

Southside Planning District Commission
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2019

CALL TO
ORDER

A regular quarterly meeting of the Southside Planning District Commission (SPDC) was held in the Commission Conference Room, 200 South Mecklenburg Avenue, South Hill, Virginia on July 18, 2019. Chairman Kim Callis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present

Absent

Brunswick County:

Leslie Weddington, Treasurer
John Zubrod

Garland Baird
Frederick Harrison, Sr.
Bernard Jones, Sr.,

Halifax County:

Sandra Garner-Coleman
Jerry Lovelace
David Martin
Garland Ricketts
Scott Simpson

Stanley Brandon
William Claiborne
Dennis Witt, Vice Chairman

Mecklenburg County:

M. J. Colgate
Dan Tanner

Gregg Gordon
Andy Hargrove
Landon Hayes, Jr.
Angie Kellett
Charlie Simmons
Glanzy Spain

South Boston, Town of

Michael Byrd
Winston Harrell
George Leonard
Ernest Vass

South Hill, Town of:

Kim Callis, Chairman
Lillie Feggins-Boone
Lisa Jordan

ROLL CALL
(continued)

Staff

Gail Moody, Executive Director (Retiring August 1, 2019)
Deborah Gosney, Incoming Executive Director
Sangi Cooper, Senior Planner
Stephanie Creedle, Finance Director/Human Resources
Lisa McGee, Administrative Assistant
Chad Neese, GIS Planner
Andy Wells, GIS & Cartography Manager
Ashleigh Zincone, Senior Planner

APPROVAL
OF AGENDA

No action could be taken due to lack of a quorum. See the minutes from the August 27, 2019 called meeting for approval.

APPROVAL
OF MINUTES

No action could be taken due to lack of a quorum. See the minutes from the August 27, 2019 called meeting for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public in attendance.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

No action could be taken due to lack of a quorum. See the minutes from the August 27, 2019 called meeting for approval.

EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Two Executive Committee meetings were held in June 2019.

June 7, 2019 – The Executive Committee met on June 7, 2019 at the SPDC Conference Room to take action on the hiring of the next Executive Director. The Committee approved the recommendation to hire Deborah Gosney as the next Executive Director. The Committee met with Mrs. Gosney, and she accepted the position.

June 18, 2019 – The Executive Committee met on June 18, 2019 at the SPDC Conference Room. The following items were presented during this meeting:

- The April 2019 Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Weddington and accepted.
- A Public Hearing was held on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update – 2019. No comments were received.
- Executive Director Moody presented the final draft of the CEDS 2019 Update to the Executive Committee for adoption.
- Executive Director Moody presented the FY20 Budget and Management Plan to the Executive Committee, which was adopted.
- The Executive Committee accepted the FY20 EDA Planning Grant in the amount of \$70,000 with a commitment to provide matching funds of \$70,000.
- The SPDC was offered the opportunity to renew its contract with DHCD as the Support Organization/Fiscal Agent for GO Virginia Region 3. The Committee approved the renewal of this contract.

EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
REPORT
(CONTINUED)

- At the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Executive Committee approved a resolution authorizing participation in the VACO/VML Virginia Investment Pool for the purpose of investing funds belonging to the SPDC in certain authorized investments in accordance with the Code of Virginia.

FY20 BUDGET &
MANAGEMENT
PLAN

No action could be taken due to lack of a quorum. See the minutes from the August 27, 2019 called meeting for approval.

PROJECT UPDATES

The staff of the Southside Planning District Commission presented slide presentations depicting projects they are administering. Presentations were made by the following:

- ❖ Sangi Cooper, Senior Planner – Sangi’s presentation included:
 - Riverdale Acquisition Project – VDEM
- ❖ Ashleigh Zincone, Senior Planner – Ashleigh’s presentation included:
 - Brodnax Depot – VDOT
 - Brunswick County Flat Rock Road – DHCD
 - Brunswick County Alvis Road – DHCD
 - Chase City Endly Street – DHCD

GO VIRGINIA
UPDATE

Executive Director Moody gave an update on the GO Virginia initiative:

- Go Virginia’s Purpose Statement – “To create more high paying jobs through incentivized collaboration, primarily through out-of-state revenue, which diversifies and strengthens regional economies.”
- Region 3 Growth & Diversification 2017 Plan Summary – Our Greatest Opportunity is to align Workforce/Talent with Economic Development. Our Greatest Gap is an Aging/Shrinking Population.
- Growth & Diversification 2017 Plan Investment Focus – Workforce Talent and Recruitment – Areas of focus will be Sector Partnerships, Work-Based Learning Experience, Talent Recruitment and Most Prominent Gig-Speed Region.
- Sectoral Development – Includes Business Services/IT Data Centers, Advanced Manufacturing and Materials, High Value Natural Resource Products and Health Care.
- Cyber Infrastructure – Includes Regional Solutions for Broadband, Focus on Business Climate Issues that Attract Middle-Mile Technology Companies and Last Mile Technology Companies.
- Discussion – The Commissioners were given an opportunity to discuss their ideas and suggestions regarding GO Virginia and its development.

RESOLUTION

Chairman Callis presented Executive Director Moody with the following Resolution in appreciation of her service.

Resolution

Whereas, Gail P. Moody has provided excellent, effective, and dedicated leadership during her role as Executive Director, and

Whereas, Mrs. Moody has served the Southside Planning District Commission since 1978, and

Whereas, Mrs. Moody shares an innate passion for the peoples of Southside Virginia and the continued development of economic resources to sustain this Region, and

Whereas, Mrs. Moody professionally represents Southside Virginia specifically, the Commonwealth of Virginia as a whole, and the Southside Planning District Commission on the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions, National Association of Development Associations, GO Virginia Region 3, (others... ..);

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that upon her retirement, Gail P. Moody is commended for her devoted and passionate contributions to the Region and Commonwealth.

*Kim Callis, Chairman
Southside Planning District Commission*

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION

Deborah Gosney was introduced as the new Executive Director of the Southside Planning District Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Virginia Association of Planning District Commission's (VAPDC) Summer Conference is being held next week, July 24-26, 2019. Chairman Kim Callis will be elected as the next President of the VAPDC at this conference. Commissioners were encouraged to attend. New Executive Director Deborah Gosney has also been elected to serve on the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Kim Callis, Chairman SPDC



Deborah Gosney, Secretary