

Department of Planning

History

Pre World War II

The history of Henrico County's Planning Department begins with the adoption of the County's first Zoning Ordinance on September 5, 1933. The ordinance contained only four zoning districts and was under the administration of the County's Department of Public Works. The four districts were adequate for the relatively small population at the time. During the 1930s, the County was predominantly rural in character and had a total population of 30,310; however, the County began to experience a significant amount of growth. In fact, its growth rate between the 1920 Census, when the County had a population of 18,972, and the 1930 Census was 59.76%. The County's growth is thought to be part of the reason behind the creation of the first Zoning Ordinance. Eventually, this rate of growth was impeded by the onset of the Great Depression in the early 1930s.

With the recovery from the Great Depression beginning in the mid-1930s, Henrico County and many other local governments began to experience slow but steady return to growth rates prior to the Depression. As such, the County began to prepare to properly direct and manage this growth. Therefore, the County's Board of Supervisors established the County's first Planning Commission on July 14, 1936, making Henrico the first County in Virginia to adopt a County Planning Commission.¹ Through a grant from the federal Works Progress Administration, the first Planning Commission was tasked with completing a survey of the physical, economic, and educational attributes of the County.² This information served as the basis for the County's first Master Plan, which was initiated by the Board of Supervisors in the fall of 1938. It covered a variety of subjects including school bus routes, drainage areas, school property, traffic counts and accident locations, existing utilities, existing land use, agricultural, industrial and residential development opportunity areas.³ In addition to initiating the first Master Plan, the Planning Commission also established the County's first subdivision requirements, laying out the proper dimensions of lots and streets, utility easement information, and methods for delineating subdivision lines. Finally, the Planning Commission also adopted the County's first "Building, Electrical,

¹ Henrico County Second Annual Report for the Year Ending June 30, 1936. Day, Willard F.

² Henrico County 4th Annual Report for the Year Ended June 30, 1938. Day, Willard F.

³ Henrico County 5th Annual Report for the Year Ended June 30, 1939. Day, Willard F.

and Plumbing Code,” through the assistance of a Citizens Advisory Committee and the endorsement of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.⁴

With the onset of World War II, the County’s Planning Commission became inactive for several years as many County employees served in the armed forces; however, several important planning-related developments occurred within the County during this time. The Department of Public Works hired its first Planning Engineer, Mr. E. B. Wilkens, and first Draftsman. This hiring could technically be considered the administrative beginning of the Planning Department. The County also adopted its second zoning ordinance on September 9, 1942, which included five districts: residential, business, industrial, agricultural and airport. The new zoning ordinance expanded its requirements for residential development. The County also worked with the Virginia State Planning Board, the City of Richmond and Chesterfield County to develop a preliminary park and highway system for the region, which led to the creation of a comprehensive highway master plan for the County in 1942.⁵

Post World War II

As World War II came to a close, the County initiated a post-war program to advance public works and private building programs which would be necessary at the end of the war period as many Americans returned home. The Planning Commission was also reactivated by the Board of Supervisors on December 13, 1944 and was comprised of new members. The Commission, at this time, began holding regularly scheduled meetings and provided assistance to the Board of Zoning Appeals with revising the County’s Zoning Ordinance, which was adopted on July 11, 1945 and consisted of nine districts: residential (5), business, industrial, agricultural and airport. Additionally, the Commission reviewed building, plumbing, and zoning Codes for the County.

1950’s

Henrico County continued to grow in population and reached a population of 57,340 in 1950. The new population came with new demands for services. County Manager Ed Beck responded to this demand and created new departments and built additional County facilities. He hired the County’s first Planning Administrator, Marvin Lee. This position was created as part of the County Manager’s Office in 1953 to serve as Administrative Assistant to the County Manager. The Planning Administrator functioned as Secretary to both the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals, handling all

⁴ Henrico County 7th Annual Report for the Year Ended June 30, 1941. Mahaffey, S. J.

⁵ Henrico County Biennial Report of the County Manager to the Board of Supervisors and Public: June 30, 1943. Mahaffey, S. J.

requests for zoning amendments, variances and provided a point of contact for the public on zoning and planning matters. The Planning Administrator conducted studies and produced reports for the County Manager and other County Officers.⁶

After being inactive for 1952 and much of 1953, the Planning Commission was reactivated on October 14, 1953. The Board of Supervisors organized the new incarnation of the Planning Commission to consist of one representative for each Magisterial District and the Planning Administrator as the Secretary. This Commission completed a subdivision control ordinance and design standards eventually leading the Planning Commission to be the designated body for approval of all subdivisions, the first of which were presented to the Planning Commission in June of 1955.

