

**JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE TOWN OF ST. PAUL AND THE ST. PAUL PLANNING COMMISSION
ON THE 2017 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
APRIL 17, 2017
TOWN HALL – 5:30 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Planning Commission & Council:

Kyle Fletcher, Mayor
Ken Holbrook – Vice Mayor & PC
Greg Bailey – Absent
Tim Boardwine – Absent
Harry Kelly – Council
Jason Kilgore – Absent
Monty Salyer – Council
Bob Ramey- PC
Josh Sawyers – PC
Terry Vencil – PC
Matt Jordan – PC
Kevin Sutherland – PC
Bob Harrison – PC
Joey Stanley – PC
Bill Wallace – Absent

Debora Baca – Town Clerk/Treasurer
Kathy Stewart – Main Street

Jerry Couch – CV Times

Vice Mayor and Planning Commission Secretary Ken Holbrook called the public hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. He opened the floor for comments from the public regarding the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

Kathy Stewart commented on several issues regarding the goals and objectives listed in the Comprehensive Plan. She offered the following recommendations: 1) On page 31 under “Take measures to improve and strengthen St. Paul’s business district”, she suggested adding “and on street parking” to Line #4. Ms. Stewart also suggested stronger enforcement of property maintenance ordinances; 2) On page 32, Transportation #5 should include adding language to work with residents, county officials, and VDOT to address traffic safety needs including turn lanes, improving turning views, and railroad crossing, including alleys, and especially in Market Square; 3) On page 33, under the Objective to encourage property owners to maintain their land and dwelling units, this should also say the town should update and enforce ordinances; 4) On page 34, under the Objective to insure that adequate facilities are provided for St. Paul municipal needs, she asked if this would include buildings outside of governmental or utilities; 5) Objective #2 of the first goal under Implementation should include all ordinances-parking, mixed use buildings, property maintenance, and under Objective #4, Ms. Stewart asked if there are plans to prioritize and adopt a capital improvement plan.

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There being no other questions or comments from the floor, Vice Mayor Holbrook asked members of the Planning Commission and Town Council if they had any comments. Councilman Salyer said it is his opinion that Kathy Stewart stated some valid concerns. He added that the town is going to have to take a look at things that are “grandfathered” in. Bob Ramey commented that some of these concerns would be addressed in the zoning ordinance and doesn’t really have anything to do with the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Baca advised that if any of the language in the Transportation section of the proposed plan is changed, that section would have to go back to VDOT for approval.

Terry Vencil asked Ms. Stewart if her concerns about the alleys is parking or the continuation of alleys that are no longer continued or circular. Ms. Stewart said she understands that work will be done in alleys during the downtown project and she is thinking about the businesses that will be affected and would like to know if there is a traffic plan for those areas.

There being no additional public comment or questions, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor, Town of St. Paul

Recording Secretary, Planning Commission

Town Clerk