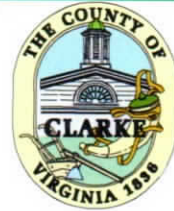


Clarke County



PLANNING COMMISSION AGRICULTURAL LAND PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES -- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016

A meeting of the Agricultural Land Plan Subcommittee of Clarke County, Virginia, was held at the Berryville-Clarke County Government Center, Berryville, Virginia, on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Robina Bouffault (Planning Commissioner); Randy Buckley (Planning Commissioner); Jon Turkel (Planning Commissioner); Emily Day (Agricultural & Forestal District Advisory Committee Member)

Absent: Corey Childs (Agricultural & Forestal District Advisory Committee member)

Staff Present: Ryan Fincham (Senior Planner/Zoning Administrator) and Brandon Stidham (Planning Director)

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:21PM.

AGENDA

Members voted 4-0-1 to approve the agenda as presented by Staff.

Yes: Bouffault, Buckley (moved), Turkel (seconded), Day

No: None

Absent/Abstained: Childs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 4, 2016 MEETING

Members voted 4-0-1 to approve the minutes as presented by Staff.

Yes: Bouffault (moved), Buckley (seconded), Turkel, Day

No: None

Absent/Abstained: Childs

DISCUSSION, AGRICULTURAL LAND PLAN INITIAL DRAFT

Mr. Stidham began the overview of the Initial Draft by noting that reversing the order of Chapters I and II from the Working Draft and placing the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies at the beginning of the Plan actually works well given the volume and nature of the background information. He said this was the major change from the Working Draft along with completion of the background information in Chapter II and the creation of a Statement of Purpose and Plan Application section at the beginning of the Plan. He added that Staff is requesting comments, questions, and edits to the Initial Draft.

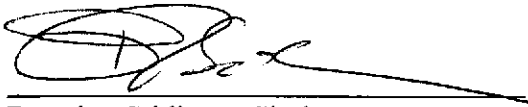
Ms. Bouffault asked for the Chapter references on Page 3 to be broken up into separate lines and Mr. Turkel agreed with the requested change.

Mr. Stidham reviewed the changes to Chapter I that were requested by the members at the October 4 meeting. Regarding Objective 4/Strategy (c), Mr. Turkel wanted the strategy to emphasize that we are allowing intensive livestock facilities to comply with state law and recommended adding a comma and the word “however” after “law.” Ms. Day said she had the same concern but recommended adding “and ensuring” after “law” instead. Mr. Turkel supported Ms. Day’s approach and noted that it changes the tone of the strategy to reflect the Subcommittee’s intent.

Mr. Stidham reviewed the completed background information in Chapter II, noting that most information comes from the Agricultural Census and from other County plans and documents customized to match what the Plan intends to accomplish. Ms. Day said that this is good information and that referencing more detailed information on a County website would be more appropriate.

Mr. Stidham said that if the Subcommittee is comfortable with the draft, it can be presented to the full Commission at their Briefing Meeting on November 29. Regarding the maps, Mr. Turkel recommended adding to the Appendix page a list of the maps and references to the pages where each map is discussed. Mr. Stidham said that he can make that change. Ms. Day also noted a typo containing repeated text on Page 33 that Mr. Stidham noted for correction. The Subcommittee agreed by consensus that they are comfortable with forwarding the draft to the Commission. Mr. Stidham said that he will incorporate these edits and send the revised Initial Draft to the Subcommittee, and that the Initial Draft will go out to the Commission prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:31PM.



Brandon Stidham, Clerk

* **Note** – This was the final meeting of the Agricultural Land Plan Subcommittee.