

**Report of county plan review session
September 24, 2007 at Blount County Public Library**

The plan review session was attended by 11 people (see list of people on sign-in sheet attached plus three not on sheet). The session lasted approximately two hours.

The following are summary comments of participants documented at the session.

Just because rural character is difficult to define does not mean we should not do it.

Landscaping requirements (are needed)

Contact local architects to define rural (character) design

Include sidewalks in subdivisions – explore incentives (in regulations etc) to include sidewalks in subdivisions

Add bike lanes

Require open space in larger developments

Add green space at entrances to subdivisions

Adequate roads should be provided to new subdivisions

Repeat concept of greenbelt (like in cities) in rural and suburban areas of the county – also county parks

Do asset mapping (reference Suzanne Morse – Smart Communities)

Planning Commission should recommend alternative forms of funding

Continue to build partnerships with community groups such as Keep Blount Beautiful, Foothills Land Conservancy, Little River Watershed Association, and Environmental Health Action Team – and bring more groups to the table

Develop extensive plan for mountains

Set up review body to review development plans before they get approved by the Planning Commission

Draw out process of approval to allow public to be informed (mainly referencing subdivision plats)

Post BZA agenda and notice on web well in advance of meeting

Seriously review efficiency of alternative sewer systems

Look at setback limits from ridgetops

Participants on sign-in sheet

Bob Booker

Wendy Pitts Reeves

Erma Giffin

Joe Gallagher

Doug Gamble

Peter LeQuire

Michael Gribble

Pat Raush

Also participating but not on sign in sheet

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Campbell

Jim Scully