

TOWNS / COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

April 24, 2017

A MEETING OF THE TOWNS / COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE WAS HELD APRIL 24, 2017, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WARREN GREEN BUILDING

In Attendance:

- Chris Granger, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Powell Duggan, Mayor, Town of Warrenton
- Sunny Reynolds, Vice-Mayor, Warrenton Town Council
- Paul S. McCulla, Fauquier County Administrator
- Brannon Godfrey, Town of Warrenton Manager
- Brandie Schaeffer, Planning Director, Town of Warrenton
- Kimberley Fogle, Fauquier County Community Development Director
- Maria Del Rosso, Fauquier County Library Director

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Powell Duggan called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. Approval of the Minutes for February 27, 2017:

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

4. Updates/Continued Items:

a) Central Library Project

County Administrator Paul McCulla briefed the liaison committee on the status of the County's Central Library Project informing the committee that the County has placed within its FY 2018 Capital Improvements Program budget a \$14.6 million Central Library Project. The library will be built on the Fletcher Tract fronting on Waterloo and Chestnut Streets in the Town of Warrenton. Mr. McCulla explained that of the \$14.6 million project cost, the Board has allocated \$10.0 million in County funds with the remaining \$4.6 million to come from donations or non-County governmental funds. The committee discussed the Town of Warrenton's consideration of a \$1 million donation towards this project. Town Manager Brannon Godfrey stated that a decision on the donation should be coming soon.

The committee also discussed the potential re-use of the current Warrenton Library building should the Central Library Project go forward. The Committee agreed that the

disposition of the current library building should be a discussion kept separate from discussions and decisions on the new library project.

The committee discussed the potential need for a rezoning of the 15 lots which comprise the Fletcher Tract from the current zoning categories to the public/semi-public zoning category. Based upon that discussion, it was agreed that the County will file a rezoning application to have all parcels owned by the County which comprise the Fletcher Tract rezoned from residential and commercial business to public/semi-public zoning.*

The committee also discussed the potential for separating the Town's Architectural Review Board process for review of the project from the rezoning process. While this is not the normal process for the Town, the Town Council members and the Town Planning Director indicated that there is nothing under the Town's Ordinance that would prohibit such separation. Planning Director Brandie Schaeffer indicated that in at least two other instances the Town has separated the process. Paul McCulla indicated that such separation could potentially save the County thousands of dollars if the rezoning were to be denied as the County would not have had to pay for a comprehensive engineering study of the property.

b) Town Parking Study

County Administrator Paul McCulla stated that he had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda for the purpose of requesting a copy of the parking study from the Town. Town Manager Brannon Godfrey handed-out copies of the parking study. The committee discussed the need to cooperate on parking in the future.

c) "Panhandle" Boundary Adjustment

The committee discussed the potential boundary adjustment of the "panhandle" area. A question was raised regarding the possibility of adjusting into the Town boundary the property previously considered for the Costco project. The committee discussed a possible way of extending the Town boundary area to include that parcel which would require the Town to take into its boundaries the VDOT commuter lot.

Paul McCulla briefed the committee on his conversation with the Fauquier County Sheriff regarding continued policing of the panhandle area by the Sheriff's Office even if it is taken into the Town boundaries. Mr. McCulla indicated that the Sheriff has spoken with the Town Police Chief about an agreement for the Sheriff's Office to continue traffic enforcement in that area in exchange for the Town allocating a police officer for traffic duty at Fauquier High School. That conversation has not been concluded. Town Councilman Sunny Reynolds indicated that the Town will need to consider all the information currently available to decide whether the Town wishes to formally go forward with the request to transfer jurisdiction of that area.

**At a subsequent meeting, Planning Director Brandie Schaeffer indicated that a rezoning may not be needed as the zoning districts which encompass the Fletcher Tract allow, by-right, public use buildings. She will do additional research to verify this.*

5. Updates/Continued Items:

Supervisor Chris Granger brought up the need to cooperate regarding water and sewer efforts related to the Lord Fairfax Community College site. The committee agreed it would continue to review utility issues in that area and pledged future cooperation towards that issue.

6. Next Meeting – June 26, 2017

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2017.

7. Adjourn

With no further discussion items, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.