

Charlotte County Planning Commission
Work Session – Comprehensive Plan Update
February 22, 2022
Charlotte County Administration Office

Present:

James Benn	Clark Poindexter
Andrew Carwile	Eugene Wells
Kenny Howard	David Watkins, Jr.
W.V. Nichols	Hazel Bowman Smith*

Absent:

Miller Adams
Cornell Goldman
Kerwin Kunath

**Board of Supervisors Representative (non-voting)*

Guest: Todd Fortune, Deputy Director, Commonwealth Regional Council

Staff in Attendance: Monica Elder, Assistant County Administrator

Chairman Carwile called the work session to order at 6:00 pm and turned the meeting over to Todd Fortune, Deputy Director of the Commonwealth Regional Council.

Follow-up from Community Input Session

Mr. Fortune presented a summary report on the January 25th community input session that was held at the Charlotte County Courthouse, reviewing input received and noting that security staff had counted forty-five attendees.

In response to comments received from citizens regarding recreational spaces, Commissioners discussed the availability of basketball courts at the middle school and high school as well as new recreational spaces at Phenix and Bacon District Elementary Schools.

Addressing comments received during the input session regarding locations for solar development, Chairman Carwile inquired about obtaining shape files and then mapping transmission lines that are above 64 kV. Commissioners discussed mapping land within two to three miles of identified transmission lines to evaluate potential development areas for solar.

Chairman Carwile also inquired about the availability of a commercial timber map from the Department of Forestry to help distinguish areas where timber is grown for commercial purposes.

Additional Discussion

Mr. Fortune plans for a community survey to capture additional public input. He noted that many questions would be based on input received at the community input session and reviewed general types of questions that would be included on the survey.

The next work session was tentatively scheduled for March 22 at 6:00 pm.

Commissioners identified new topics that might need to be addressed in the updated plan including solar development, energy storage, and data centers.

The work session was adjourned.