

Cumberland County Policy Committee
October 3, 2002, 8:30AM

Members Present: Chairman Jeannette Council
Commissioner Talmage Baggett
Commissioner John Henley
Others: James Martin, County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Council called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes: July 2, 2002

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved to approve.
SECOND: Commissioner Henley
VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

2. Consideration of a policy on the use of county facilities

Grainger Barrett, County Attorney, reviewed and answered questions on the proposed policy. The proposed policy as set out will apply to all county facilities. However, each county department shall adopt a policy governing the use of that specific facility. The Attorney pointed out that county facilities are not unlimited public fora where anyone or any group can disseminate their messages. However, a facilities use policy for facilities which by their nature are intended for widespread, diverse uses by the public, such as libraries and parks, may be flexible to accommodate uses which traditionally have been associated with such facilities.

All policies shall be reviewed by the County Attorney prior to its promulgation.

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved to forward the policy to the Board of Commissioners, recommending its adoption.
SECOND: Commissioner Henley
VOTE: UNAIMOUS

3. Discussion of a joint Human Relations Commission

The County Manager told the Committee that the City Manager will discuss this issue with the City Council at its next meeting to see what it is willing to offer the County regarding this joint venture. One issue of course would be funding.

Commissioner Henley noted that if we are going to be involved we need to make sure we have a clear understanding of the mission and goals of the Commission.

4. Update on the proposed Joint Appearance Commission

Mr. Gordon Johnson, Chairman of the City of Fayetteville Appearance Commission, gave a presentation at the Planning Board on September 3, 2002. The Board was receptive to the concept. However, the Board did not endorse the concept because town representatives from Wade, Godwin, Falcon, Linden, Stedman and Spring Lake wanted to get with their respective Boards and discuss the matter. It is anticipated that the Planning Board will endorse the concept at its Board meeting October 15, 2002.

Commissioner Henley said it is important that everyone understands the mission, expectations, and the weight carried by this Advisory Commission. In addition he noted that the current City Commission does not mirror the General Statutes in that the majority of the membership is mostly at large as opposed to the majority of the members having special training or experience in a design field such as architecture, landscape design, horticulture, city planning or a closely related field.

Commissioner Baggett noted his concern that we would be putting requirements on rural areas to alter the appearance based on city standards.

The County Manager noted that Planning Staff brought before the Policy Committee a couple of years ago a proposed landscape ordinance which was not adopted or forwarded out of committee.

The consensus of the Committee was that County Staff continue to work on this issue and perhaps ask the Planning Staff to resurrect the landscape ordinance for review.

No action needed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:20AM.