

June 25, 2019

The Western Nassau Heritage Preservation Committee (WNHPC) met in regular session this 25th day of June, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Callahan County Building, 45401 Mickler Street, Callahan, Florida. Committee members present were Bobby Franklin, John Stack, Linda Morris, Charles Gressman, and Chair Jimmy Higginbotham. Absent was committee member Barry Holloway. Also present representing the Department of Planning and Economic Opportunity were Sue Ann Alleger, Planner II; and Abby Weiss, Planner and GIS Analyst. Also present was Heather Nazworth, recording secretary.

Chair Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Mr. Gressman led the Invocation and Chair Higginbotham led the Pledge of the Allegiance to the American Flag.

It was moved by Mr. Stack, seconded by Mr. Gressman and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2019 Western Heritage Preservation Committee meeting as presented.

Ms. Weiss explained that at the last meeting goals and objectives were provided to the members. She inquired if the committee wanted to move forward with adopting the goal and objectives, it was the consensus of the committee to adopt at the July 23, 2019 meeting.

Ms. Weiss discussed the scenarios for community outreach. She referenced handouts previously provided to the committee. She commented that Western Nassau is 87 percent zoned Agriculture (AGR) and the areas can easily be re-zoned with future growth and development. She provided examples regarding learning from other communities on development.

Ms. Morris expressed that there needs to be a way to have a captive audience and outreach with various groups assisting with the community input. She explained that the outreach needs to be personalized and local.

Ms. Weiss advised that at the next meeting strategies will need to be reviewed for the goals and objectives. She explained that each objective can have multiple strategies and can be more complex. She provided examples and further discussion ensued.

The group discussed having several sessions to discuss the strategies for the goals and objectives and consider having public meetings regarding the major areas.

Ms. Alleger discussed the additional strategies and the approach to the citizens. She explained that the approach will be similar to the past outreach events and referenced an outreach tool known as visual preference that can assist with views of different communities similar to Nassau County. She requested that the committee think of the approach to the public to help with understanding the goals. She addressed additional planning tools that can be provided to the public to assist with planning a community.

The group discussed the effectiveness of learning from other communities, personalization to the Western Nassau Communities for the outreach, visual presentation, and strategies and tactics.

Ms. Alleger requested that the committee review the objectives in order to provide feedback for the strategies at the meeting on July 23, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.