

POLK COUNTY
20/20 VISION PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VPAC) MEETING
APRIL 21, 2009 - MINUTES
6:30 PM
POLK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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. See attached sheet for more information.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Hal Green made a motion to approve the agenda. Maryneal Jones seconded. All in favor.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 16, 2009, MEETING
Maryneal made a motion to approve the minutes. Evengelena Barber seconded. All in favor.
6. STAFF COMMENTS
Cathy Ruth passed around a sign up sheet for the bus tour of the County. She told the Board that she and Landon Davidson gave a presentation about the Comprehensive Plan to the teachers at the High School. They are hoping to get some students involved.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT (10-minute limit)
Maryneal Jones said she thought there would be more discussion than what there has been to date and that all we are doing so far is taking in data. She said that this is an overwhelming amount of information to take in and that she does not believe anyone will read this plan. She asked if it would be possible to create a booklet that gave a summary of the plan in a format that is easy for everyone to understand that the County could then provide to the public. Dale stated that at the end of the process there would be an executive summary and the County would have to decide on how that information will be distributed.
Dale also said that what the Board has completed so far has been the easy part of the process and the data we have received so far are the building blocks for the plan. He reiterated that this document is not an ordinance, but is a resource tool that many departments in the county can use as a planning tool.
8. OLD BUSINESS
 - Discussion of the community facilities (including water systems) and environmental factors draft section of the Polk County 20/20 Vision plan. Eric Howard with Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates presented the board with information on current water systems and proposed water systems for the County as well as all three municipalities.

- Discussion of the term development as it applies to Polk County (NOTE: see definition below).

The Board discussed the definition of development and why it is important that everyone understand the meaning of the word in reference to the Plan.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Distribute draft projections section of the Polk County 20/20 Vision plan. Dale distributed this information and asked that everyone read this section before the May meeting. Board Members will receive additional information by mail that will also need to be reviewed before the next meeting.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT (10-minute limit)

Lisa Krolak asked about trends going into the future and Dale responded that would get some information together for her.

Kipp McEntire said that on April 18th approximately 60 residents of Land of Lakes met at the Mill Spring Fire Department and formed the Silver Creek Community Foundation.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 5:00 pm. The meeting will last until 8:30pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Doug Harmon made a motion to adjourn. Roger Odel seconded. All in favor.

DEVELOPMENT: Any effort or act that results in alteration of the natural landscape in a manner that is fixed and permanent. Impacts on the natural environment will be taken into account both above and below groundwater resources on a particular site. Development within the context of this planning effort is not tied to a particular land use or building type. Development under this definition can range from single-family housing development to accessory structures serving an agricultural operation. All building types and land uses have varying degrees of impact on the environmental integrity and aesthetic quality of the landscape. Therefore, in order to facilitate orderly growth, all development regardless of scale should be considered throughout the comprehensive planning process.