

**TOWN OF YOUNGSVILLE
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
Youngsville Community House -- 115 East Main Street
December 4, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

Chairman Donnie Tharrington called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

In attendance were Chairman Tharrington; Vice-Chairman Mark Hurt; Members John Cyrus, Janice Pearce, Scott Anderson, and Hank Lindwall; and Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Administrator Bob Clark. Member Robert Martin, Town Administrator Roe O'Donnell, and Senior Planner Andy Thomas were otherwise committed and, thus, unable to attend.

Chairman Tharrington opened by naming the first order of business a "housekeeping" matter – "time has come," he stated, "to appoint a Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the year 2019."

Without discussion, the following motion was made by Member Janice Pearce, seconded by Member Scott Anderson, and unanimously passed:

MOTION: Chairman Donnie Tharrington will continue his tenure as Board Chairman for the year 2019.

Also without discussion, the following motion was made by Member Scott Anderson, seconded by Member Hank Lindwall, and unanimously passed:

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Mark Hurt will continue his tenure as Planning Board Vice-Chairman for the year 2019.

The next item on the agenda was review of Minutes prepared of the meeting held on November 6, 2018.

Again without discussion, the following motion was made by Member John Cyrus, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hurt, and unanimously passed:

MOTION: The Minutes of the regular meeting held on November 6, 2018, are approved, as presented.

Chairman Tharrington then welcomed public attendees Ginny and Charles Keith and submitted the floor to Mr. Rick Flowe, of N-Focus – our designated editor in chief of final touches to Plan 2040 before its recommendation to the Town's Board of Commissioners. He congratulated and commended both newly appointed officers and thanked all Members for their clearly evident dedication and input throughout the entire drafting process. "We can always go back to the drawing board, if need be," he commented, "but the one thing we never want to do is look into the rearview mirror with regret."

Each page of the Plan was projected from laptop to screen and incorporated amendments, one by one, highlighted, witnessed, and discussed – not a stealthy fiber anywhere! Digital copies of the document itself and of related maps were delivered to the Board Clerk for PDF distribution to the Commissioners. Hard copies of an accompanying blueprint of implementation were included as well. “As a testament to Zoning Administrator Clark,” Mr. Flowe remarked, “I’d like to say that Youngsville’s blueprint is likely the shortest I’ve ever prepared. That means that the Town is already ahead of the game.”

Chairman Tharrington and Member Hank Lindwall expressed concern about potential legal obstacles, timelines, and costs associated with the new corridor being proposed for diversion of traffic congestion. Mr. Flowe, on the other hand, emphasized that sewer is the fertilizer for growth. The fact that this southerly route traverses land not yet heavily fertilized, together with timing coincidence with the ongoing U. S. 1 Corridor project, is a strong signal to get the alternative in front of DOT as soon as possible. Our Plan maps are at the moment merely CAMPO study material. Zoning Administrator Bob Clark suggested that, before moving forward, the roadway outline be slightly shifted, so as to curve just south of the Holden Creek Preserve expansion area and extend north of K-Flex development.

The ultimate theory behind our past three work sessions is that, despite inevitable interference from small town politics (not the least of which are citizens still festering with resentment over who dated whose girlfriend when she was a teenager forty years ago), the role of the Planning Board isn’t public hearing – it’s, instead, focus solely on the big picture – the future. Growing is a joint venture among local property owners, citizens, and businesses, all of whom deserve to be made whole under solid leadership.

With that thought in mind, and in the absence of additional questions, Chairman Tharrington called for a vote to approve or reject recommendation of the amended draft to the Town’s Commissioners.

Member Scott Anderson made the following motion, which was seconded by Member Hank Lindwall and unanimously passed:

MOTION: Proposed Town Plan 2040, as amended, will be recommended to the Youngsville Board of Commissioners at its meeting scheduled for December 13, 2018.

There were no public comments and no Around the Town Report, and Chairman Tharrington adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.