

Planning Commission Work Session Minutes
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The Town of Orange Planning Commission held a work session at 6:00 p.m., in the Town of Orange Community Meeting Room. Planning Commission members present were: Vice-Chair Page Sullenberger, Commissioners Rita Carroll, Donald Schafer and LJ Taylor. Staff members present were Director of Community Development John Cooley, AICP, CZA, and Deputy Town Clerk Kimberly Strawser, CZA, CMC. Mayor Roby was also present. Chairman Benjamin Sherman was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Sullenberger called the work session to order. The Deputy Town Clerk called roll and noted that there was a quorum present. The Director of Community Development requested to add agenda item 5A – to review the concept plan for Main Street.

DISCUSSION ON THE DOMINION ORANGE RING ROAD SITE PLAN

The Director of Community Development stated that this was the second submission of the site plan. A discussion was held.

DISCUSSION ON THE KEAN ROAD SUBDIVISION SITE PLAN

The Director of Community Development stated that there were no new updates, except that the engineer submitted a comment letter. The Director of Community Development stated further that staff was waiting on the revised plans in order to review the comments from the engineer.

DISCUSSION ON ANY POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The Director of Community Development asked the Commission for any projects they would like to see included in the CIP.

Vice-Chair Sullenberger inquired if sidewalks on East Main Street were included in the CIP. A discussion was held regarding sidewalks.

Commissioner Schafer inquired about removing Town-owned property. The Director of Community Development stated that should be included in the Comprehensive Plan and not the CIP.

Commissioner Taylor inquired where the skate park would be included in all this. The Director of Community Development stated that the environmental report was received this evening and would be included in the next Town Council package. A brief discussion was held.

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CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Director of Community Development asked for committee updates from the Commission. The Director of Community Development stated he received a report from Commissioner Carroll regarding the Transportation Committee.

Commissioner Carroll stated that the Arts Committee has had two meetings so far, but she needed to do more outreach on how to tie the arts into the big picture. A discussion was held.

Commissioner Taylor stated he reached out to his committees and meetings would be held in the next few weeks.

Vice-Chair Sullenberger stated she had nothing to report.

Commissioner Schafer requested that Town-owned property be removed from the Comprehensive Plan. The Director of Community Development stated that it would have to be decided and determined by the Town Manager. Commissioner Carroll stated that she didn't agree with getting rid of Town-owned property.

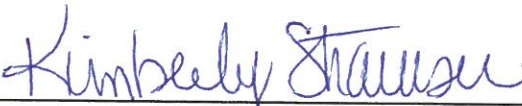
MAIN STREET CONCEPT PLAN

The Director of Community Development presented the Main Street Concept Plan to the Commission. The Director of Community Development reported that this was the first draft by the same architect that did phase one. A discussion was held.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6 p.m., the Commission was given a schedule of their meetings for 2025.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Kimberly Strawser, CZA, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk


Chairman Benjamin Sherman