On July 18, 1956, the first modern-day version of the Planning Commission was created; however, it was known as the Zoning Commission at the time. The purpose of the Commission was to recommend a future land use plan, revise the zoning map and ordinance, review subdivision plats and serve as an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors and County Administration on requests for rezoning changes and other Planning matters.⁷ As part of the creation of the new Commission, the County also updated its policy on notification to residents regarding zoning changes to allow for more public input. The County's Board of Zoning Appeals, at this time, was also reorganized with newly appointed members and new rules of procedure designed to regularize, simplify and make more effective the work of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Beginning in February of 1956, the Zoning Commission and Planning Administrator were authorized by the Board of Supervisors to develop and implement another Master Plan for the County. The Plan was created through the assistance of Mr. Julian Tarrant, a local planning consultant whose services were retained by the County to lead this endeavor. The purpose of the plan was to include a future land use plan, population studies, a program for school construction and identification of future sites, and an evaluation of existing and potential new zoning ordinances. Based on the results of the study, approximately 26.4 square miles of Henrico County was considered urbanized at the time and the County was comprised of the following land use quantities:

- Retail business and service industry – 3%
- Industry – 4%
- Public buildings and institutions – 7%
- Public utilities – 7%
- Parks, recreation and cemeteries – 11%

⁶ Henrico County Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954. Beck, E. A.

⁷ Henrico County Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1957. Beck, E. A.

- Residential (including agricultural) – 68%⁸

The Plan was formally adopted by the County Board of Supervisors on March 9, 1958.

1960's

The Zoning Commission was short lived; and, on January 1, 1960, the term of the Zoning Commission ended and was replaced with a reestablished Planning Commission. The reestablished Planning Commission assumed many of the duties of the former zoning commission in addition to other duties: review of subdivision of land and vacation of plats, recommendation of proposed amendments to existing Land Use Plan, and revisions to the zoning map and zoning ordinance.

In 1959, as Interstate 64 was being planned, there was discussion about whether the highway should go north or south of Richmond at the Laburnum Avenue hinge point. Recognizing the importance of highway infrastructure on Planning and Economic Development from his previous work as Town Manager for the town Blacksburg, Virginia, Mr. William F. LaVecchia, the Planning Administrator who succeeded Mr. Marvin Lee in 1959, encouraged the County Manager to attend public hearings held by the Highway Department on behalf of Henrico County; no other localities in the region sent representatives. During the hearing, Mr. Beck and Mr. LaVecchia advocated for the northern route, which was the eventual selected route. The routing of the highway in its current location has helped to shape the pattern of growth in the County since the Interstates were constructed.

Given the County's growing population, which had now doubled in size to a total population of 117,339 in 1960, the role of Planning in Henrico County became even greater during the 1960's. To better meet needs for planning efforts in Henrico County, the first Planning Office was created in 1962 and was placed under the leadership of Mr. LaVecchia with Bob Dahlstedt serving as the Office's Chief Planner.⁹ The Department itself was also organized into two separate divisions: the Planning Division and the Subdivision and Drainage Division. The Planning Division was created to provide assistance to the Planning Commission and to work on current and long range planning, prepare reports on various planning matters, and administer and enforce the zoning and subdivision ordinances. The Subdivision and Drainage Division was created for the preparation of specifications and design criteria involving subdivision and drainage construction. This involved the addition of the first Subdivision and Drainage Engineer to Planning staff. This division was tasked with reviewing proposals on subdivision design, land rezoning, conditional use permits, variances and zoning

⁸ County Manager Government in Henrico, Virginia. Wikstrom, Dr. Nelson. Henrico County. 2003.

⁹ The County of Henrico, Virginia: Annual Report Year Ended June 30, 1962. Beck, E. A.

ordinances. Furthermore, this division reviewed subdivision construction plans and building permits in addition to administering and implementing drainage improvement programs.¹⁰

With new staffing levels, the Planning Office took on additional tasks including a Major Streets and Highways Plan, enforcement of zoning and subdivision control ordinances, a park study, a revision to the 1957 Land Use Plan (the Julian Tarrant Plan), further additions to the zoning ordinance (residential planned neighborhood and R-6 General Residence District), and finally the adoption of the Plan of Development Ordinance (POD) in 1968, which was first utilized for Parham Plaza Shopping Center (via POD-1-69).

1970's

With the onset of the 1970s, Henrico County had again experienced a significant population growth (by 31.55%) and was now home to more than 150,000 people. Given the growing complexity and diversity of the County, the Planning Office was split into two new divisions: Current Planning and Advance Planning. The Current Planning division was set up to handle daily planning needs and assist both the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals in all matters affecting subdivision design, rezoning, conditional use Permits, variances, zoning ordinance amendments, and PODs. The Advance Planning division was primarily tasked with the preparation and continuous updating of the Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, Advance Planning was responsible for small area land use studies, review and comment on rezoning applications, and the compilation and management of statistics on population, the economy and land use.¹¹

The 1970s saw a rapid increase in the number of requests for rezoning and plans of developments, including Regency Square Shopping Center. The Planning Office also went through several administrative changes with their ordinances including the addition of Planned Industrial District and Residential Mobile Home Park District to the zoning ordinance, and the adoption of an Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.¹² Another important development with the County's Zoning Ordinance was the new concept of conditional zoning, which was introduced by the Current Planning Division in 1978.¹³

At this time, the Advance Planning Division began working on the County's second Comprehensive Plan. Considered the first "Modern Day Plan" for the County, the Plan was produced in-house by County staff. Several public hearings were

¹⁰ County Manager Government in Henrico, Virginia. Wikstrom, Dr. Nelson. Henrico County. 2003.

