

C500 General Membership Meeting

4/28/08

Minutes

In attendance were Board Members: Chris Folger, Fred Messing, Brenda Hagan, Brenda King, Diane Kuechler, John LeFebre, Cristine Lynch. Also attending: Bill and Toki Blaine, Coral Darby, MaryLou and Tod Eikenbery, Dick Folger, Fred Monner, Dorothy Miller, Stephen Thibault, Cliff Vaughan; and speakers, Jerry Logan, Chirman, and Hap Connors, Vice Chairman, of the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors (BOS) and Ted Schubel, News Director for Newstalk radio 1230am.

Business: C. Folger introduced the C500 Board advising that as of 7/1/08, she will become the Past Chair under the new Bylaws. The **Bylaws** revisions were then introduced by F. Messing after which it was moved and approved to accept the revisions as proposed.

Design Standards: B. King and C. Lynch advised the group of the 5/7/08 public hearing for the Planning Commission meeting to review the proposed Enhanced Design Standards Manual Amendment for Commercial and Industrial Design Standards (06-G). Attendance was urged; those unable to attend should contact their Planning Commission and/or BOS representative (planning @spotsylvania.va.us). Individuals were invited to see UNO Chicago Grill for an example of 86% compliance with the proposed standards.

Speakers were then introduced by C. Folger.

Both Mr. Logan and Mr. Connors gave an overview and indepth discussion of County issues with:

Jerry Logan, Chairman, highlighting his focus on the Budget as the primary issue facing Spotsylvania County. Another priority will be maintaining the County's AAA bond rating. His secondary focus will be to clarify the County zipcode with the purpose of: recovering tax revenue and identifying the County as it's own entity rather than as a portion of Fredericksburg city.

Hap Connors, Vice Chairman, indicated his efforts will be: rebranding this county as a destination of choice; adopting a Comprehensive Plan (to be presented in May to the BOS); meeting transportation needs.

Questions from the floor involved: Gateway Highway Standards, the tax rate, Design Standards, rezoning in rural areas, the downzoning of the 1990's, Impact Fees, the Assessment Process, utility poles, the Comprehensive Plan, transportation (rts. 3/95 and rt. 95/Spotsylvania Parkway/rt. 17), VRE.

The meeting was concluded by C. Folger. The next General Membership meeting will be 6/30/08 to elect new officers and to vote on the proposed Board of Directors.