

Members Present

Richard Smith

Virginia Hart

Priscilla Russ

Rod Cury

Gaynelle Thompson

Member Absent

Randy Smith

Staff Present

Tim Taylor

Kevin Blankenship

Adrienne Cordle

- I. The meeting was called to order by co-chairman Richard Smith. Kevin Blankenship opened with prayer and Virginia Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Minutes from the August 7, 2018 meeting were distributed. Priscilla Russ made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rod Cury. All members voted "aye" to approve the minutes.
- III. The Agenda was presented. Gaynelle Thompson made the motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Rod Cury. All members voted "aye" to accept the agenda.
- IV. New Business:
 1. Tim Taylor shared the 2017 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update from the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission. He explained the broad spectrum of participants in the report and the goals of the CPPDC. He drew attention to pages 10-16 of the report which details the Strategic Direction/Action plan of the commission. An updated format for the report is planned by the end of the year.
 2. Adrienne Cordle gave an update on the Rally Grant "Rally Round Richlands". The goal of the grant is community development projects. She also clarified the collaboration among regional and county entities- Heart of Appalachia, Tazewell County Office of Tourism, Town of Richlands- who share the common goal of marketing and tourism. She will keep the Planning Commission updated as meetings with these groups occur and progress is made. Within the Town of Richlands, the goal is to include the Planning Commission, IDA, and Recreation Commission in developing and implementing tourism activities. Adrienne left the meeting after her presentation.
- V. The motion was made by Rod Cury to enter into closed session to discuss a prospective business. Gaynelle Thompson seconded the motion. All members voted "aye" to enter into closed session.
- VI. Gaynelle Thompson made the motion to come out of closed session; Virginia Hart seconded the motion. Members were asked to certify that the only business discussed in closed session was related to the stated purpose.

Richard Smith – yes	Tim Taylor - yes
Priscilla Russ – yes	Kevin Blankenship - yes
Rod Cury – yes	
Gaynelle Thompson – yes	
Virginia Hart – yes	

- VII. In old business, Kevin Blankenship gave an update on access points to the Clinch River. There has been a meeting with the TVA regarding funding for the access points, as well as one with the US Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Town continues to be in communication with these agencies and work on the
- VIII. In new business:
1. Virginia Hart relayed two questions/requests from local realtor, Ramona Simmons. One is for posting the zoning maps online for easier access. The other was for voicemail for the town hall offices. Tim Taylor said both requests are technology issues that are works in progress.
 2. Rod Cury gave an update on the Section House Projects and the planned Grand Opening in October.
- IX. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be December 4, 2018; no meeting in November due to Election Day.
- X. Gaynelle Thompson made the motion to adjourn; Priscilla Russ seconded the motion. All members voted "aye" and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Virginia Hart, Secretary

Virginia Hart