Minutes

Special Meeting Town of Stanford

August 25, 2022 6:00 PM

Re: Comprehensive Plan (CP)

Attendance:

Wendy Burton Supervisor

Nathan Lavertue, Deputy Supervisor

Margaret Fallon

Frank Pepe

Anne Arent - arriving 7:00 PM

Public:

Steve Horowitz

Mark Burdick

Supervisor Burton opened the meeting at 6:00 PM. It was agreed that the evening’s work would follow the format of the “Notes on Town Board discussion of Draft Comprehensive Plan” “Updated per TB Meeting 6.16.22” by G. Lovett May 2022, numbered items 1 through 35. Document available upon request.

All of the items on the list were verified against earlier notes and had insignificant conversation, except the following which were also highlighted in yellow in the original document:

* #4, Page 22, 1st column - Description of “Subdivision”
  + It was agreed that a brief definition would be included in the body of the page and an addendum or footnote would also be added for full description.
* #10, Page 68 2nd column -an explanation of WHY a focus on development was discussed
  + Mr. Lavertue will draft language for inclusion in the CP
* #12, Page 69 first paragraph (not highlighted) - Extension of RC Zone
  + Significant discussion was engaged regarding the differences and benefits of three options of treatment: Extend RC Zone, a new mixed-use district, or overlay district.
  + Both sides of Highway 82 were considered
  + It was recognized that there were various methods to reach the same goal
  + It was concluded that the “overlay” District would allow specific and particular business and disallow others that would not fit into the semi-residential area.
    - Such disallowed areas were thought to be gas stations, light industry,
  + The concept of lengthening the period of consistent use after business closing was agreed to be a good alternative to some District changes in order to protect current business owners wishing to sell their business to new owners. The current length of time in the ordinance is one year. Discuss ensued for longer terms perhaps up to five years.
  + Such an ordinance change will be considered separately from the CP.
  + An “Overlay” District for the east side of Highway will be given further consideration and detailed.
* #17, Page 71 First Bullet - Mining
  + The open activity of asking the owner of the mine if he/she wished to be considered in a District Overlay had not been conducted.
  + This will be pursued by Supervisor Burton.
* #24, Page 83 first paragraph - horseback riding
  + It was agreed that language would be added to the nature that “equestrian use within the woods and trails…”
* #35 Appendix
  + No significant discussion other than N Peak will be reviewing and will be available for the Board’s further input

No formal motions, resolutions, or actions were taken by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Pepe

Councilman