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Falls of Neuse Confirmation Group
Abbott's Creek Community Center

Staff present: Bynum Walter, Jason Hardin, Travis Crane

Members present: Robert Wilson, Randy Ray, Angela Allen (Mt. P Baptist Church) John Purves, Mary Lee Young, (Raven Point) Linda Monaghan (River Oaks), Bob Fry (Colemore) Susan Burton, Sam Boyce, Ololah Njenga, Leon Cooke, James Morrison, Will Owens, Kerry O'Sullivan

The meeting began with an introduction from Bynum Walter. She recognized Council Member David Cox, who thanked everyone for participating in the group. Everyone introduced themselves. Jason Hardin gave a presentation that provided background on the project. He discussed the area in detail, and explained the difference between the comprehensive plan, area plans and the UDO. He distributed the "Roles and Responsibilities" document. He stated that he is going to post the presentation to the website. He provided an overview of the process and future meetings and events.

Question: will the current zoning cases in the process stop and wait for the area plan process?

- These cases are in process, and the City Council controls the public process.

Question: How frequently will the City Council be updated?

- Staff uses a number of different tools to communicate with the city council. Staff will provide appropriate updates once new information is ready to share.

Question: Will the consultant be in place at the open house?

- Yes

Question: How does this group inter-relate with the CAC?

- The CAC is separate, but can weigh in during the public process.

Question: Is it intended to align dates with the ongoing zoning cases?

- Jason is the case planner for the zoning cases and this effort. There will be coordination between all efforts.

Question: Is there background information that we can get to ensure that everyone has good background?

- Staff will create a briefing book that will catalog, in map and graphic form, current conditions in the area.

How will the public know about the meetings? The signs that are posted for rezoning cases are too hard to read.

- The confirmation group is the key to this outreach. Staff will send information to the members, who can then share the information with their friends and neighbors on Nextdoor, or similar.

At public kickoff, what information should the confirmation group share? What are the expectations?

- Staff is still developing this information, but you will receive additional information.

Is there a time set for the May 18th meeting?

- Should be set in the next day or so.
- Suggestions for the kick off meeting – adjacent elementary school has a multi-purpose room

Will there be a write up for the meetings?

- Yes. Staff will create and distribute minutes, in the format presented here, for each meeting.

What is the life expectancy for an area plan? What causes the change for area plans?

- Conditions and preferences change. Sometimes development can lead to change.

Who made the decision to select the consultant?

- Staff made the selection, based on the amount of funding provided.

Is there one thing that is helpful for the confirmation group members, what is that?

- Feedback and communication

The group would like to nominate John Purves for chair-person. Bob Fry was nominated as co-chairperson.