

Town of Fairview Planning Board

Minutes

September 16, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Planning Board of the Town of Fairview was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at the Fire Department. Board Chair Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:30. Board members present included Phil Thomas, Jesse Hargett, John Phifer and Patricia Kindley.

Phil began the meeting by reporting on Council actions which included discussion concerning the hiring of a part-time clerk and continuing discussion concerning a noise ordinance.

Tony Helms, who represents the Town of Fairview on the Monroe/Union County Economic Development Advisory Board, introduced our speaker, Chris Plate, Executive Director of Monroe/Union County Economic Development. Chris made an interesting and informative presentation to the Planning Board.

Chris began by reminding all of us of the negative press Union County has received during the last year or so. He referred to the child abuse allegations of a DSS employee as well as the suing of our County Commissioners by the Board of Education. He related to us how potential developers and corporations kept distance and refused to even consider coming to our area to engage in business. It took much work to try to reclaim our county's reputation.

In describing the present efforts in economic development, Chris spoke of Monroe as the manufacturing urban setting while Union County is a more diverse environment. The two, who joined together in a 2012 merger, make up a unified economic development opportunity.

Chris spoke about the four focuses of unified economic development here. Those are precision manufacturing, logistics, agri-business and commercial. He spoke of recent successes such as aerospace manufacturing as well as failures such as NASCAR related industry.

One problem noted in the Town of Fairview is that we have no clear consensus of what we want. Chris said his work is only focused on what is desired by each town. The session ended with his fielding questions by Planning Board members.

Patricia Kindley made the motion to approve the previous minutes, and John Phifer seconded. The motion carried unanimously. With no further business, John Phifer made the motion to adjourn, and Patricia seconded. That motion also carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Patricia Kindley

Phil Thomas Chairman

Approved this 21st day of Oct.2014