

Better Site Implementation
Wednesday, July 13, 2006; 11:00 a.m.
JCC Government Complex: Bldg. A Conference Room

I. Introduction

Introduction of Terry Costello who will be working on getting information from this committee on the internet and possibly on the County Cable Channel. On the same note Ms. Hughes stated she will be updated the Planning Commission on this committee's progress and meetings.

II. Updates

Mr. Woolson stated he and Mr. Almquist will be attending a meeting with PRIDE where Principles 17 and 18 will be addressed. There was no update from Ms. Dubois concerning Extensions' involvement in addressing certain Principles.

Ms. Hughes brought up citizens comments concerning parking and parking lot designs. The planning staff has been requested to research these concerns. Staff noted that this research would best take place outside the Better Site Design Committee venue. Ms. Hughes also mentioned that citizens had expressed their concerns to her about narrow roadways and the parking problem concerning these roads. John Horne explained that most roads are designed to meet VDOT specifications. If new specifications are to be suggested then this needs to be addressed with VDOT. When looking at new specifications York County has design standards along with other information.

Ms. Hughes collected information from Chester County PA, York County and other localities regarding their open space development. Information in Randall Arendt's book "Growing Greener" was also included in the discussion. The book also suggested making the conceptual process mandatory with most of the site work being done upfront. Currently the conceptual process is optional, with staff agreeing that most do not take advantage of it.

Incentives were discussed to encourage builders and developers to pursue open space development. Some of these mentioned were shorter processing time and density bonuses. It was also mentioned that some localities have open space ordinances instead of cluster development ordinances due to the fact of the negative connotations associated with cluster developments. Ms. Hughes would like to gather information from other localities on this subject and report back.

III. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting will be July 26, 2006 at 11 a.m.