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**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
Special Meeting, April 28, 2016**

I. Call to Order, Chairman West

The Transylvania County Planning Board met in special session on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Community Services Building Conference Room. Members present were Chairman Mike West, Maureen Copelof, Wayne Hennie, Daryle Hogsed, Kris Hovey, and Mack McNeely. Jackie Whitmire was absent. Staff members present were Planning Director Mark Burrows, County Planner Joy Fields and Program Assistant Kalen Lawson. Also present were eight citizens and community advocates. No media was present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

III. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Wayne Hennie to approve the April 28, 2016 agenda, which was seconded by Kris Hovey, and carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes (April 21, 2016)

A motion was made by Wayne Hennie to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2016 regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Daryle Hogsed and carried unanimously.

V. Old Business: Comprehensive Plan – Goals and Strategies

- Mike West asked citizen attendees to keep their input and comments until the end of the discussion.
- Discussion regarding the Comprehensive Plan re-started from the last meeting at “Land Use & Livability” Goals/Strategies, parts 3 & 4.
- It was decided it would be helpful for Joy Fields to issue statistics regarding:
 - correlation between life success and 3rd grade reading ability
 - correlation between spending per child to test scores
 - childhood and school age hunger, including how it relates to learning
- Joy Fields will combine and reword strategies previously identified by the Planning Board.
- Community Advocate Kae Parker gave input on the importance of early childhood education and family support. She noted that childcare and referrals for such were of importance to citizens and employers as was made evident at a recent town hall meeting she attended. She also noted that early childhood education programs are separate from the early literacy programs provided by Transylvania County and others.

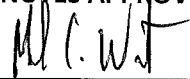
VI. Public and Board Member Comments

- Mark Burrows noted that staff will update the Comprehensive Plan document before the next Planning Board meeting on May 19th where the board will revisit those strategies tabled at past meetings.
- Joy Fields asked for guidance regarding wording on page 6 regarding the homeless and veterans. The Planning Board reworded to state, "for veterans by veterans".
- Mark Burrows noted the Planning & Community Development Department website is now live and several people thanked her and noted they found it intuitive to navigate.
- Kae Parker asked for "family support" to be added to the Comprehensive Plan. The Rosman and Pisgah Forest Family Places where parents and children learn, play, and find a like community are examples of family support. She will provide a draft strategy for family support for the next Planning Board meeting, including the suggestions of the Early Childhood Initiative Group.
- Citizen Mr. Parker stated that he had been trying to get letter from KY, where the city council constructed a three-mile multi-use path from downtown to a wilderness area. Apparently an older lady who opposed the paths construction (because it went near her property) wrote letter of apology because she started exercising and enjoying greenway with friends.
- Wayne Hennie asked if the plan addresses childhood and school age hunger, and would like to consider including it.

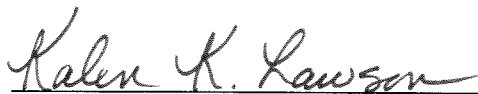
VII. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Wayne Hennie to adjourn, seconded by Kris Hovey, and carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED



Mike West, Chairman



Kalen Lawson, Recording Secretary