

**Town of Siler City Planning Board
January 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

The Siler City Planning Board met on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:25 p.m. Wallace Matthews called the meeting to order. Mr. Matthews asked for a motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2012. *Motion made by JP Joyner, Dacia Hayes seconded, followed by unanimous consent.*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Curtis Brown, Mary B. Harris, Dacia Hayes, JP Joyner, Wallace Matthews (Vice Chair), and Dan McMasters.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Harold Hart (Chair)

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem John Grimes

STAFF PRESENT: Jack Meadows (Planning Director), William C. Morgan (Town Attorney), Dee Lee Thompkins (Administrative Support Specialist), and Bryan Thompson (Town Manager).

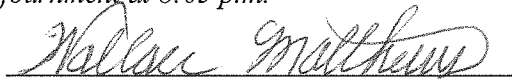
PLANNING DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE: Mr. Meadows reviewed the planning department activity memo.

COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: Brendan Merithew from NCDOT stated that we received lots of input from the public at the meeting held at the Earl B. Fitts Community Center on November 15, 2012. Many attendees recommended improving the sidewalks and bicycle routes throughout the town, particularly to the schools. Residents also suggested sidewalks along both sides of US 64 and a raised median for safe crossings. Mr. Merithew added that there were mixed feelings about a bypass, some people wanted it and some did not. Mr. Merithew explained that without a bypass, NCDOT cannot recommend any improvements along US 64 in town because otherwise we'll need to list it as "Freeway, needs improvement" in order to get the Board of Transportation to consider the plan.


He reviewed with the board draft copies of a pedestrian, bicycle, public transportation, rail, and highway maps. Mr. Merithew explained that this plan is a menu for the next 30 years to identify the Town's transportation needs. Dan McMasters made a recommendation for the comprehensive transportation plan to be presented to the Town Board.

NEW BUSSINESS: Mr. Meadows informed the members that two persons residing in the ETJ have been submitted to the County for approval as Town of Siler City Planning Board Members. Hopefully the County will approve the names by our next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, *motion made by Dan McMasters, JP Joyner seconded, followed by unanimous consent for adjournment at 8:05 p.m.*


Wallace Matthews
Vice Chair

ATTEST:


Dee Lee Thompkins
Recording Secretary