



MINUTES
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
April 9, 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I, Chairman

Mr. Archie Barron, District III

Mr. Reginald T. Dexter, District V

The Planning & Economic Development Committee met at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Administrator Scott Moulder, Asst. Administrator Glenn Breed and Clerk to Council, Elizabeth Hulse.

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Art Holbrooks, Planning Director; Mr. Josh Stephens, Zoning Administrator; Mr. Richard Blackwell, Economic Development Director; and, Mr. Russell Johnson, Economic Development Project & Marketing Manager.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent

Call to Order:

Mr. Corbeil called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 3 – 0 to approve the minutes from December 11, 2012 meeting as presented.

Presentation by the Scenic Highway Committee / Mr. Bob Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy addressed the Committee utilizing a handout [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the Committee's recommendations related to maintaining the scenic highway designation for SC Highway 11.

Mr. Corbeil thanked Mr. Kennedy noting that the Scenic Highway Committee should work with staff and that as soon as practical bring their proposal to full Council for consideration.

Department Reports / Updates:

Planning Department / Community Development / Zoning

Mr. Stephens and Mr. Holbrooks addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] and discussed key areas:

- Building Development [residential /new homes/commercial]
- Building Development [subdivisions/major projects/summary]
- Zoning [open & completed requests, Fair Play Village Sub District amendment, education]
- Air Quality
- Transit Feasibility Study Update
- Keowee Toxaway Project Relicensing

Economic Development

Mr. Blackwell addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] and discussed the following topics:

- Mission
- 5-Year Strategic Plan / Comprehensive Focus
- EDC Activities Update
- Product Development
 - Current Building Available
 - Echo Hills Industrial Park
 - Golden Corner Commerce Park
 - Seneca Rail Site
 - Shell Building / AID Company expansion
 - Hampton Inn Hotel
- Workforce Development
- 2013 Action Items
- Work Ready Communities

Mr. Blackwell introduced Ms. Gwen McPhail who addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] and several handouts [copies filed with these minutes] regarding Agribusiness in Oconee County. The presentation highlighted the following topics:

- Mission & Vision
- Foothills Heritage Agricultural Center
 - Farmers Market
 - DHEC certified Cannery/Food Processing Center
 - Incubator Farm & Agricultural Museum
 - Event Center
 - Phase Implementation Discussion & Budget
- Foothills Heritage Market: Opening May 4, 2013

New Business:

Proposed Amendment to Chapter 32 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances

Mr. Moulder & Mr. Stephens addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following topics:

- Purpose
- Recommendations
- Process

Adjourn:

Mr. Dexter made a motion approved unanimously to adjourn at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council