

**Town of Montreat
Board of Commissioners
Town Council Public Forum
June 1, 2017
Walkup Building**

Board members present: Mayor Tim Helms
Commissioner Bill Gilliland
Commissioner Mary Standaert
Commissioner Ann Vinson

Board members absent: Commissioner Kent Otto
Mayor Pro Tem Kitty Fouche

Town staff present: Alex Carmichael, Town Administrator
Angie Murphy, Town Clerk

Call to Order

Approximately 11 people were in attendance. Mayor Helms called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and led the group in a moment of silence.

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Vinson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Gilliland seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

Public Forum

Mr. Tom Frist of 98 Frist Road, suggested moving the Public Forum to right before the Regular Meeting which is held the second Thursday of the month. Commissioner Standaert stated she would add it to tonight's agenda. Mr. Frist also wanted an update on the Creekside Property purchase. Mr. Carmichael stated that negotiations between the Town and MRA had gone very well and they were in agreement with the major principles of the contract.

Mr. Mike Sonnenberg of 125 Virginia Road, would really like to see Montreat figure out the connector situation with Black Mountain's sidewalk project. Mr. Carmichael stated that staff was looking into details but did not have a solution at this time. Mr. Sonnenberg would also like to see more than one way to get out of the Town of Montreat in the event of an emergency. Commissioner Vinson stated that in case of any emergency how you get out of Montreat depends on where the emergency is located. The best way to know what to do is to utilize the Code Red feature available to all citizens. Commissioner Vinson also stated that it would be up to emergency response personnel to help guide Town Staff in the event of an evacuation. Mr. Sonnenberg also thanked the Council for all their hard work and diligence.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Gilliland moved to adjourn the Public Forum Meeting. Commissioner Standaert seconded and the motion carried 3/0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Tim Helms, Mayor

Angie Murphy, Town Clerk