

SOUTHSIDE PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Annual Meeting
October 24, 2019

Chairman Kim Callis welcomed everyone to the 50th Annual Dinner Meeting of the Southside Planning District Commission (SPDC), held at The Dogwood in South Hill, Virginia on October 24, 2019. As The Dogwood and adjacent Lofts on Franklin were recently renovated and opened to the public, Chairman Callis presented a bit of history on the building and thanked Gretchen and Tony Hayes and Bonnie and Billy Wilkinson for their investment in our community, bringing this historic building back to life in a very meaningful and much needed way.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/SPONSORS

U.S. Senator Mark Warner could not attend the 50th Annual Dinner Meeting; however, a very nice letter was received from him which read:

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all who are gathered for the Southside Planning District Commission's Annual Meeting and 50th Anniversary Celebration.

This event provides an important opportunity to reflect upon your planning district commission's accomplishments during the last 50 years and look toward your plans for the future. Virginia leaders rely on our planning district commissions to provide comprehensive planning services and give technical assistance in developing and administering community improvement projects and programs. Since 1969, Southside Planning District Commission has been invaluable to the Commonwealth as you help bolster our economy and assist Brunswick, Halifax, and Mecklenburg Counties and the towns of South Boston and South Hill in planning for the future. I commend you for your leadership.

I send my best wishes for a meaningful and successful celebration.

Sincerely, Mark R. Warner

The following guests were recognized for their hard work and dedication to serving our communities.

- Charity Howell – Outreach Representative for U.S. Senator Mark Warner’s Office
- Delegate Tommy Wright – Virginia House of Delegates
- Senator Frank Ruff – Senate of Virginia
- Matt Weaver – DHCD Policy & Legislative Director
- Gregg Gordon and Bernard Jones, Sr. – Former SPDC Chairmen
- Joyce French and Gail Moody – Former SPDC Executive Directors

The following sponsors were recognized for their partnerships and contributions.

- B & B Consultants, Inc.
- Dewberry
- First Citizens Bank
- Letterpress Communications

INVOCATION

Reverend Michael Byrd of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Halifax County and SPDC Commissioner delivered the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Callis called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Executive Director Gosney called the roll. With 23 Commissioners being present, a quorum was met for this meeting. The entire list of Annual Dinner Meeting attendees is attached.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY	Present	Absent
Garland Baird		X
Frederick A. Harrison, Sr.	X	
Bernard Jones, Sr.	X	
Leslie Weddington - Treasurer	X	
John Zubrod	X	
HALIFAX COUNTY		
Stanley Brandon	X	
William Claiborne		X
Sandra Garner-Coleman	X	
Jerry Lovelace	X	
David Martin	X	
Garland Ricketts	X	
Scott Simpson		X
Dennis Witt - Vice Chairman	X	

MECKLENBURG COUNTY		
M. J. Colgate	X	
Gregg Gordon	X	
Andy Hargrove	X	
Landon Hayes, Jr.		X
Angie Kellett	X	
Charlie Simmons	X	
Glanzy Spain	X	
Dan Tanner	X	
SOUTH BOSTON		
Michael Byrd	X	
Winston Harrell	X	
George Leonard	X	
Ernest Vass	X	
SOUTH HILL		
Kim Callis - Chairman	X	
Lillie Feggins-Boone	X	
Lisa Jordan		X
PRESENT	23	
ABSENT		5

CONSENT AGENDA

The Commissioners received the minutes from the previous Commission meetings, dated July 18, 2019 and August 27, 2019, and the Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2019 prior to tonight's meeting for review. The Commissioners were asked if any of the Consent Agenda items needed to be moved to regular discussion items. Hearing none, the Consent Agenda items were recommended for adoption. The Commissioners were then asked if there were any objections. Hearing none, the Consent Agenda items were adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Southside Planning District Commission is served by a 28-member board. Every two years, officers are elected. The current slate of officers is: Chairman – Kim Callis; Vice Chairman – Dennis Witt; and Treasurer – Leslie Weddington. Mr. Callis, Mr. Witt, and Ms. Weddington are all currently serving in their first term and expressed interest in serving a second term. Prior to tonight's meeting, the Nominating Committee was contacted regarding the election of officers for the 2019-2021 term and their willingness to serve a second term. The Nominating Committee all concurred for the current slate of officers to serve a second term.

UPON MOTION BY JOHN ZUBROD, SECONDED BY DAVID MARTIN, THE CURRENT SLATE OF OFFICERS ARE REAPPOINTED TO SERVE A SECOND TERM (2019-2021) AS OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHSIDE PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION – KIM CALLIS, CHAIRMAN; DENNIS WITT, VICE CHAIRMAN; AND LESLIE WEDDINGTON, TREASURER. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Executive Director Gosney recognized Senior Planner Sangi Cooper for ten years of service with the Commission by presenting her with an award and thanking her for her dedication, commitment and support provided to our small rural communities. She stated that Sangi is a delight to work with and feels very fortunate to have her.

Executive Director Gosney then recognized remaining Staff by title and length of service.

