

Minutes from the work session of the Planning Commission of the County of Henrico held in the County Manager's Conference Room, County Administration Building in the Government Center at Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, beginning at 5:00 p.m., February 13, 2025.

Members Present: Mr. Robert H. Witte, Jr., Chair (Brookland)
Mr. Jaron N. Dandridge, Vice-Chair (Fairfield)
Mr. Bob Shippee, (Three Chopt)
Mr. Brian Winterhoff, (Tuckahoe)
Mr. R. Joseph Emerson, Jr., AICP, Director of Planning,
Secretary
Ms. Misty D. Roundtree (Three Chopt)
Board of Supervisors Representative

Members Absent: Mr. William M. Mackey, Jr., (Varina)

Also Present: Ms. Jean M. Moore, Assistant Director of Planning
Mr. Ben Sehl, Senior Principal Planner
Ms. Rosemary Deemer, AICP, County Planner

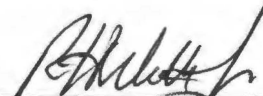
The Commission convened a work session in the Manager's Conference Room at 5:01 p.m.

Mr. Witte brought the meeting to order. Mr. Emerson mentioned Mr. Mackey would not be in attendance. Ms. Deemer provided an update on the community engagement efforts that took place last summer as part of the 2045 HenricoNext process, which have been summarized in a report by our consultants, Clarion Associates. She discussed the relaunch of the Community Visioning Exercise that originally occurred in 2022, as well as the Listening Sessions which took place during July and August 2024. In addition to providing an opportunity to reach more residents and stakeholders, the relaunch of the Community Visioning Exercise validated comments received in 2022. Since our draft visions and goals, introduced at the Listening Sessions, were written using the original input received in 2022, the department believes they accurately represent the community's thoughts and feelings on issues related to Henrico County. Using a scale of 1 to 5, between 73% to 87% of participants strongly supported those visions and goals. In total, the second round of community engagement involved approximately 1,550 residents who provided over 4,100 comments.

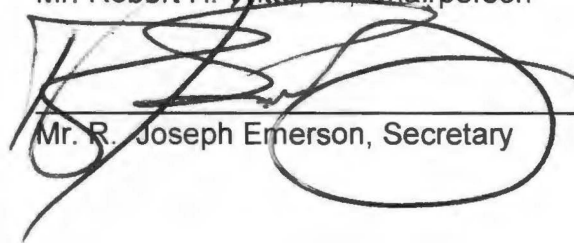
Ms. Deemer also introduced one of the first Plan chapters – Key Planning Influences and Community Vision. In addition to input from the community, the chapter will address other realities many maturing communities across the country are facing. These include topics such as changing real estate markets and the shift from greenfield development to infill and redevelopment, as well as expanding mobility options for our residents and maintaining the county's fiscal health and prosperity. Both documents will be posted to the project website following their presentation to the Board of Supervisors, which is anticipated to take place on March 11, 2025.

Mr. Ben Sehl and Mr. Emerson provided an update on upcoming Listening Sessions. Mr. Sehl then highlighted proposed changes to the Planning Commission's Rules and Regulations, which prompted a short discussion on public notice and best practices. A general conversation regarding the recent Plan of Development submissions brought the meeting to an end.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m. and the Commission recessed until 6:00 p.m.



Mr. Robert H. Witte, Jr., Chairperson



Mr. R. Joseph Emerson, Secretary