

Cullowhee Planning Council

Minutes

July 9, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Conference Room 101A, WCU Cordelia Camp Building

Members	Present	Absent	Members	Present	Absent	Members	Present	Absent
Rick Bennett	X		Myrtle Schrader	X		Mike Byers	X	
Scott Baker	X		Joel Setzer	X		Jim Lewis	X	
Jack Debnam	X							

Staff Present

Michael Poston, Planning Director
Heather Baker, County Attorney
Caroline Edmonds, Planner
Emily Soper, Planning Intern

Others Present

Steve Williams- NCDOT

Call to Order

Chairman Scott Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Additions to Agenda

5b. was added to the agenda for updates. Jack Debnam made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 5b. Updates. Joel Setzer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Joel Setzer made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 7th, 2018 meeting. Jack Debnam seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comment- Sign-up sheet- 3 minutes per speaker

There were no public comments

New Business

- a. NCDOT- Steve Williams updated the Council on current road improvement projects in the Cullowhee Planning Area. He brought the two designs for the Monteith Gap Road project and the Old Cullowhee Road bridge project for the Council to review, ask questions and discuss. One design option for the Monteith Gap Road project incorporates a roundabout and the other does not. The Council members discussed which design option would slow traffic down and improve pedestrian safety the most. The Council members thanked NCDOT for their work on improving this section as it is needed to keep students safe. There was also discussion regarding the existing bridge and the possible uses for it in regards to bike and pedestrian recreation.

Steve Williams brought the plans for the bridge and improvements at Old Cullowhee Road. There was discussion and clarification on the traffic lights, turn lanes and sidewalks.

- b. Informal Discussion- \$50,000 has been budgeted for the development of a Cullowhee Small Area Plan. A request for proposals will be sent out in October or November.

A seventh member should be appointed to the Cullowhee Planning Council by next meeting to complete Mike Wade's term.

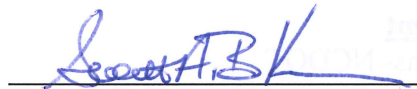
Adjournment

Jack Debnam made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rick Bennett seconded at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Administrative Assistant- Planning



Planning Council Chair, Scott Baker