¹¹ County Manager Government in Henrico, Virginia. Wikstrom, Dr. Nelson. Henrico County. 2003.

¹² The County of Henrico, Virginia: Annual Report Year Ended June 30, 1971. Beck, E. A.

¹³ The County of Henrico, Virginia: Annual Report Year Ended June 30, 1979. Faison, F. A.

included as the Plan developed and were considered the public's first real exposure to the Planning process in Henrico County. The Plan, itself, focused on balanced growth and the need for residential and non-residential land uses to be located across the County as a means to provide more jobs throughout the County. A Major Thoroughfare Plan was also included in this plan for the first time.

Other programs were started during this period as well. Based on the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Henrico County was eligible to participate in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects. The County's first such project was a water and sewer project for the Bungalow City subdivision.

Towards the end of the 1970s, the Planning Office and County Administration, overall, went through two significant changes. First, in 1977, the County Government relocated from their offices on E. Main St. in the City of Richmond to their present-day location on Parham Road. Also, Mr. Lavecchia was promoted to Deputy County Manager (for Planning and Inspections) and Robert J. Dahlstedt, the Assistant Director of Planning, was promoted as the new Director of Planning.¹⁴

During the second half of the 1970s, the Planning Office also embarked on a 5-year effort to replace the current 1960s Zoning Ordinance. This proposed new ordinance was designed "to give the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors much more control over the type, location, and methods of development within the County." To meet this need, the proposed ordinance established 29 zoning classifications compared to the existing 21, introduced the Provisional Use concept, refined the site plan review procedure, and allowed for a comprehensive rezoning of the County.¹⁵ While it was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, the proposed ordinance was not adopted by the Board of Supervisors; however, many of pieces from the proposed ordinance have been incorporated into the existing Zoning Ordinance over the years.

Also, at the end of the 1970s, the Planning Office created the 1985 Open Space Plan. Triggered by a previous Richmond Regional Planning District Commission Open Space Plan bond referendum in the 1960s, the 1985 Open Space Plan was used as a survey of recreational needs for Henrico County. The survey included an inventory of historic architecture in the County and a history of County road names. The bond referendum was used to purchase some of the County's present day park sites including Dorey Park, Deep Run Park and Belmont Golf Course.

¹⁴ The County of Henrico, Virginia: Annual Report Year Ended June 30, 1978. Faison, F. A.

¹⁵ County of Henrico, Virginia: Revised Zoning Ordinance October 11, 1979 as Recommended by the Henrico County Planning Commission. "Executive Summary: prepared by County of Henrico Planning Office March 8, 1979." Henrico County Planning Office.

1980's

By 1980, Henrico County had reached a total population of 180,735 (a 17.08% increase since 1970). This decade saw the beginning of the largest commercial development in the County as well as the region: The Innsbrook Office Park.¹⁶ In addition to this large development, the first phases of Virginia Center and the Deep Run Business Center also came online.¹⁷ Residential development and rezoning requests also increased significantly at this time, including the neighborhoods of Wyndham and Wellesley. While this was occurring, the Planning Office also initiated an ambitious property numbering system for all properties within the County in February 1984.¹⁸ Given the significant undertaking involved, this project took five years to complete. Finally, Planning Department staff spent a significant amount of time on studies for two major road improvement projects: the Parham Road/Chippenham Bridge (Edward E. Willey Bridge) and a reclassification of the proposed State Route 288. Also, during this same time period, the Northeast and Northwest sections of Interstate 295 opened in 1980 and 1981, respectively, providing a connection between Short Pump and Sandston.

While a significant amount of physical development was occurring, Planning staff was also very busy managing several other planning and administrative efforts. The 1995 Comprehensive Plan was updated and was readopted as the 2000 Comprehensive Plan, the County's third comprehensive plan. The most significant component of the new comprehensive plan was the recommendation for an addition to the County's Zoning Ordinance eventually leading to the creation of Office Zoning Districts. Office uses were previously permitted under R-5 and R-6 Zoning Districts. The Planning Office was also reorganized into three divisions. The first division, Comprehensive Planning, which still exists today, was the former Advance Planning division. The second division, Community Development, was responsible for code enforcement, review of plans and on-site inspections. Finally, the Administrative Support division, which also still exists today, was created to handle the financial and clerical tasks associated with office operations.¹⁹

1990's

By 1990, Henrico County had exceeded the 200,000 population mark and was home to approximately 217,881 residents (a growth rate of 20.55%). The Planning Office, itself, was also under new leadership with Angela Harper as their new Director. During this decade, technology began to take a more vital role with Henrico County as businesses and governments began to assimilate technology into their daily operations. While initiated in the late 1980s, the Planning

¹⁶ The County of Henrico, Virginia: Annual Report Year Ended June 30, 1980. Faison, F. A.

