

**Valdese Planning Session  
January 8, 2018  
Western Piedmont Council of Governments  
1880 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW, Hickory, NC**

**Agenda**

**Meal Begins at 6pm**

**Call to Order and Opening Comments** – Mayor Chip Black [6:30 pm]

**Review of the Planning Process and Ground Rules** – Meeting Facilitator Anthony Starr [6:35 pm]

**Overview of Major Accomplishments for the Last 2-3 Years** [6:40 pm]

- A. Town Manager provides a review and report [10-15 minutes]
- B. Facilitated Council discussion [10-15 minutes]
- C. Voting Exercise for Top Accomplishments [5 minutes]

**Mission Statement Review** – Review draft mission statement and affirm with any noted changes [7:10 pm]

**Short Break** [5 minutes]

**Identification of Challenges, Obstacles and Concerns [Includes Ranking Exercise]** – Facilitator Anthony Starr & Town Council [7:35 pm]

- A. Listing of Challenges, Obstacles and Concerns for the next 3-5 years [10 minutes]
- B. Brief Discussion of the List [10 minutes]
- C. Ranking Exercise to Identify Top Challenges, Obstacle and Concerns [5 minutes]

**Identification of Opportunities, Projects, and Priorities [Includes Ranking Exercise]** – Facilitator Anthony Starr & Town Council [8:00 pm]

- A. Listing of Opportunities, Projects, and Priorities for the next 1-2 years [10 minutes]
- B. Brief Discussion of the List [10 minutes]
- C. Ranking Exercise to Identify Top Opportunities, Projects, and Priorities [5 minutes]

**Review of Identified Issues and Top Voted Priorities** – Facilitator Anthony Starr [8:25 pm]

**Wrap-up and Take-away Discussion** – Facilitator Anthony Starr & Town Council [8:30 pm]

**Adjournment** – Mayor Chip Black [8:45pm]