

Summary of the initial presentation to the Transylvania County Planning and Community Development Board...

On October 18th, the Cedar Mountain Community Center, Small Area Planning Committee provided an overview of our communities small area planning project to the Transylvania County Planning and Community Development Board (this was our first meeting with the board). The meeting was held at 7PM, at the Community Services Building located at 106 East Morgan Street. The board meeting agenda was as follows:

- Call to Order, Daryle Hogsed
- I. Welcome
- II. Public Comment (15-minute time limit. Speakers are limited to three minutes.)
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes (Special Meeting August 23, 2018)
- V. Subdivision Approvals and Updates, Joy Fields
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Telecommunication Tower Application
 - B. Transylvania County Voluntary Agriculture District Ordinance
 - C. Watershed Protection Ordinance Review
- VII. New Business
 - A. Cedar Mountain Community Planning Effort
 - B. Planning and Community Development Update
 - C. Other
- VIII. Public and Board Member Comments
- IX. Adjourn

The meeting came to order with a welcome and public comments. The board was very kind to change the agenda moving New Business / Cedar Mountain Community Planning Effort presentation to the front of the meeting.

Karen Ramsaur kicked off our presentation to the board with an overview of the Cedar Mountain Community. Karen explained how we arrived at this point with early involvement from Transylvania County Planning and Community Development resources being a catalyst to the process. Karen provided an insight to our geographical location, natural resources, culture and framed the mindset around our responsibility to plan and manage the fine balance between conservation and development.

Next, Robert Lawson, provided an overview of our Small Area Planning process and where we are today. Robert conveyed to the board our approach to obtaining community feedback on what was most important and least important from our full and part time residents. The board was exposed to the statistical reports that reveal a strong consensus about what is important in our community. The board was very interactive and had several questions dealing with the methodology and content of the survey.

Finally, Lucia Gerdes wrapped up our presentation by providing her experience as a resident/business owner living and running a business in Cedar Mountain. Lucia's real world experience and explanation of how it was important to compliment the community's culture in her business hit home base. Lucia rounded out our commitment to clearly identify what is important to the Cedar Mountain Community from all perspectives.

At the conclusion of our presentation the board made several comments and took action which included the following:

- Individually thanked Us / Cedar Mountain for coming to the meeting and presenting
- Said they were impressed with our presentation and its content
- Said that we were the first community to be pro-active and come to the board prior to incurring problems
- The board made a motion to provide the Community of Cedar Mountain with resources from the Transylvania County Planning and Community Development Department in support of our Small Area Business Plan... The motion was unanimously approved!

We are thrilled with our results thus far and will be contacted again by Joy Fields to tell us what our next step will be in preparation to present our Small Area Plan to the Board of Commissioners.

Thanks goes out to everyone involved with this project and your ongoing support.