¹⁷ The County of Henrico, Virginia: Annual Report Year Ended June 30, 1981. Faison, F. A.

¹⁸ The County of Henrico, Virginia: Annual Report Year Ended June 30, 1984. LaVecchia, W. F.

¹⁹ The County of Henrico, Virginia: Annual Report Year Ended June 30, 1987. LaVecchia, W. F.

Office in conjunction the County's Division of Data Processing implemented the PLANIS (Planning Information Systems) computer program. This was designed to provide automation of files and allow for tracking of plan reviews, permits and bonds.

Several administrative and organizational developments took place within the Office in the early 1990s. With a population over 200,000 people, Henrico County became an entitlement locality and CDBG funding was now given directly to Henrico and administered by the Planning Office (later Community Revitalization).²⁰ A Code Administration Division was also added to the Office's roster and responsible for administration of the Zoning Ordinance, serving as a secretary to the Board of Zoning Appeals, front counter public services involving zoning, license approval, inspections/code conformance, and occupancy permit approval. The Office's PLANIS system was also upgraded to allow for a computerized zoning complaint tracking system.

In the early 1990s, the Planning Office also worked on another Comprehensive Plan Update to the 1985 Plan, which led to the adoption of the Department's 2010 Land Use Plan on December 13, 1995. A similar update was prepared for Recreation and Parks with the assistance of the Planning Office, which led to the 2015 Update to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan on August 10, 1999. The Land Use Plan was updated again in 1999 to address the emerging wireless technology market, especially for providing guidelines on the appropriate locations for cell phone towers while protecting residential neighborhoods.

The New Millennium

By the year 2000, Henrico County had reached a population of 262,300. The beginning of this decade saw several major developments for Planning in the County. In order to better streamline the development process, a section of the Planning Office (and several other departments) was split off to form the Permit Center, with Fred Overman being its first Director. The Permit Center included front counter operators from Public Works, Planning, Utilities and Building Inspections. In 2001, the Planning Office also created a new zoning classification, Urban Mixed Use, with the Rocketts Landing development being the first project approved with this designation. Additionally, in May of 2004, as a way to direct more focus on economic development and community revitalization, another section of the Planning Department (no longer referred to as "Office") was split off and placed under the new Department of Community Revitalization, with John Marlles, the Planning Director at the time, assuming leadership in the new Department. Upon Mr. Marlles' departure for the Permit Center, Mr. Randall Silber, the Assistant Director of Planning at the time, was appointed Director of Planning.

²⁰ The County of Henrico, Virginia: Annual Report Year Ended June 30, 1990. LaVecchia, W. F.

During this time, the Planning Department went through several other organizational developments. Two Assistant Director of Planning positions were created. The first position, held by Mr. David D. O'Kelly, Jr., oversaw the newly created Division of Development Review and Design and the Code Administration Division. The second position, held by Mr. R. Joseph Emerson, Jr., oversaw the Comprehensive Planning, Administration, and newly created Planning Systems Divisions. With the increasing prevalence of technology in the workplace, the Planning Systems Division was tasked with the responsibility for the administration of the Planning Department's computer hardware and software systems. The most important system supported by Planning Systems is Geographic Information Systems (GIS), which has allowed Planning staff to view, analyze and produce a variety of demographic, topographic, environmental, and development-related information on a more sophisticated and productive level.

Also during this decade, several major developments came online or were proposed in Henrico County. Following the continuing trend of Urban Mixed Use development, proposals for West Broad Village, Tree Hill Farm, Staples Mill Centre, and many others made their way through the rezoning, plan of development, and construction processes. Short Pump Town Center, the County's largest outdoor shopping mall was also opened for business in 2003. Altria, formerly Phillip Morris Company, relocated their worldwide headquarters to Reynolds Crossing in 2008. Finally, the Commonwealth of Virginia opened Pocahontas Parkway, an 8.8 mile four lane highway linking Interstate 95 near Chippenham Parkway with Interstate 295, in Henrico in September 2002. This serves as a southern bypass around the City of Richmond and provides a direct link to Richmond International Airport through its Airport Connector, which opened on January 3, 2011.

Another major project undertaken during this decade was the creation of a new Comprehensive Plan for the County, the 2026 Comprehensive Plan. This plan assimilated the County's 2015 Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan, 2010 Land Use Plan, and 2010 Major Thoroughfare Plan into one cohesive document. While the Plan was still under review, Mr. Silber was appointed into the Deputy County Manager for Community Development position vacated by Mr. Harvey Hinson (also a former Assistant Director of Planning), and Mr. R. Joseph Emerson, Jr., Assistant Director of Planning was appointed as the new Director of Planning. During Mr. Emerson's time as Director of Planning, the 2026 Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 11, 2009. Since then, the Planning Department has worked on a variety of projects including the implementation of recommendations from the 2026 Plan such as the adoption of the Innsbrook Land Use Study.

