

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE
PLANNING COMMISSION PRE MEETING
TUESDAY, March 10, 2009 -- 4:30 P.M.
NDS CONFERENCE ROOM**

Planning Commissioners present

Mr. Bill Emory
Mr. Dan Rosensweig
Mr. Jason Pearson
Mr. Michael Osteen
Mr. Michael Farruggio
Ms. Gennie Keller
Ms. Cheri Lewis

Staff Present:

Ms. Missy Creasy, Planning Manager
Mr. Brian Haluska, Neighborhood Planner
Ms. Ebony Walden, Neighborhood Planner
Mr. Nick Rogers, Neighborhood Planner
Ms. Melissa Celii, Grants Coordinator
Mr. Richard Harris, Deputy City Attorney

The meeting began at 4:35pm.

Ms. Creasy outlined a number of items for update. A new draft of the driveway language was handed out which incorporates comments from Morgan Butler from the SELC. It was noted that no February minutes were in the packet but will be in the April package. All planning staff members request that Planning Commission defer discussion on the R2U ordinance change until additional notification can take place. Since it was advertised, the public in attendance should the opportunity to speak tonight. Finally, telecommunications was to be the topic of the March 24th work session but a deferral has been requested for that item so at this point no topic is set. Ms. Creasy noted the activities of the subcommittees and it is possible that those meetings could substitute for that meeting or perhaps the commission had another topic for discussion. It was noted that perhaps a topic for the work session will evolve though the meeting. A decision will be made later in the evening.

Mr. Pearson reiterated the Commission work plan and the many activities undertaken under those initiatives. He also asked Commissioners to note which items in the third public hearing may result in detailed discussion to allow for additional preparation. Commissioners noted those topics. Finally, Jason noted he received a request for a member of the Commission to be a part of a climate control committee being set up if grant funding is received. He noted he would be interested in serving in the position but will forward materials to the commission to see if others were interested as well.

The Commission then moved to questions on agenda items. Ms. Lewis asked where the request for removal of de novo review of BAR appeals came from. Nick Rogers explained the origin of this item including the more recent information on the Conservation District ordinance. It was noted that the state code gives localities latitude on the process for appeal and the localities we have researched each handle it a different way. It was also noted that currently Council starts over the review of an appeal

application where the proposal would limit the review to procedural review of the BAR. Further clarifications were made on the decision point that will be before the Commission this evening.

Concerning the change requested for R2-U, a request for additional information was made to include the number of properties this affects as well as the rationale for R2-U as compared to R-1 and R-1S. Mike O. suggested providing dates as a footer on the standards and design manual. He noted that he went online and found the materials he had were different than the posted version. He felt it would be helpful to have a cover sheet online so the public would know when updates had occurred. Ms Creasy noted that it was approved in April 2008 and the yearly review should be underway soon. If there are comments, let us know so we can direct you to the correct person.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.