



Town of Waynesville Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2018

Municipal Conference Room

Committee Members in Attendance

Martha Bradley, Jennie Kirby, Gregory Wheeler, Lorna Sterling, John Ammons, Ginger Hain, Brian Cagle

Elizabeth Teague, Director of Development Services for Waynesville, discussed the changes the community is experiencing reported on current proposals in planning and development:

- Steady increase since the end of the recession but strong uptick in the last couple of years
- Successes include the Ingles, Publix, Starbucks
- Development represents desired aesthetics
- Proposed 200-unit multifamily development at Plott Creek - has experienced resistance – the process has increased awareness
- Still waiting to hear about the old Hospital project – \$80,000/year for maintenance and to keep the facility compliant – may want to follow up with Cindy Weeks of Mountain Housing Opportunities if grant is not acceptable

Other comments:

- It is important to define the change the community wants
- Discussed quote by mayor a while ago in response to those that challenged growth and development stating “We are not just going to shut the door now that you’re here.”
- There is a difference of opinion between those that want the town to grow and thrive and those that want to freeze time
- Want Plott Creek development to be an inclusive process
- Want to respect the town sense of place with progress/vision
- Have been complaints about how the town gets in the way of business; may be unfounded
- Much interest in historic preservation of buildings and spaces as well as views
- Former Mayor Henry Foy, established the current vision for the community
- Discussed one vision for Waynesville Plaza Redevelopment which would include addition of a street on the backside

Jackie reviewed the format of the public visioning workshop to be held June 21.

There was discussion around names for the new plan.

Staff and committee members felt it is important to meet regularly. A new time (8:00am) and dates were set for the next meetings:

- July 25
- August 22
- October 3