By 2010, population had risen to 311,726. While population growth continued, it did so at a slower pace. This slower growth and reduced development activity were caused by country-wide economic conditions, which marked the early years of the current decade. The Planning Department used this slight slowdown in development activity to update

various components of the zoning ordinance, such as the Urban Mixed Use District, as well as conduct studies regarding various development areas such as Regency Square. Budget constraints caused the personnel complement to be reduced through attrition, leading to several department initiatives focused on efficiency, while maintaining the Planning Department's reputation for high-quality work and excellent customer service.

Development levels increased as the economy improved, with several new large-scale developments proposed, and a number of developments that had been hampered by the economy beginning to flourish. Existing mixed-use developments such as Rocketts Landing and West Broad Village rebounded from the downturn to experience large increases in residential and commercial development. Development of Libbie Mill-Midtown (formerly Staples Mill Centre) began, and included a new public library. The West Broad Street corridor saw continued growth, with additional mixed-use development and large retail complexes. Redevelopment also became a theme during this timeframe, as Willow Lawn continued its resurgence and emerged as a restaurant hub for the area, and the former Eastgate Mall was rezoned to allow for new retail uses in an underserved area of the County.

As with the rest of Henrico County Government, the Planning Department continues to evolve to meet the needs of the County's growing and diverse community. The importance of good planning will continue to be a priority for maintaining and improving the quality of life for Henrico's citizens.

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Planning Commission Members: 1935 - Present

Year							Secretary
1936	F. M. Conner	A. A. Harvey	Dr. William T. Sanger	W. N. Stoneman			W. F. Day, Secretary
1937	F. M. Conner	A. A. Harvey	Dr. William T. Sanger	W. N. Stoneman			W. F. Day, Secretary
1938	C. E. Childrey	F. M. Conner	Dr. William T. Sanger	W. N. Stoneman			W. F. Day, Secretary
1939	C. E. Childrey	F. M. Conner	Dr. William T. Sanger	W. N. Stoneman			W. F. Day, Secretary
1940	C. E. Childrey	A. S. Kellam	Dr. William T. Sanger	W. N. Stoneman			W. F. Day, Secretary
1941	C. E. Childrey	A. S. Kellam	Dr. William T. Sanger	W. N. Stoneman			S. J. Mahaffey, Secretary
1942	C. E. Childrey	A. S. Kellam	Dr. William T. Sanger	W. N. Stoneman			S. J. Mahaffey, Secretary
1943	C. E. Childrey	A. S. Kellam	Dr. William T. Sanger	W. N. Stoneman			S. J. Mahaffey, Secretary
1944	(Inactive)						
1945	J. B. Bourne	Trafford Hill	A. L. Lawrence	C. C. Massey	R. B. Walton		
1946	J. B. Bourne	Trafford Hill	A. L. Lawrence	C. C. Massey	R. B. Walton		
1947	J. B. Bourne	Trafford Hill	A. L. Lawrence	C. C. Massey	R. B. Walton		
1948	J. B. Bourne	Trafford Hill	A. L. Lawrence	C. C. Massey	R. B. Walton		
1949	J. B. Bourne	Trafford Hill	A. L. Lawrence	C. C. Massey	R. B. Walton		
1950	J. B. Bourne	Trafford Hill	A. L. Lawrence	C. C. Massey	R. B. Walton		
1951	J. B. Bourne	Trafford Hill	A. L. Lawrence	C. C. Massey	R. B. Walton		
1952	(Inactive)						
1953	(Inactive)						
1954	W. H. Bentley	Cecil Childress	John Ferguson	C. Elsworth Owen	E. A. Beck, County Manager		George R. Long
1955	W. H. Bentley	Cecil Childress	John Ferguson	C. Elsworth Owen	E. A. Beck, County Manager		David S. Clark
1956	J. B. Bourne	Cecil C. Harper	Charles M. Johnson	Francis W. Vaughan			Marvin W. Lee
1957	J. B. Bourne	Cecil C. Harper	Charles M. Johnson	T. E. Murdoch			Marvin W. Lee,
1958	J. B. Bourne	Cecil C. Harper	Charles M. Johnson	T. E. Murdoch			Marvin W. Lee