STAFF - 2019		
Ashleigh Zincone – Senior Planner	9/28/1998	21 years
Andy Wells – GIS/Cartography Manager	5/15/2003	16 years
Stephanie Creedle – Finance Director/HR	8/14/2006	13 years
Sangi Cooper – Senior Planner	1/11/2010	10 years in January
Chad Neese – GIS Planner	8/1/2017	2 years
Lisa McGee – Administrative Assistant	3/1/2018	1.5 years
Radisha Royster – Planning Assistant	6/1/2019	4 months

Mrs. Gosney provided a few comments in remembrance of JoAnne Turner. JoAnne was a long-time member of the Commission family, having worked at the PDC for 12 years full-time and 9 years part-time, a total of 21 years of service. JoAnne passed away, due to illness, on October 3, 2019. JoAnne was an extraordinary lady that had a positive impact on those who were fortunate enough to know her and is greatly missed.

SPEAKER – DR. LARRY TERRY

Executive Director Gosney introduced our esteemed speaker for the evening, Dr. Larry Terry. Larry Terry is the Executive Director of the Weldon Cooper Center at the University of Virginia. Prior to his appointment at the Center, Terry worked to improve the lives of citizens in the Dallas region and beyond, creating practical partnerships with elected officials, public servants, and community leaders to address poverty and other community issues, including launching the Community Leadership Academy, the nation’s first peer-based citizen police

officer leadership training program. His passion is research-based, outcome-driven programs and services that advance the priorities of UVA in serving the Commonwealth, forming lasting partnerships with clients, and building vibrant, connected communities. Terry's research, publications, teaching, and educational achievements focus on leading and managing public organizations, housing reform, and community engagement and public trust. Prior to joining the Center, Terry served as an assistant professor of Public Administration at both Long Island University-Brooklyn and Arizona State University. He holds a PhD in Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Dallas, an MPA in Public Administration from San Diego State University, and a BA in Black Studies from the University of California.

Mr. Terry spoke on his belief in people and the importance of collaborating and working together in communities. Relationship building is the core to achieving success, and the Weldon Cooper Center is working hard to build relationships in Southside Virginia. He stated that his mission statement is "I believe in people more than I believe in power."

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Callis thanked Brian's Steakhouse for the wonderful meal and the Southern Virginia Food Hub Makers Market for the delightful appetizers. He also thanked Dr. Terry for his presentation and our sponsors, B&B Consultants, Inc., Dewberry, First Citizens Bank, and Letterpress Communications.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Kim Callis, Chairman SPDC

Deborah Gosney, Secretary

SOUTHSIDE PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION**October 24, 2019****ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

1	Glen		Allen
1	Drew		Arnold
1	Robert		Boone
1	Mildred		Bracey
1	Stanley		Brandon
1	Alesia		Byrd
1	Michael		Byrd
1	Kim		Callis
1	Merlene		Cameron
1	Sam		Carroll
1	Wayne		Carter
1	Kelley		Colgate
1	M. J.		Colgate
1	Andrew		Connell
1	Krystle		Connell
1	Allen		Cooper
1	Sangi		Cooper
1	Stephanie		Creedle
1	Debra		Crowder
1	C. J.		Dean
1	Scott		Ehrhardt
1	Mary Jane		Elkins
1	Linda		Elms
1	Wayne		Elms
1	Lillie		Feggins-Boone
1	C. F.	"Dusty"	Forbes
1	Joyce		French
1	Sandra		Garner-Coleman
1	Brittany		Garnet
1	Gregg		Gordon
1	Deborah		Gosney
1	Rodney		Gosney
1	Andy		Hargrove
1	Rita		Hargrove
1	Winston		Harrell
1	Frederick		Harrison, Sr.
1	Hortense		Harrison, Sr.

1	F.	A.	Hendrick
1	Joe		Hines
1	Charity		Howell
1	Jim		Jennings
1	Jason		Johnson
1	Bernard		Jones
1	Randy		Jones
1	Angie		Kellett
1	Chris		Kidd
1	Kim		King
1	Johnny		Kirkland
1	Susan		Kyte
1	George		Leonard
1	Ilsa		Loeser
1	Gerald		Lovelace
1	Jacqueline	Kay	Mangrum
1	Tammy		Manning
1	David		Martin
1	Tracy		Martin
1	Dewayne		McGee
1	Lisa		McGee
1	Andy		Moody
1	Gail		Moody
1	Brentley		Morris
1	Chad		Neese
1	Paul		Nichols
1	Chad		Patton
1	Thomas		Raab
1	Garland		Ricketts
1	Hazel		Ricketts
1	Frank		Ruff
1	Leroy		Sasser
1	Theresa		Shabenas
1	Charles		Simmons
1	Glanzy		Spain
1	Jean		Spain
1	Cedric		Stovall
1	Amanda		Svard
1	E.	Dan	Tanner
1	Mary		Tanner
1	Sandra		Tanner

1		Tom		Tanner
1		Ed		Taylor
1		Larry		Terry
1		Ernest		Vass
1		Matthew		Weaver
1		Leslie		Weddington
1		Andy		Wells
1		Leah		Wells
1		Dennis		Witt
1		Charlette		Woolridge
1		Thomas		Wright
1		Ashleigh		Zincone
1		Scott		Zincone
1		John		Zubrod
1		Valerie		Zubrod
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