

Friends of Lancaster County  
Minutes  
September 13, 2006

Members Present:

Wayne Cannon  
Charlie Costello  
Anne Costello  
Nick Ferriter  
Jackie Ferriter  
Bing Kallus  
Sam Marshall  
Bill Warren

The meeting opened at 1900 with President Costello outlining some of the hot topics in Lancaster County.

- Butch Jenkins is running for the office of treasurer. FOLC members offered opinions as to what that portends for the County. Lindy Grigsby had requested to speak to the FOLC members at a meeting. Charlie Costello thought that FOLC should invite Mr. Jenkins, Lindy Grigsby, and others to discuss their candidacies for office. The meeting would not be limited to FOLC members, but opened to the public.
  
- FOLC was contacted by Herb Aman and Pat Kirby representing the owners of the Tartan Course. Mr Aman is also the developer of a shopping center in Tappahannock They would like to make a presentation at a FOLC meeting. They have engaged Randall Arndt, Landscape Architect and author of "Rural by Design", to advise them in a project to develop the available land surrounding the golf course. The catch is that they want to develop into the waterfront overlay. No time was set for the address to the FOLC.
  
- Attendees were advised that County tax maps are available on line.
  
- Jack Larson advised FOLC that the next BOS meeting would be very busy
  - Broad band tower near Ottoman
  - Thorson Group for a B&B
  - A request by Shawn Donohue to extend and expand non-conforming use of a parcel at the present site of the Annabel Lee restaurant. He wants to build a 27 unit hotel on land zoned A-2. (Later checking by Nick determined that parcel is zoned R-1) President Costello requested members to consider the situation and forward comment.
  
- The members discussed at, some length, Kilmarnock's plans for expansion. What should be the FOLC position?
  
- Sam Marshall discussed the topic of waste-water management. The solution to finding a way to develop land that won't perk is an engineered system. But who monitors the maintenance. He passed out copies of a flyer that supports a web based system. His

recommendation was that FOLC should avail themselves of an opportunity to be educated on this monitoring system.

The topic then turned to the heavyweight issue: the Comprehensive Plan. Charlie Costello discussed some of the defects of the draft version of the plan.

- For one thing, there is no vision statement. Instead there is a disquieting view that a reader should derive the vision from the text of the plan, rather than having it the other way around.
- For another, the plan has no timeline for completion of any of the points that are mentioned in the plan. That means there is no accounting of who or how things are to be done. Also there is no provision for removing items that prove to be impossible to accomplish or simply undesirable. As a result, the plan is not a living document.
- A lot of discussion went on about what the drafters are using as starting points for various topics. For the Water Supply Plan, they appear to be using 1990 data! In another area their reference to boat traffic shows no change from the old plan. Their thoughts are that if there isn't a clear, easy, visible way of enforcing a regulation or ordinance, there shouldn't be one. Why not, someone asked, have no wake zones?

Charlie Costello reminded the members of the Planning Board Meeting and closed the meeting at 2103.

Submitted,

E.R. Kallus