

Town of Eastover
Special Town Council Planning Meeting
12:00 PM-Tuesday, September 28, 2010
Eastover Community Building

Mayor Charles McLaurin, Presiding.

**Council Members attending: Willie Geddie, Cheryl Hudson,
Benny Pearce, Donald Hudson, Sara Piland, and Lawrence Buffaloe.**

Also participating were Town Manager Kim Nazarchyk, and Matt Rooney from Cumberland County Planning. Lydian Altman, from the UNC SOG, facilitated the meeting, and Linda Devore was in the audience.

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Mayor McLaurin opened the planning session with brief comments, and then Ms. Altman led a discussion in which she asked each participant about the successes achieved in the community. Following that, time was spent addressing changes and/or circumstances that the Town should prepare for. These included economic, financial, demographic, growth pressures and infrastructure needs, and environmental implications. The Council also talked about local, state, and federal policies, and discussed the working relationship with other governmental units and key partners.

Matt Rooney provided a quick review of existing planning documents that currently guide Town development.

Ms. Altman then led the group in a discussion exercise to determine what we value (people, places, services, quality of life, etc.), and what the Council would like to preserve and provide for future generations. This led into a discussion of what the Council thought the Town would look like in 15 years, focusing on where people gathered and what activities they were involved in, physical infrastructure, businesses, and what people were saying about the Town's development. Finally, Ms. Altman had the group to visualize that Eastover is a vibrant community, and then asked them to reflect on what they did to help achieve this success.

A list of action steps was created, and Ms. Altman will get her summary back to the Town Manager by early October. The Council set 4:00PM on October 19th at Town Hall as a meeting date to review businesses allowed in the different commercial zoning classes. Matt Rooney will provide this information, and the Council will create a list of those business types to be encouraged, and also those to be excluded.

The Council then briefly talked about a community meeting to allow public comment on the proposed vision, but a definite date was not determined, although the Council would like to have this public meeting before year end.

The planning session ended at 5:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

ATTEST:

C. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager

Jane F. Faircloth, Town Clerk