

The Morehead City Planning Board conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, 202 South Eighth Street, Morehead City, NC, at 5:30 p.m. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: John Creech, Curtis Fleshman, Corinne Geer, Jackie Maucher, and Gordy Patrick
(Corinne Geer arrived at 5:34 p.m.)

ABSENT: Chairman Bill Taylor and Gordon Thayer

Others present: Planning Director Linda Staab, Planner Sandi Watkins, Secretary Jeannie Vaughan, John Maucher, Carteret County News-Times Reporter Mike Shutak, and Ken Wood.

Vice-Chairman John Creech called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

The roll was called and Chairman Bill Taylor and Gordon Thayer were absent. Gordy Patrick made **MOTION**, seconded by Jackie Maucher, to excuse the called-in absences.

Vice-Chairman John Creech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: November 16, 2010: Curtis Fleshman made **MOTION**, seconded by Gordy Patrick, to adopt the minutes and dispense with the reading. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request for Approval of the Morehead City Pedestrian Plan.

Request for approval of the Morehead City Pedestrian Plan:

In 2009, Morehead City received a grant in the amount of \$24,800 from NCDOT with a City match of \$6,200 to develop a jurisdiction-wide pedestrian plan. The purpose of the plan is to provide future connectivity, safety and accommodations for pedestrians in Morehead City. The Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee, which was comprised of business professionals, citizens, and Council, Board of Adjustment, and Planning Board members, worked with Staff and consultants from the Louis Berger Group and Henderson Consulting to prepare the draft plan. Two public outreach events were held and a survey was conducted between January and April 2010. The Steering Committee met as a group on a total of five occasions between January and December 2010 to develop the plan as it is currently written.



Steering Committee Members: Commissioner Demus Thompson, Commissioner David Horton, City Manager Randy Martin, Planning Board Chairman Bill Taylor, Planning Board Member Gordon Thayer, Planning Board Member Curtis Fleshman, Board of Adjustment Member Dick Gambill, Board of Adjustment Member David Robertson, Sheila Martin, Bob Coles, Michael Lupton, Matt Graham, Deborah Coulter, Cass Flowers, Bill Hettler, Terri Robertson, Gina Williams, Ken Wood, Craig Hassler, Rob Will, Consultant Scott Lane, Consultant Roger Henderson, Parks and Recreation Director Louise Hughes, Public Works Director David McCabe, Lieutenant James Gaskill of the Morehead City Police Department, Sergeant Tim Guthrie of The Morehead City Police Department, Planning and Inspections Director Linda Staab and Planner Sandi Watkins.

Planner Sandi Watkins introduced the request. She reviewed written comments submitted by Gordon Thayer that included clerical corrections and his desire for the maps to be enlarged.

Jackie Maucher stated her concerns about funding for proposed projects contained in the Plan as well as safety concerns about having crosswalks on Highways 24 and 70.

Curtis Fleshman, John Creech, and Corinne Geer all thanked Staff for their hard work and expressed support for the Plan.

Planning Director Linda Staab discussed a walk-to-school-initiative in the works with local schools, the Morehead City Police Department, and the Friendly Market. Three separate days in April, May, and June are planned with Friendly Market as a possible drop-off location for students.

Ken Wood of 910 Harrell Drive spoke in favor of the Plan; however, he voiced his concerns about the maintenance and care of city sidewalks. He suggested a public awareness program to educate the public about what the city has to offer now and what the city could offer in the future.

Curtis Fleshman made **MOTION**, seconded by Corinne Geer, to recommend approval of the Morehead City Pedestrian Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further requests or comments, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Jeannie Vaughan, Secretary