

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE REVIEW
September 18, 2018 - 5:00 PM

Board Members Present: J. Harry Lange, Susan Andrews, Martha Chewing, Becky Langston, Jim Woods. Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk.

Facilitator: Rick Morris (RVRC), Allison Slocumb (RVRC) and William Griggs (RVRC)

Committee Members Present: Brian Williams, Colin Martin, Linda Straub, Morgan Marlowe, Wayne Harbert, Will Cliatt, Randy Phillips, Craig Greenhaw, John Brent, Jim Trott.

Others Present: Lynda Dawson, Scott Moye, Bobby Haralson, Jim Furin, Tim Malaby, Tim Edgar and two others.

CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Lange called the meeting to order and said the purpose was to have another Comp Plan Update committee meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Rick Morris, with the RVRC, to facilitate the meeting.

Mr. Morris said that rather than discuss the Land Use element, he wanted to continue discussion from the last meeting. Using a Powerpoint presentation, Mr. Morris showed and reviewed the suggested policies resulting from those meetings. Discussion and comments included:

- ▶ Mulberry Creek, as well as Mountain Oak Creek, are impaired
- ▶ more mixed-use development for less auto-oriented (driving)
- ▶ balance right of way control with private property rights
- ▶ hostile to new businesses; be more friendly
- ▶ consider variable lot size - areas where utility proximity or soils allow
- ▶ Rails to Trails (aka Railroad Rec Trail) - \$1.2 million in grants from Pine Mountain to Callaway Gardens' Villas, and a \$2 million grant (not yet awarded) from Callaway Gardens' Villas to the Country Store
- ▶ control vegetative growth on old railbed (Railroad Rec Trail)
- ▶ infrastructure funding not feasible through grants, but through bonds
- ▶ support, not develop, College & Career Academy of Board of Education
- ▶ benchmarks should be reviewed on a regular basis
- ▶ a Broadband element is being added as a new state requirement
- ▶ once Comp Plan is completed and submitted, the Zoning Ordinance and other land use regulations will be addressed and may cost up to \$100,000 for a consultant to revise the ordinances

John Brent, committee member, reviewed population maps he had prepared that showed changes in population from 2010 to 2016.

Philosophy & Vision Subcommittee. Chairman Lange said that during the August meeting, people volunteered to be on the subcommittee; that unfortunately some who volunteered are not Comp Plan committee members; that all members of the subcommittee should be part of the Comp Plan committee; that some committee members were not in attendance and not given the chance to be on the subcommittee; and that attention wasn't given as to the makeup of the subcommittee at that time. He then directed Mrs. McMichael to send out an email to the Comp Plan committee members asking for volunteers for the subcommittee members.

Next Comprehensive Plan Update meeting is October 16, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, in Room 223 of the Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT