



MEMORANDUM

The Department of Community Development

Planning

455-3900

To: Planning Commission
From: Tom Martin, AICP, City Planner
Subj: Public Hearing - Comprehensive Plan: 2013-2030
Date: October 23, 2013

On September 26, 2012, the Planning Commission initiated amendments to the *Comprehensive Plan 2002-2020*. The resulting draft *Comprehensive Plan 2013-2030* is the result of numerous public forums, work sessions with Planning Commission and Council. While the plan is more of a refinement to the existing Plan than a change in direction for the City, it will be an invaluable resource as the City works towards rewriting the *Zoning Ordinance* in 2014.

Since your last work session on October 2, 2013, the draft plan has been revised to reflect comments received from the Planning Commission and to reflect progress made in ongoing City initiatives: (Existing Land Use Data, Public Utilities, Natural Systems and Area Plans, and Implementation Schedule).

While the Planning Commission may wish to further refine the Plan (such as future land use designations), the Planning Division is recommending that the Planning Commission approve the attached resolution and forward the Plan to Council for adoption.

If you have questions, please contact me at (434) 455-3909 or tom.martin@lynchburgva.gov.

RESOLUTION OF THE LYNCHBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS: The City of Lynchburg is the dynamic center of a growing region.

WHEREAS: The City of Lynchburg is well known for its quality of life, economic vitality, rich history and cultural diversity.

WHEREAS: The City of Lynchburg is committed to strong neighborhoods, a downtown that is the heart of the region, attractive and accessible commercial areas, celebrating its history and heritage, protecting its environment, a diverse economy, quality education and effective support systems.

WHEREAS: Section 15.2-2223 of the *Code of Virginia* requires that the Planning Commission prepare and recommend a comprehensive plan for the physical development of the territory within its jurisdiction and every governing body shall adopt a comprehensive plan for the territory under its jurisdiction.

WHEREAS: The City's Comprehensive Plan 2002-2020 was adopted in 2002 and establishes a twenty (20) year vision for the City

WHEREAS: Section 15.2-2230 of the *Code of Virginia* provides that the Planning Commission shall review the plan at least once every five (5) years to determine whether it is advisable to amend the plan.

WHEREAS: The Planning Commission initiated amendments to the *Comprehensive Plan 2002-2020* on September 26, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lynchburg Planning Commission that in order to promote the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice and as is required by the *Code of Virginia*, the Planning Commission recommends to the City Council adoption of the City of Lynchburg *Comprehensive Plan 2013-2030* as an update to the *Comprehensive Plan 2002-2020*.

Adopted: _____

Certified: _____
Secretary, Lynchburg Planning Commission