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## MINUTES

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The Salisbury-Wicomico Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session on February 20, 2014 in Room 301, Council Chambers of the Government Office Building, with the following persons in attendance:

### COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Charles "Chip" Dashiell, Chairman  
James W. Magill (Absent)  
Gail Bartkovich  
Scott Rogers  
Tim Spies (Absent)  
Newell Quinton  
James McNaughton

### PLANNING STAFF:

Jack Lenox, Director  
Beverly Tull, Recording Secretary  
Gloria Smith, Planner  
Keith Hall, Planner



The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Dashiell, Chairman.



### **County Comprehensive Plan Discussion:**

Mr. Dashiell gave a brief introduction. He thanked everyone for their input into the process and explained that there would be a 14 day public comment period following the public hearing. He noted the Commission would not be taking any action at the meeting. Any public comments submitted along with all the comments heard at the Public Hearing will be compiled by Staff and presented to the Commission for their consideration at their March meeting. When the Commission is ready, they will make a favorable recommendation to forward the County Comprehensive Plan to the County Executive and the County Council for their review.

Mr. Lenox gave brief opening remarks and discussed a major change in structure of the Draft Plan compared to the 1998 Wicomico County Comprehensive Plan, as well as the process that had taken place to get the Comprehensive Plan to this point. He emphasized the change in structure was to ensure the Draft Plan is inclusive of the cities and towns. Additionally, he noted the Draft Plan is linked to numerous planning related documents.

Mr. Hall gave a brief PowerPoint presentation about the Comprehensive Plan and the steps taken to get to the Public Hearing process, as well as outlined the next steps.

Mr. Dashiell acknowledged Mr. Joe Holloway in the audience and thanked him for attending the public hearing.

Mr. Dashiell questioned if the Commission had any comments. All Commission members declined to make any comments.

Mr. Lenox read the Public Hearing Notice and administered the oath to anyone wishing to speak on the matter of the County Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Karen Lukacs, Wicomico Environmental Trust, complimented the Commission and the planners on putting the document together. In Chapter 5, page 3,

under the goals section, she applauded the last goal and would like to see it added into the implementation strategies at the end of the chapter.

Mr. John Groutt, 4551 Cooper Road, stated that he was amazed at the amount of detail in the document. He stated that he would submit his comments in writing to Staff after the meeting as he wanted to edit them. Mr. Groutt suggested taking the comments that were submitted by the Maryland Department of Planning very seriously and weighing them very carefully. He discussed the issue in the Morris Mill area and questioned if that was a warning for the County. Planning for the protection of the aquifers and the surface water in the County should be addressed in this Plan. Mr. Groutt stated that the Ag section should state a strong recommendation to get the MALPF program recertified. He also stated that under the Parks and Recreation Committee that grants are being worked on to get trails throughout the County but it must be part of the Comprehensive Plan in order for any grant money to be awarded to the County. Mr. Groutt stated that more access ramps are needed for non-motorized boats. Mr. Groutt concluded his comments explaining that there have been a lot of laws that have come down from the State that should be included in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Dallas Baker, 514 Zion Road, stated that he supported the Plan. He stated that he had concerns regarding the Land Use Plan, but Mr. Lenox and Mr. Hall had addressed his concerns and he looks forward to seeing the Plan move forward and being approved.

Dr. McNaughton stated that Staff should be commended on their work on the Comprehensive Plan. He added that he looks forward to implementing the Plan as aggressively as it can.

Mrs. Bartkovich thanked everyone for coming and thanked Mr. Hall for his work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Dashiell added his thanks to everyone for coming to the Public Hearing. He stated that the Comprehensive Plan is an important document that will set the path for the future of the County for a good while.



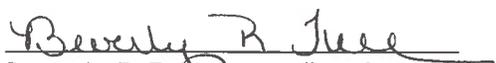
There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. by Mr. Dashiell.



This is a summary of the proceedings of this meeting. Detailed information is in the permanent files of each case as presented and filed in the Salisbury-Wicomico County Department of Planning, Zoning, and Community Development Office.

  
Charles "Chip" Dashiell, Chairman

  
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