



Louisa County Comprehensive Plan Update 2018/19 Citizen Review Committee Meeting Report

Introduction:

The Citizen Review Committee members were appointed by the Planning Commission to review the information collected as part of the Comprehensive Plan Community Meetings. Following the community meetings, staff consolidated the information and created a list of recommended elements to be included in the comprehensive plan, as directed by community input.

The complete packet of information reviewed by the Citizen Review Committee is attached to this report.

Members:

Richard Lloyd	<i>Appointed by the Mountain Road District Commissioner</i>
Susan Barnabeo	<i>Appointed by the Green Springs District Commissioner</i>
Eric Purcell	<i>Appointed by the Patrick Henry District Commissioner</i>
Chris Liles	<i>Appointed by the Cuckoo District Commissioner</i>
Lewis Stephens	<i>Appointed by the Louisa District Commissioner</i>
Jim Riddell	<i>Appointed by the Mineral District Commissioner</i>
R.T. Williams	<i>Appointed by the Jackson District Commissioner</i>

Discussion:

The meeting was conducted by reviewing the list of twelve (12) staff recommended items for inclusion into the Comprehensive Plan. As each item was discussed the Citizen Review Committee provided a consensus opinion regarding the recommendations by staff.

Landscaping and appearance ordinance:

The Citizen Review Committee interpreted the information provided by the community differently than staff. It is the committee's recommendations that landscaping and appearance ordinances should be a requirement for all identified growth areas however they should be restricted to commercial and industrial development. The committee further recommended that additional information should be gathered at later community meetings to develop a greater understanding of the communities intended outcome.



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Improved development quality at Zion Crossroads:

The Citizen Review Committee agreed with staffs interpretation and recommendation of this item. Staff discussed the idea that improved development quality relates closely to the requirement for a landscaping and appearance ordinance. The creation of an ordinance would likely result in the improved development quality identified by the community.

Broadband internet:

The Citizen Review Committee agreed with staffs interpretation and recommendation of this item. The committee would like to see a notation in the plan recommending a general support of future infrastructure technologies.

Managed growth:

The Citizen Review Committee agreed with staff interpretation and recommendation of this item. The Committee also recommended a discussion of what managed growth means when holding future community meetings. Creating a plan for well managed growth will be heavily dependent on the community's consideration and response to land use maps that will be developed and presented in early 2019 following this step in the process.

Protect the rural nature:

The Citizen Review Committee agreed with the staff interpretation and recommendation of this item. This items is listed as a goal of the currently adopted comprehensive plan which the community has reaffirmed as part of this process.

Adopted goals are too general:

The Citizen Review Committee agreed with the staff interpretation and recommendation of this item.

Pool enclosure:

The Citizen Review Committee agreed with the staff interpretation and recommendation of this item. There was some discussion regarding the inclusion of an item perceived by the committee to be driven by a vocal minority, however the duties of the committee are to evaluate the collection not to agree with the outcome and so it has been confirmed.



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Additional emergency services staffing/resources:

The Citizen Review Committee generally agreed with the inclusion of this item however they interpreted the intent of the comments differently. The committee agreed the community's intended outcome should have read "Fast and affordable emergency response and improved accessibility to health care providers within the County."

Ensure and protect water supply and quality:

The Citizen Review Committee agreed with the staff interpretation and recommendation of this item. The Committee recommended the inclusion of a historical and natural resource preservation chapter of the plan which this item would be discussed in greater detail.

Growth area plans:

The Citizen Review Committee agreed with the staff interpretation and recommendation of this item. The committee further recommended that additional information should be gathered at later community meetings to develop a greater understanding of the communities intended outcome.

Additional parks and recreation facilities:

The Citizen Review Committee agreed with the staff interpretation and recommendation of this item.

Education:

The Citizen Review Committee agreed with the staff interpretation and recommendation of this item.



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Additional Recommendations:

The Citizen Review Committee requested additional items be included in the drafting of the comprehensive plan. Based on the review of the raw and consolidated data the committee recommends the following be included on behalf of the community.

Urgent Care Facility

Historical and Natural Resource Preservation Chapter

General comments from the committee:

The members of the Citizen Review Committee did express their appreciation for the work performed by staff. The general sentiment was that the task of collecting information this broad in nature is difficult as best. The task was performed well, however there were missed opportunities that may have resulted in additional responses and improved the data set. Both staff and the committee agree that future meetings will provide additional details and responses possibly missed during this collection.