, Chairman Timberlake named the sub-committee as Mr. Shust, Mrs. Salerno, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Donati, Mr. Melton and Mr. Rissmeyer.

Mrs. Salerno will suggest meeting dates and make arrangements for such.

c) Deliverables from December 17th Meeting

5. Adjourn

Mr. Shust made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Melton

Meeting adjourned 8:06 PM

These minutes approved by motion and second at the February 4, 2025, meeting of
the Comprehensive Plan Citizen Work Group.



Jamie Timberlake, Chairman
Comprehensive Plan Citizen Work Group

ATTEST:



Ligon Webb, Clerk
Comprehensive Plan Citizen Work Group