

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fountain at 6:12 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL – Members present: Chairman Fountain, Vice Chairman Douglass, Commissioner Colaianne and Commissioner Petrucci. Commissioner M. Germane arrived at 6:30 p.m. Absent: Commissioner Phillips and Commissioner Kalenauskas. Also present: David Nicholson and Amy Neary of McKenna Associates. Deputy ZA Lutz was not in attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 7, 2002 SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA – Change “agenda” in item #5 to “minutes”. At bottom change “Next Regular” to “Sign”. Note time of sign meeting as 6:30 p.m. Delete second “Next Regular Meeting March 14, 2002” notice at bottom of agenda.

Move to approve the March 7, 2002 Special Planning Commission agenda as amended. Motion Colaianne. Second Petrucci. Voice Vote. Motion Carried. 4-0-3.

5. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28, 2002 MINUTES – Move to table the February 28, 2002 Planning Commission minutes. Motion Colaianne. Second Petrucci. Voice Vote. Motion Carried. 4-0-3.

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Andy Giovanetti and Terry Nosan of M59 LLC were present to discuss the mission statement for the special planning area. Commissioner Petrucci felt the mission statement should be relatively short and not include goals.

There was discussion of possible planned development designations including a floating PD or town center district. The mission statement could have wording “including but not limited to” and be recorded in a document other than the comprehensive plan. This will reflect its separation from the comprehensive/master plan. PC will have to review and decide how to handle this.

Mr. Nicholson noted that the proposal for the Comprehensive Plan review did not include the special planning area and this was using up time needed for the comp. plan review. They will prepare a separate proposal for developing the special planning district. The developers will pick up the costs for this proposal.

Additional names for visioning session invitation – Dr. Ora, Dr. Mark Cople, Joe Rotondo, Condo and Homeowner Associations, Marshal Blau, Livingston County Sheriff, Fire Department, Fred Dillingham, Oceola, Tyrone, Dynamic Technologies and others.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

7. DISCUSSION ON COMPREHENSIVE / MASTER PLAN – Possible dates were discussed for the visioning sessions. Option #1 – April 22, 29 and May 13. Additional date May 8. Session will start at 6 p.m. There will be invitations, RSVP to estimate attendance, setup room, name tags, refreshments (coffee, soft drinks, snacks) and cable notices.

The session will include a welcome, handouts, slide show, small group discussion to identify issues and review of issues formulated to entire group.

Move to set a special Planning Commission meeting on April 18, 2002 at 6:30 P.M. Motion M. Germane. Second Colaianne. Voice Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0-2.

It was decided to list the 7 focus group topics in the cable notices. Planning Commission members will facilitate in the discussion groups.

Amy Neary briefly reviewed additions to the text distributed earlier about historical context, opportunities and restraints, schools and the additional section on community facilities. Commissioners should review this material and submit changes.

The visioning will take place over 3 meetings. The first will be introductory, second development surrounding the settlement areas and the third will be a wrap up.

There is a long agenda for the next meeting.

Jeff Thompson will sign off on the site plans for future sign applications prior to the application going to the Planning Commission.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – There being no response, the call to the public was closed.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS


M. Germane – Highland Township is reviewing plans for some major developments in the Hickory Ridge / M59 area. They are seeking to keep natural green zones lining the streets to prevent development right up to the road.

10. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

These minutes are a preliminary draft until final approval.

Submitted by,

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Recording Secretary


D. Kalenauskas
Planning Commission Secretary

Next Regular Meeting – March 14, 2002 - 7:30 p.m.

Sign Meeting – March 21, 2002 – 6:30 p.m.

Joint Meeting with HT Board – May 2, 2002 – 7:30 p.m.

PC Special Meeting – April 18, 2002 6:30 p.m.