

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners and Sparta Town Council met in joint session on Monday, September 29, 2014, at 7:00pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: County: Chair Larry Cox, Vice-Chair Tom Smith, Larry Davis, Karen Leys, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans, Town: Mayor John Miller, John Brady, Agnes Joines, Chris Jones, Mike Parlier and Town Manager Bryan Edwards.

Chair Cox called the County meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone.

Mayor Miller called the Town meeting to order at 7:01pm. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the agenda for this September 29, 2014, meeting. Commissioner Leys seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

John Brady made a motion to approve the agenda for this September 29, 2014, meeting. Chris Jones seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Joint County/Town Meeting  
September 29, 2014  
Agenda

- 7:00pm     Meeting Called to Order  
              Motion on Agenda
- 7:05pm     Consonance + Design Build Studio (ASU Students)  
              RE: Farmers Market Presentation
- Farmers Market Discussions
- Other Business
- County/Town Adjourn

Chair Cox talked about witnessing something that doesn't happen in other places where the Town and County meets on a regular basis, which are the 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays throughout the year.

Consonance Design + Build Studio, a group of eight ASU students, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding their preliminary work on a Farmers Market for Alleghany County and the Town of Sparta. They introduced themselves and talked about the history, culture, cultural discourse of Alleghany County and Sparta. They discussed the precedent studies. They displayed four site concept designs; Entropy, Convergence, Threshold and Radial Growth. They asked the Commissioners and Council members to rank the designs and answer a one-page questionnaire about the Market in order to be able to assist them in developing proposals for the Farmers Market.

Aaron Ray Tompkins talked about each design has important aspects, and the biggest factor is user ability.

John Brady talked about he likes several of the designs, maybe moving towards the creek and wants to be able to get to setup and take down.

The need for parking and existing parking spaces were discussed by the group.

Mayor Miller talked about having a place that makes people want to be there will help.

Commissioner Leys talked about the functionality of it and having access from Highway 18.

The group talked about not having sizes for any of the designs at this time. The students mentioned coming back in a week or two with scale drawings, and added that each vendor section will be 10x10 and having space for around 10-15 vendors. They also discussed that budget conversations will come after the design phase is completed.

The Commissioners, Council members, the County Manager and the Town Manager discussed the importance of visibility from Highway 18, parking needs and there are some restrictions on the current Crouse Park property.

Consonance Design + Build Studio talked about they would like the boards to narrow down the design options to three, have the list of questions answered to provide them more guidance in developing the plan and explained a parking scenario for the Radial Growth design.

Town Manager Bryan Edwards talked about gathering the information from both boards and scanning it to send to the students.

Chair Cox stated his appreciation for this effort and the partnership.

Commissioner Leys talked about this is fun and exciting. She said thank you.

John Brady said thank you, and he is looking forward to see what is developed.

Agnes Joines stated she is impressed with what the students have done. She said thank you, and she appreciates it.

Mike Parlier said thank you, and he appreciates the good work.

Chris Jones said he echoes the others' comments, and he thanked the group from ASU.

Being no further County business, Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Being no further Town business, John Brady made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm. Mike Parlier seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans  
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Larry Cox  
Chairman