

The Altavista Planning Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 in the Council Chambers at Town Hall at 5:30PM. A joint meeting was held with the Steering Committee for the rewrite of the Zoning Ordinance.

Members present	-	Jerry Barbee, Chairman Laney Thompson Tim Wagner John Woodson
Not present	-	Bill Ferguson, William Anderson
Also present	-	Greg Baka Ron Coleman Cheryl Dudley John Eller Webb Henderson Aubrey Rosser Dan Witt

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Coleman. All members were in favor with none opposing.

The minutes from the meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 were reviewed and approved as corrected. A motion was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Thompson. All members were in favor with none opposing.

Greg Baka began the meeting by explaining that the purpose for the meeting was to prepare for the community work session that is scheduled for June 15, 2010 from 5:30 to 8:00PM at the Altavista YMCA. He also explained the process for completing the update to the ordinance.

Mr. Baka provided a building height/density comparison chart that compared like size communities' regulations with Altavista's ordinance. He asked the committee if Altavista's ordinance was too limiting, with a maximum height of 35 ft. when other localities permit up to a 45 ft. height. Mr. Witt asked if it wouldn't make sense to build up rather than out with the premium on land in Altavista. Mr. Baka explained that the third column on the spreadsheet listed density and area requirements for residential lots. Some of the localities on the spreadsheet allow up to 18 dwellings per acre.

Mr. Baka discussed a survey that he and Mr. Witt were working on to be used at the community work session. The questionnaire contains a ranking scale from 1 – 5 for the citizens to rate their responses to each question. Various questions from last month's discussion and from the review by Mr. Baka will be included in the survey. Mr. Baka suggested that the PC and Steering Committee members be there if possible and to assist with the surveys and help answer any questions.

The PC discussed the MHP District and also the difference between a mobile home and modular home and possibly changing the height restrictions from 35 ft. to 45 ft. in the R-2 District.

Mr. Baka discussed 17 ways to increase participation in the Community Work session and the Commissioners and Staff agreed to use some of these methods.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM

Jerry Barbee, Chairman

Dan Witt, Assistant to the Town Manager