*Year	Brookland	Fairfield	Three Chopt	Tuckahoe	Varina	**At Large	Sitting BOS Member	Secretary
1959	Charles M. Johnson	Frank B. Thompson		Cecil C. Harper	T. E. Murdoch			W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1960	R. L. Axselle	Frank B. Thompson		Charles R. Langhorne	T. E. Murdoch			W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
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1964	R. L. Axselle	Frank B. Thompson		W. S. Smithers, Jr.	R. T. Boykin			W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1965	R. L. Axselle	Frank B. Thompson		W. S. Smithers, Jr.	R. T. Boykin			W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1966	R. L. Axselle	Frank B. Thompson		W. S. Smithers, Jr.	Bachman Doar, Jr.			W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1967	R. L. Axselle	Frank B. Thompson		W. S. Smithers, Jr.	Bachman Doar, Jr.			W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1968	Robert B. Ball	Gordon P. Bruce	A.J. Penley Sr.	Kingsbery W. Gay	Bachman Doar, Jr.		Anthony P. Mehfoud	W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1969	Robert B. Ball	Gordon P. Bruce	A.J. Penley, Sr.	Kingsbery W. Gay	Bachman Doar, Jr.		Anthony P. Mehfoud	W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1970	Robert B. Ball	Gordon P. Bruce	A.J. Penley, Sr.	Kingsbery W. Gay	Bachman Doar, Jr.	Robert D. Oakley	C. Kemper Lorraine	W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1971	Robert B. Ball	Gordon P. Bruce	A.J. Penley, Sr.	Kingsbery W. Gay	Bachman Doar, Jr.	Robert D. Oakley	C. Kemper Lorraine	W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1972	John B. McKenney, Jr.	Robert A. Ladd, III	Frank O. Brown, Jr.	David C. Dorset	Charlie H. Bradley		Linwood E. Toombs	W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1973	John B. McKenney, Jr.	Robert A. Ladd, III	Frank O. Brown, Jr.	David C. Dorset	Charlie H. Bradley		Charles M. Johnson	W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1974	John B. McKenney, Jr.	Robert A. Ladd, III	Frank O. Brown, Jr.	David C. Dorset	Charles H. Bradley		Charles M. Johnson	W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1975	John B. McKenney, Jr.	Robert A. Ladd, III	Frank O. Brown, Jr.	David C. Dorset	Charles H. Bradley		Charles M. Johnson	W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1976	John B. McKenney, Jr.	Charles H. Chamberlayne	Frank O. Brown, Jr.	David C. Dorset	Rosalie B. Whitehead		Robert N. Johnson	W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1977	John B. McKenney, Jr.	Charles H. Chamberlayne	Frank O. Brown, Jr.	David C. Dorset	Rosalie B. Whitehead		Robert N. Johnson	W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1978	John B. McKenney, Jr.	Charles H. Chamberlayne	Frank O. Brown, Jr.	James L. Jenkins	Rosalie B. Whitehead		Victor W. Kreiter, Sr.	W. F. LaVecchia (Secretary & Voting Member)
1979	John B. McKenney, Jr.	Charles H. Chamberlayne	Frank O. Brown, Jr.	James L. Jenkins	Rosalie B. Whitehead		Victor W. Kreiter, Sr.	Robert J. Dahlstedt
1980	John B. McKenney, Jr.	Herman F. Blake, Jr.	Mrs. Winfrey T. Wade	Stephen H. Catlett	Charlie H. Bradley		Anthony P. Mehfound	Robert J. Dahlstedt
1981	John B. McKenney, Jr.	Herman F. Blake, Jr.	Mrs. Winfrey T. Wade	Stephen H. Catlett	Charlie H. Bradley		Anthony P. Mehfoud	Robert J. Dahlstedt
1982	John B. McKenney, Jr.	Herman F. Blake, Jr.	Mary L. Wade	Stephen H. Catlett	Charlie H. Bradley		David A. Kaechele	Robert J. Dahlstedt
1983	Richard W. Glover	Gene L. McKinney	Mary L. Wade	Stephen H. Catlett	Charlie H. Bradley		John B. McKenney, Jr.	Robert J. Dahlstedt
1984	Richard W. Glover	Gene L. McKinney	Mary L. Wade	Stephen H. Catlett	Charlie H. Bradley		John B. McKenney, Jr.	Robert J. Dahlstedt
1985	Richard W. Glover	Gene L. McKinney	Mary L. Wade	Stephen H. Catlett	Charlie H. Bradley		Anthony P. Mehfoud	Robert J. Dahlstedt

