

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** February 5, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Public Input Plan for the Draft Land Development Code

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. Staff Memorandum

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Planning Board recommended a draft Land Development Code (LDC) to the Board of Commissioners November 15, 2006. Planning Staff discussed the draft LDC and zoning map with individual Board members. The next phase in this project is to receive public input regarding the draft LDC and zoning map. The attached staff memorandum outlines a plan to receive extensive public input. One public hearing is required by state law to consider the new LDC and zoning map. The Board may implement additional changes to the LDC and zoning map after receiving public input.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Planning Staff requests the Board of Commissioners approve the public input plan as outlined in the attached memorandum. Planning Staff also requests that the Board set special meetings for each described date, time, and location.

**Suggested Motion:** I move that the Board approve the public input plan as presented, call special meetings and set one public hearing to be held at the dates, times and locations as presented.

**HENDERSON COUNTY**  
**Planning Department**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Henderson County Board of Commissioners**

**FROM: Anthony Starr, Planning Director**

**DATE: January 26, 2007**

**SUBJECT: Public Input Plan for the Land Development Code**

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Staff discussed the draft Land Development Code (LDC) with each Commissioner individually. The next phase of this project is to accept public input regarding the draft LDC and zoning map. Based on previous comments by the Board, Planning Staff suggests a series of public input sessions at different locations in the County. The purpose of the meetings will be to receive the suggestions and comments of citizens and stakeholders of Henderson County concerning the draft LDC and zoning map. Copies of the draft LDC and zoning map are available at any of the Henderson County Library locations.

These public input sessions would start Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 7:00p.m. A public session would be held each Tuesday from February 20 to March 20, 2007 with a formal public hearing on March 27, 2007. The dates, times and locations are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, February 20, 2007	7-9pm	Blue Ridge Community College - Thomas Auditorium
Tuesday, February 27, 2007	7-9pm	Atkinson Elementary
Tuesday, March 6, 2007	7-9pm	Justice Academy
Tuesday, March 13, 2007	7-9pm	West Henderson High School
Tuesday, March 20, 2007	7-9pm	Patterson Center at Fletcher Academy
Tuesday, March 27, 2007	7-9pm	Board of Commissioners Meeting Room (100 N. King St.)

Planning Staff would be available one hour prior to each meeting to answer questions of citizens on an individual basis. Each meeting would begin with an opportunity for people to sign up to speak. Chairman Moyer would begin the meeting with a welcome and introduction. Each meeting would be a special called meeting so that all Commissioners could attend. Planning Staff would conduct input sessions, but the March 27 Public Hearing would be conducted by the Board of Commissioners.

A website for the Land Development Code has been established and the link to this site can be found on the County's homepage. The website provides an e-mail address for the public to submit comments. A video and series of scrolling slides that describe the draft Land Development Code will also appear on Cable Channel 11. Several large newspaper advertisements and a press release are planned to communicate this information.