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# **Bethlehem Community Plan Steering Committee**

#### Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department

### **AGENDA**

## I. Introductions Jon Pilkenton, Planning and Development Director, Alexander County WPCOG Staff

Community Plan Steering Committee

- II. Purpose of Comprehensive Planning Process John E. Wear, Senior Planner, WPCOG
- III. Basic Demographics (Bethlehem, Alexander County, Hickory MSA) John E. Wear, Senior Planner, WPCOG
- IV. SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses Opportunities, Threats) Exercise WPCOG Staff
- V. Committee Organization, Meeting Scheduling and Place, Contact List Verification and Logistics

WPCOG Staff

- VI. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair WPCOG Staff
- VII. Focus of Next Meeting WPCOG Staff
- VIII. Adjournment

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September 19th, 2018

### TO: Members of the Bethlehem Community Plan Committee

#### FROM: Hunter Nestor, Community and Regional Planner, WPCOG

SUBJECT: AGENDA for September 27<sup>th</sup>

I am pleased to lead several members of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) planning staff in developing, along with your energy and help, a new Community Plan for Bethlehem. This Plan will assist the County in making the best possible choices in planning for the growth that is sure to occur here over the next 15-20 years.

We will describe the comprehensive planning process in detail at our **meeting on September** 27<sup>th</sup> (at the Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department at 6 pm). We will also jump right in with a short overview of some key information on the County and its people as we take the first step in the comprehensive planning process. There will be food provided during the meeting.

I also want to join Jon Pilkenton in thanking you for your willingness to assist the County in this project. I look forward to meeting you and beginning this important plan for the growth and development of Bethlehem in the coming decades.

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