1986	Gordon E. Granger	Gene L. McKinney	Mary L. Wade	Stephen H. Catlett	Charlie H. Bradley		L. Ray Shadwell	Robert J. Dahlstedt
1987	Ernest B. Vanarsdall, Sr.	Gene L. McKinney	Mary L. Wade	Stephen H. Catlett	Charlie H. Bradley		L. Ray Shadwell, Jr.	Robert J. Dahlstedt
1988	Ernest B. Vanarsdall	Gene L. McKinney	Mary L. Wade	Stephen H. Catlett	Charlie H. Bradley		David A. Kaechele	Robert J. Dahlstedt
1989	Ernest P. Vanarsdall, CPC	Gene L. McKinney	Mary L. Wade	Stephen H. Catlett	Charlie H. Bradley		Anthony P. Mehfoud	Angela H. Moore, AICP
1990	Ernest P. Vanarsdall, CPC	Gene L. McKinney, CPC	Mary L. Wade	Stephen H. Catlett	Charlie H. Bradley		L. Ray Shadwell, Jr.	Angela H. Moore, AICP
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1995	Ernest P. Vanarsdall, CPC	Chris W. Archer	Mary L. Wade	Elizabeth G. Dwyer	David A. Zehler, CPC		David A. Kaechele	Angela N. Harper, AICP
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2001	Ernest P. Vanarsdall, CPC	Chris W. Archer	Allen J. Taylor, CPC	Elizabeth G. Dwyer	Ray Jernigan		David A. Kaechele	John R. Marlles, AICP
2002	Ernest P. Vanarsdall, CPC	Chris W. Archer	Allen J. Taylor, CPC	Lisa D. Ware	E. Ray Jernigan		Richard W. Glover	John R. Marlles, AICP
2003	Ernest P. Vanarsdall, CPC	Chris W. Archer	John Marshall	Lisa D. Ware	E. Ray Jernigan		James B. Donati, Jr.	John R. Marlles, AICP
2004	Ernest P. Vanarsdall, CPC	Chris W. Archer	Thomas M. Branin	Bonnie-Leigh Jones	E. Ray Jernigan		David A. Kaechele	Randall R. Silber
2005	Ernest P. Vanarsdall, CPC	Chris W. Archer	Thomas M. Branin	Bonnie-Leigh Jones	E. Ray Jernigan		Patricia S. O'Bannon	Randall R. Silber
2006	Ernest P. Vanarsdall, CPC	Chris W. Archer	Thomas M. Branin	Bonnie-Leigh Jones	E. Ray Jernigan		Frank J. Thornton	Randall R. Silber
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* Information on PC members Magisterial District affiliation prior to 1959 was unavailable

** From 1969 to 1971, the Board of Supervisors was composed of 6 members, one of whom was an at-large member, B. Earl Dunn. Consequently, the 1970 and 1971 Planning Commission contained an at-large member, too.

Board of Zoning Appeals Members: 1935 - Present

Year						Secretary
1935	T. Crawford Redd	Harvey W. Gills	Mrs. T. W. Murrell	Allen J. Saville	George Stoneman	Tazewell Ellett
1936	T. Crawford Redd	Harvey W. Gills	Mrs. T. W. Murrell	Allen J. Saville	George Stoneman	Tazewell Ellett
1937	T. Crawford Redd	Harvey W. Gills	Mrs. T. W. Murrell	Allen J. Saville	George Stoneman	Tazewell Ellett
1938	J. B. Bourne	A. A. Harvey	Mrs. T. W. Murrell	Allen J. Saville	George Stoneman	Tazewell Ellett
1939	J. B. Bourne	Mrs. T. W. Murrell	W. N. Stoneman	John M. Taylor, Jr.	A. A. Harvey	Tazewell Ellett
1940	J. B. Bourne	A. A. Harvey	Mrs. T. W. Murrell	W. N. Stoneman	John M. Taylor, Jr.	Tazewell Ellett
1941	J. B. Bourne	Mrs. T. W. Murrell	W. Conway Saunders	W. N. Stoneman	John M. Taylor, Jr.	Tazewell Ellett
1942	J. B. Bourne	Mrs. T. W. Murrell	W. Conway Saunders	W. N. Stoneman	John M. Taylor, Jr.	Tazewell Ellett
1943	J. B. Bourne	Mrs. T. W. Murrell	W. Conway Saunders	W. N. Stoneman	John M. Taylor, Jr.	Tazewell Ellett
1944	Mrs. Dorothy H. Ancarrow	J. B. Bourne	W. L. Lawrence	J. A. Purdie	W. N. Stoneman	Tazewell Ellett
1945	Mrs. Dorothy H. Ancarrow	J. B. Bourne	W. L. Lawrence	J. A. Purdie	W. N. Stoneman	Tazewell Ellett
1946	Mrs. Dorothy H. Ancarrow	J. B. Bourne	W. L. Lawrence	J. A. Purdie	W. N. Stoneman	Tazewell Ellett
1947	Mrs. Dorothy H. Ancarrow	J. B. Bourne	W. L. Lawrence	J. A. Purdie	W. N. Stoneman	Tazewell Ellett
1948	Mrs. Dorothy H. Ancarrow	J. B. Bourne	C. L. Bradshaw	W. L. Gratz	W. N. Stoneman	Tazewell Ellett
1949	J. B. Bourne	C. L. Bradshaw	Percy J. Carr	W. L. Gratz	W. N. Stoneman	Tazewell Ellett
1950	J. B. Bourne	C. L. Bradshaw	Percy J. Carr	W. L. Gratz	W. N. Stoneman	Tazewell Ellett
1951	J. B. Bourne	C. L. Bradshaw	Percy J. Carr	W. L. Gratz	W. N. Stoneman	Tazewell Ellett
1952	Alex Armour	J. B. Bourne	C. L. Bradshaw	W. L. Gratz	C. C. Harper	Tazewell Ellett
1953	Alex Armour	J. B. Bourne	C. L. Bradshaw	W. L. Gratz	C. C. Harper	Tazewell Ellett
1954	Alex Armour	J. B. Bourne	C. C. Harper	Charles M. Johnson	B. F. Terpening	George R. Long
1955	J. B. Bourne	C. C. Harper	Charles M. Johnson	T. E. Murdoch	B. W. Walls	David S. Clark
1956	J. B. Bourne	C. C. Harper	Charles M. Johnson	T. E. Murdoch	B. W. Walls	Marvin W. Lee
1957	Ralph L. Axselle	Leo W. Binns	David H. Buker	Charles L. Reed	B. W. Walls	Marvin W. Lee
1958	Ralph L. Axselle	Leo W. Binns	David H. Buker	Charles L. Reed	B. W. Walls	Marvin W. Lee
1959	Ralph L. Axselle	Leo W. Binns	David H. Buker	Charles L. Reed	B. W. Walls	W. F. LaVecchia

