

MEETING MINUTES
ORANGE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
JULY 7, 2021
REGULAR MEETING

(Due to current public health concerns, this meeting was held virtually.
Members of the Planning Board, staff and public participated remotely)

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Blankfard (Chair), Hillsborough Township Representative; Adam Beeman (Vice-Chair), Cedar Grove Township Representative; Susan Hunter, Chapel Hill Township Representative; Lamar Proctor, Cheeks Township Representative; Alexandra Allman, At-Large Representative; Melissa Poole, Little River Township Representative; Kim Piracci, Eno Township Representative; Whitney Watson, At-Large Representative; Charity Kirk, At-Large Representative; Statler Gilfillen, At-Large Representative; Carrie Fletcher, Bingham Township Representative (arrived at approximately 7:15p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Marshall, At-Large Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Laura Jensen, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners; Craig Benedict, Planning Director; Perdita Holtz, Planning Systems Coordinator; Michael Harvey, Current Planning Supervisor; Tina Love, Administrative Support

OTHERS PRESENT: Alaine Pribisko (arrived at 7:20 and was present for approximately 5 minutes)

AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair David Blankfard called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM 2: OATH OF OFFICE: Laura Jensen, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners administered the Oath of Office to the following members of the Planning Board. David Blankfard (Chair); Adam Beeman (Vice-Chair); Susan Hunter; Lamar Proctor; Alexandra Allman; Melissa Poole; Kim Piracci; Whitney Watson; Charity Kirk; and Statler Gilfillen. Except for Mr. Gilfillen, members signed the oaths on camera in the Clerk's presence for return back to staff via mail. Arrangements will be made for Mr. Gilfillen to sign his oath in the presence of the County Clerk and for the Clerk to administer the oath to the two members who were not present during the time the oath was administered (Carrie Fletcher and Randy Marshall).

AGENDA ITEM 3: INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Planning Calendar for July and August
- b. Discussion by Vice Chair Adam Beeman regarding solar panels

Adam Beeman shared a PowerPoint Presentation on information and costs he gathered while researching solar panels for his property.

AGENDA ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- June 2021 Training Notes

MOTION BY Melissa Poole to approve the June 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and Training Notes. Seconded by Adam Beeman.

ROLLCALL VOTE:

- Lamar Proctor Yes
- Kim Piracci Yes
- Whitney Watson Yes
- Charity Kirk Yes
- Melissa Poole Yes
- Adam Beeman Yes
- Statler Gilfillen Yes
- Carrie Fletcher Yes

57 Susan Hunter Yes
58 Alexandra Allman Yes
59 David Blankfard Yes

60 **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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63 **AGENDA ITEM 5: CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONS TO AGENDA.**

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67 **AGENDA ITEM 6: PUBLIC CHARGE**

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INTRODUCTION TO THE PUBLIC CHARGE

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The Board of County Commissioners, under the authority of North Carolina General Statute, appoints the Orange County Planning Board (OCPB) to uphold the written land development law of the County. The general purpose of OCPB is to guide and accomplish coordinated and harmonious development. OCPB shall do so in a manner, which considers the present and future needs of its citizens and businesses through efficient and responsive process that contributes to and promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the overall County. The OCPB will make every effort to uphold a vision of responsive governance and quality public services during our deliberations, decisions, and recommendations.

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PUBLIC CHARGE

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The Planning Board pledges to the citizens of Orange County its respect. The Board asks its citizens to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and with fellow citizens. At any time, should any member of the Board or any citizen fail to observe this public charge, the Chair will ask the offending member to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chair will recess the meeting until such time that a genuine commitment to this public charge is observed.

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AGENDA ITEM 7: CHAIR COMMENTS

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AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:39 p.m.

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David Blankfard, Chair