

Commissioner Fuller questioned the process to solicit information; Ms. Haynes said there will be two scheduled public workshops and an online survey. She added the survey is both phone friendly and internet friendly.

Supervisor Townsend requested the meetings be held after normal working hours; discussion followed with the consensus being these [workshops] will be held after 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Weiss asked if the survey will be open for a few months. Ms. Haynes said it will remain open in the background through November and December, and this date can be extended; she added comment cards can be used to obtain more information during work sessions.

Joe Hines asked if there are similar Comprehensive Plans to review; Ms. Haynes said Berkley Group has also completed Comprehensive Plans for the Town of Farmville, and Dinwiddie and Richmond Counties.

Ms. Haynes then led an “Issues & Opportunities” Exercise; she asked for input on several areas of concern. Responses included:

- Affordable housing, county-wide
- Elderly housing, aging in place
- Child care
- Public safety
- Encourage growth
- Economic drivers with the colleges
- Strengthen relationships with the colleges
- Promotion of tourism
- Utilizing Sandy River Reservoir as an asset

Discussion then turned to existing opportunities that the County should take advantage of, which include an electric transmission lines, Sandy River Reservoir, opportunity for food production, and rail lines which connect the Port of Virginia to three areas of the Midwest.

Planning Commission Chairman Pregelman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones and approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay:	None
	Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.		
	Odessa H. Pride		
	Jerry R. Townsend		

the Board meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.