

**MINUTES OF THE RECESSED MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006, 11:00 A.M. AT THE LAKE LURE
MUNICIPAL CENTER**

PRESENT: Mayor Jim Proctor
Commissioner Jeanine Noble
Commissioner Russ Pitts

H. M. Place III, Town Manager

ABSENT: Commissioner Dick McCallum
Commissioner Chuck Watkins
J. Christopher Callahan, Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Proctor called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Fred Noble gave the invocation.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Commissioner Noble made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Pitts seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

DISCUSSION REGARDING A SHORT-TERM STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE FOR THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE

Stephen Allan, President of Solutions 4 Local Government, gave a presentation regarding a short-term strategic plan for the Town of Lake Lure. Mr. Allan spoke about the importance of implementing this plan. He outlined the associated costs and justifications for a strategic plan.

Community Development Director Shannon Baldwin stated this is the first time the Town of Lake Lure has developed a comprehensive plan. Mr. Baldwin said the town may need to acquire Mr. Allan's services in the future for planning.

Commissioner Noble shared her concerns about increasing the growth in the Town of Lake Lure and associated lake problems. Commissioner Noble said the town needs a plan set in place to stop some of the devastation.

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Commissioner Pitts mentioned that the town has both tactical and strategic needs. He said town council members should carefully get started on an initiative plan.

Community Development Director Shannon Baldwin suggested that someone like Stephen Allan meet with Land Design to discuss the implementation strategies for the Town of Lake Lure's comprehensive plan. Mr. Baldwin said he will be meeting with Meg Nealon, a representative of Land Design, later in the day. Mr. Baldwin agreed to ask Ms. Nealon for a meeting with council members during lunch today.

Commissioner Noble made a motion to recess the meeting for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and reconvene at Lastrada Restaurant in Lake Lure. Commissioner Pitts seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Mayor Proctor reconvened the meeting at 12:45 p.m. at Lastrada Restaurant. The Mayor asked council members to get an idea from Meg Nealon on her views regarding the strategic planning in comparison to other cities and town. He also suggested that town council members find out what her contract with Lake Lure currently entails.

Ms. Nealon and two of her associates, Chris Kemper and Dan Dodd, from Land Design, joined the meeting at approximately 1:20 p.m. Ms. Nealon gave a brief overview of the actions needed by the town to move forward. Ms. Nealon informed council members that most small municipalities generally appoint a steering committee and assign a town staff member as a project manager to report the recommendations from this committee to town council. Ms. Nealon said Community Development Director, Shannon Baldwin, would be the town's logical choice as project manager.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Pitts made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Noble seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:

Anita H. Taylor, MMC
Deputy Town Clerk

Mayor Jim Proctor