

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSESSION

TUESDAY April 24, 2007 -- 5:00 P.M.

BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

City Council Present

Mr. Kevin Lynch

Planning Commissioners present

Mr. Jon Fink (Chair)

Mr. Bill Lucy (Vice-Chairman)

Mr. Mike Farruggio

Ms. Cheri Lewis

Mr. Hosea Mitchell

Mr. Michael Osteen

Staff Present:

Ms. Amy Kilroy, Grants Coordinator

Ms. Missy Creasy, AICP, Planning Manager

Mr. Brian Haluska, AICP, Neighborhood Planner

Ms. Ebony Walden, Neighborhood Planner

Ms. Mary Joy Scala, AICP, Design and Preservation Planner

Ms Jeanie Alexander, PE, Traffic Engineer

Mr. Craig Brown, City Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

The meeting began with a brief overview of Entrance Corridor basics by Mary Joy Scala. She noted items that Planning Commission should be aware of when reviewing applications. There was discussion concerning future work sessions on entrance corridors to review the visions for these areas. Mr. Lucy has some thoughts on this that he will put into a memo and share with Commissioners. A time for future discussion is scheduled for June 2007

The meeting moved to a discussion of the code of ethics. Mr. Brown drafted a number of suggestions into memo format for Planning Commission to review. The members present approved of the suggestions and asked staff to create a formal document with places for signatures to review at the May 8, 2007 pre meeting when all members would be present.

There was general discussion concerning commercial density that was carried over from the April Planning Commission regular meeting. There were comments on the market affects of mixed use buildings and the financing methods for addressing these developments. There was a desire to have information on how other communities address mixed use developments (including Alexandria, Arlington, Richmond, Virginia Beach, and Newport News) and if there were considerations for a percentage mix or Floor area ratio. Information will be gathered for the June 2007 work session.

The meeting moved to the comprehensive plan chapters. There was extensive discussion on the housing chapter and many comments were made with direction to integrate into the draft. The transportation chapter was reviewed as well and minor comments made to be integrated into the document.

The meeting ended at 7:30pm