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**Town of Linden**  
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Town of Spring Lake  
Harvey Cain, Jr.,  
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## **COUNTY of CUMBERLAND**

### *Planning and Inspections Department*

**Nancy Roy, AICP**  
Director  
**Thomas J. Lloyd,**  
Deputy Director

Clifton McNeill, Jr.,  
Roy Turner,  
Lori Epler,  
Sara E. Piland,  
Cumberland County

## **MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 01, 2005

### **Members Present**

Mr. Charles Morris, Chair  
Mr. Donovan McLaurin, Vice-Chair  
Director  
Mr. Clifton McNeill  
Ms. Sara Piland  
Ms. Lori Epler  
Mr. Garland Hostetter  
Mr. Roy Turner  
Mr. Harvey Cain  
Ms. Diane Wheatley, County Commissioner

### **Others Present**

Ms. Nancy Roy, Director  
Mr. Tom Lloyd, Dep.  
  
Ms. Annette Nunnery  
Ms. Patricia Speicher  
Mr. Will Denning  
Mr. Grainger Barrett,  
County Attorney

### **I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Cain delivered the invocation, and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. McLaurin and seconded by Ms. Epler to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

### **III. PUBLIC HEARING DEFERRALS**

There were no public hearing deferrals.

### **IV. ABSTENTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no abstentions.

### **V. CONSENT ITEMS**

#### **A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2005**

A motion was made by Mr. Turner and seconded by Mr. McNeill to approve the Minutes of October 18, 2005 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDMENT

- A. CASE NO. P05-82. REVISION AND AMENDMENT TO THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE BY CREATING SECTION 1102 "N", ENTITLED "LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW NON-RESIDENTIAL AND MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT" IMPLEMENTING MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS FOR LANDSCAPING THUS PROVIDING PROTECTION OF THE PHYSICAL AND VISUAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE CITIZENS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Lloyd reviewed and summarized the "Landscape Requirements" Amendment.

Chair Morris requested that a one-year review period be written as an addendum to allow for possible adjustments at a later date. Planning staff and Board members were in full agreement.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. McNeill asked for clarification that the statements compiled from developers and landscapers expressed predictable opinions. Staff stated that his view was correct. Mr. McNeill asked if the Landscape Ordinance would conflict with the Sign Ordinance.

Mr. Denning stated that there were no problems.

The Board entertained a discussion on vegetation types.

**Mr. McNeill presented a motion, seconded by Ms. Epler, to approve the revision and amendment as written, with a one-year review requirement. Motion passed unanimously.**

VI. DISCUSSION

- A. Mr. Gordon Rose, of McKim & Creed Engineering Firm, presented information on Bio-Retention and Low Impact Development. He reviewed data compiled from the Biology and Agricultural Department at NC State University, detailing sedimentation control and storm water pollution issues. Mr. Rose outlined solutions to the problems including excavation, landscaping, and curb-cutting. He noted that the purpose of bio-retention is to reduce storm water runoff; remove pollutants prior to reaching streams; and to do so in an aesthetically pleasing manner.

Light discussion ensued regarding MPDS and MIA requirements, sidewalks, aesthetics, and walkable communities.

- B. Cumberland County Attorney Grainger Barrett updated the Board on new planning statutes. Overview of changes included those involving comprehensive plans, which will require the Board to include a written statement of reason when adopting or rejecting any zoning amendment.

Also, Mr. Barrett stressed the area of "Conflicts of Interest" which specifies reasons for Board members to abstain from voting.

VII. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Chair Morris announced that Nancy Roy would be retiring as Director of Planning & Inspections, effective January 01, 2006. He wished Ms. Roy the best and thanked her for the work she had done for the Board. Ms. Roy complimented staff for all of their support during her tenure.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.**