

POLK COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 17, 2009 - Minutes
6:30 PM
ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, POLK CAMPUS AUDITORIUM
COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA

1. CALL TO ORDER
Jim Carson called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
Jim Carson completed the roll call. Please see attached information for complete details.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Emily Clark motioned to approve the agenda. Mark Byington seconded. All in favor.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 17 AND 21, 2009, MEETINGS
Doug Harmon made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Mark Byington seconded. All in favor.
6. STAFF COMMENTS
Cathy informed the Board that she had gotten some details about the proposed tour of Polk County that was discussed at the workshop. She went over these details with the Board. Hal Green stated that he would prefer to do a county tour with everyone and to have a guide. Cathy said that a commitment could be made to one Saturday. She will find out the specific date (most likely in May) and present the information to the Board at the April meeting.
Dale Holland told the Board about the meeting he had with Cathy Ruth, Tawana Weicker, and Bill Miller at the High School. This meeting was in reference to the consultants working with interested students on a land use project for their senior projects.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT (10-minute limit)
The members of the public introduced themselves;
George Sweet, Saluda

Eric Gass, Columbus Township
David Maxwell, Tryon Township
Jim and Renee McDermott, Tryon Township
Lisa Krolak, Columbus Township

8. OLD BUSINESS

- Continued discussion of existing population, housing, and economy draft sections of the Polk County 20/20 Vision plan.
Dale went over the existing population, housing, and economy draft sections of the Plan with the Board.
- Discussion of Polk County 20/20 Vision plan logo.
The Board agreed to use the current Polk County logo as the logo for the Plan.
- Discussion of Status Report: Water system/infrastructure assessment.
This information was passed out and will be discussed at the April meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Distribute draft existing community facilities and environmental factors sections of the Polk County 20/20 Vision plan.
Dale Holland distributed the draft existing community facilities and environmental sections of the Plan and instructed the members to read these sections and become familiar with them for the next meeting.

Dale also stated that a definition of development will be added to the April Agenda.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT (10-minute limit)

Lisa Krolak gave a short description of greenways.
David Weiss said he would be interested in knowing the number of vacant lots in subdivisions consisting of 10 lots or less.

11. NEXT MEETING – April 21, 2009, 6:30 PM, Polk County Health Department, 161 Walker Street, Meeting Room (back side of building), Columbus, NC

Jim Carson announced that the April meeting will be held at the Polk County Health Department's conference room, which is located downstairs and to the rear of the building.

Eric Gass said he thought that the project involving the high school students was exciting. He also asked for a broad definition of economic impact area which Dale Holland explained to him.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Hal Green motioned to adjourn. Ernie Gianini seconded. All in favor.