1960	L. W. Binns	D. H. Buker	Chas. M. Johnson	C. L. Reed	B. W. Walls	W. F. LaVecchia
1961	L. W. Binns	D. H. Buker	R. N. Harris	C. M. Johnson	B. W. Walls	W. F. LaVecchia
1962	L. W. Binns	D. H. Buker	R. N. Harris	C. M. Johnson	B. W. Walls	W. F. LaVecchia
1963	L. W. Binns	D. H. Buker	R. N. Harris	C. M. Johnson	B. W. Walls	W. F. LaVecchia
1964	L. W. Binns	D. H. Buker	R. N. Harris	C. M. Johnson	B. W. Walls	W. F. LaVecchia
1965	L. W. Binns	D. H. Buker	R. N. Harris	C. M. Johnson	B. W. Walls	W. F. LaVecchia
1966	L. W. Binns	D. H. Buker	R. N. Harris	C. M. Johnson	B. W. Walls	W. F. LaVecchia
1967	L. W. Binns	D. H. Buker	C. M. Johnson	N. S. Newman	B. W. Walls	W. F. LaVecchia
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1971	L. W. Binns	D. H. Buker	C. M. Johnson	N. S. Newman	B. W. Walls	W. F. LaVecchia
1972	D. H. Buker	N. S. Newman	B. W. Walls	Charles H. Wilson	Russell A. Wright	W. F. LaVecchia
1973	D. H. Buker	N. S. Newman	B. W. Walls	Charles H. Wilson	Russell A. Wright	W. F. LaVecchia
1974	John T. Baylor	D. H. Buker	N. S. Newman	Charles H. Wilson	Russell A. Wright	W. F. LaVecchia
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1978	John T. Baylor	N. S. Newman	James W. Nunnally	Charles H. Wilson, Jr.	Russell Alton Wright	W. F. LaVecchia
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1991	Richard L. Lancaster	Gene L. McKinney	N. S. Newman	James W. Nunnally	Russell Alton Wright	A. Earl Clarke
1992	Richard L. Lancaster	Gene L. McKinney, CPC, CBZA	Nathaniel S. Newman	James W. Nunnally	Russell A. Wright	A. Earl Clarke
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1994	Richard L. Lancaster	Gene L. McKinney, CPC, CBZA	Nathaniel S. Newman	James W. Nunnally	Russell A. Wright	A. Earl Clarke
1995	Daniel T. Balfour	Richard E. Kirkland	Gene L. McKinney, CPC, CBZA	James W. Nunnally	Russell A. Wright	A. Earl Clarke
1996	Daniel T. Balfour	Richard E. Kirkland	Gene L. McKinney, CPC, CBZA	James W. Nunnally	Russell A. Wright	Allen D. Webb
1997	Daniel T. Balfour	Richard E. Kirkland	Gene L. McKinney, CPC, CBZA	James W. Nunnally	Russell A. Wright	Allen D. Webb
1998	Daniel T. Balfour	Richard E. Kirkland	Gene L. McKinney, CPC, BZA	James W. Nunnally	Russell A. Wright	Allen D. Webb
1999	Daniel T. Balfour	Richard E. Kirkland	Gene L. McKinney, CPC, BZA	James W. Nunnally	Russell A. Wright	Allen D. Webb
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2002	Daniel T. Balfour	Richard E. Kirkland	Gene L. McKinney, CPC, BZA	James W. Nunnally	Russell A. Wright	Benjamin Blankinship
2003	Elizabeth G. Dwyer	Helen E. Harris	Richard E. Kirkland	James W. Nunnally	Russell A. Wright	Benjamin Blankinship
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