

/Note on Meeting / September 1, 2009

Meeting at 6:15

Present: Richard, Rita, David

Absent: Walter, Tammy, Steve

Minutes: Wrong copy of minutes brought for July; deferred until next meeting. Since Walter Salyer was not present, approval of minutes for August were also deferred.

George Howard: George Howard presented a plat and a request to add an additional mobile home site at the end on Ravine Street on a subdivided property known as The Meadows. He also wants to install a 20 foot tile extended from the town's tile at the end of state maintenance on Ravine Street.

Members have no objection to the placement of an additional mobile home site so long as all space requirements are met. No objection on the tile either, provided proper regulatory permits and approvals are obtained, including from the Soil and Water Conservation District. Motion Rita, David; 2 ayes 0 nays 3 absent.

Subdivision: The town manager has concerns that Gate City's subdivision ordinance is more restrictive than Scott County's and should be a priority for updates. Rita and Richard will meet regarding this.

Comprehensive Plan: David will email his changes in, at which point we should be good for public hearing once reviewed by all members.

Transient Lodging: Sent back by council to add a penalty. Motion David, Second Rita: Violation a Class I misdemeanor as provided for in the GC Code and VA state Code. Vote: 2 aye 0 nay 3 absent.

Mixed Beverage Tax: Sent back by council, who did not want a license tax, but rather a per-drink tax.

Reply to Council: No localities researched, including Wise, Big Stone Gap, Richmond, and Blacksburg, have a per-drink tax. It appears that a per-drink tax must be specifically authorized by the general assembly, OR is not allowed.

Motion David, Rita; 2 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent.

Other: Rita will contact Tammy Johnson by mail, who has been out of town for family reasons, when she expects to return and take an active part once again.

Reports:

EDARC is working on a business incentives package.

Performing Arts Center: groundbreaking and possibly the future of the project is pending 1.5 million in funding from the Virginia Tobacco Commission.

Southwest Virginia Foundation has signed an office lease to open in October, occupying the Clinch Mountain Merchant site.

Adjourned: Motion David, Rita; 2 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. 7:44p.m.