

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
PUBLIC WORKSHOP
Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)-Scoping Workshop and Issues
APRIL 26, 2007, 6:00 P.M.
Hardee County Board of County Commissioners Board Room
412 W. Orange Street, Courthouse Annex, Room 102, Wauchula, FL 33873

MINUTES

Planning and Zoning Board

James Barncord, present
Don Chancey, present
Roger Conley, Chairman, present
Charles Nicholson, Vice Chairman, present
Oscar Ortiz, present
Carl Saunders, present
Vida Tomlinson, excused
Max Ullrich, present
Tommie Underwood, ABSENT

Staff

County Manager, Lex Albritton, present
County Attorney, Ken Evers, ABSENT
County Planning/Development Director
Nicholas Staszko, present
BJ Haney, Planner II, excused
Machele Albritton, Executive Assistant, present

No News Media Identified

Chairman Conley called the Public Workshop to order at 6:00 P.M. A quorum was present.

Board was advised the Public Notice for the Public Workshop was published in The Herald-Advocate on April 12 and April 26, 2007; Affidavit of Publication is on file.

Planning Director Staszko advised that the purpose of this workshop is to secure citizen input on what is desired for Hardee County's future and what are the important issues facing Hardee County pertaining to growth and development. Staszko pointed out the importance to evaluate how well the County's Comprehensive Plan addresses those issues and provides a framework to amend the "Comp Plan" to address those issues.

Staszko reported currently the County reacts to growth . . . need to be proactive and guide growth.

Board referred to a Scoping Issues handout for the Workshop containing issues pertaining to growth management, mining, economic development and natural resources.

1. Growth Management
 - A. Geographic location of growth
 - B. Density
 - C. Investment in Infrastructure
 - D. Mixture of Land Use/Development
2. Mining
 - A. Reclamation to Viable Land Uses
3. Economic Development
 - A. Industrial Development
 - B. Eco-tourism
 - C. Land Use and Economic Development
 - D. Education
4. Natural Resources
 - A. Peace River and Horse, Charlie and Payne Creek Protection
 - B. Water Conservation/Reuse
 - C. Wildlife Habitat and Corridors
 - D. Mapping and Resource Protection

1. Should the County's land use policies be resource-based; i.e. identify areas to invest growth through a systematic analysis of resources and land-carrying capacity/
2. Should the county's regulatory policies be resourced-based?

Chairman called for public input and received comments pointing out:

these are important issues; maybe the County needs to bring in someone to assist; requested GIS to provide maps showing creeks and river and maps showing county areas that have been rezoned and where growth has occurred in the county.

Upon MOTION by Board Member Ullrich, second by Board Member Nicholson to recommend approval of the EAR-based issues to the Board of County Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

The Public Workshop was adjourned at 7:57 P.M, with the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 03, 2007, 6:00 P.M.

Machele Albritton, Acting Recording Secretary