



City of Mount Airy Downtown / Small Business Development Committee Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2021 - 12:00PM
Virtual Meeting via Cisco Webex

Member(s) Present:			
Marie Wood (Chair)	Lizzie Morrison	Teresa Leiva	Christopher Cook
Eve Trotter	Lenise Lynch	Nathan Bond	Holli Nowlin
Member(s) Absent:			
Will Sheppard			
Staff & Guest(s) Present:			
Carolyn Hegler (Host)	Andy Goodall	Ben Barcroft	Barbara Jones
Ron Niland			

I. **Call to Order**

Commissioner Wood called the meeting to order at 12:00PM.

II. **Welcome & Introductions**

Ms. Wood welcomed everyone to the committee. She gave a short introduction about herself and her family and asked each of the participants (committee & staff) to do the same. The group spent the next few minutes taking turns introducing themselves. Most spoke about their family, careers and Mount Airy.

III. **Previous Plan Presentation**

Planning Director Andy Goodall introduced the group to various plans that have been adopted over the last two (2) decades including the 2015 City of Mount Airy Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Goodall stressed that the Comprehensive Plan and other adopted plans would be good tools to help the committee as they present a vision of the future for downtown and small business growth in the community. A digital copy of the Comprehensive Plan was provided to each of the committee

members and a link to the Planning Department's webpage was provided for anyone interested in reading other plans that have been adopted by the City.

IV. Roundtable Discussion of Purpose and Interests of the Committee

Ms. Wood asked the group to discuss any of their interests and specific issues such as traffic patterns, parking needs and burying overhead powerlines. Ms. Morrison started the discussion, which included a philosophy of developing Downtown for residents, not just tourists.

Discussion topics included kid-friendly options in Downtown (I.e. children's museum, parks, splashpad, ice rink, greenway connections), existing amenities, business types, farmer's market structures, public art, events/festivals and a lack of housing inventory, especially single-family dwellings.

V. Future Meeting Schedule

Ms. Wood polled the committee on setting future meeting dates / time to 12:00PM on Wednesdays. All members and staff were in agreeance. The next committee was set for February 3, 2021 at 12:00PM via Webex. Ms. Wood asked the committee to be prepared to talk about specific projects of interest.

VI. Adjournment

At 1:00PM, Ms. Wood adjourned the meeting.