



MINUTES
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
July 8, 2014

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I, Chairman
Mr. Paul Cain, District III
Mr. Reginald T. Dexter, District V

The Planning & Economic Development Committee met at 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Administrator Scott Moulder and Clerk to Council, Elizabeth Hulse.

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Art Holbrooks, Strategic Planner & Special Projects; Mr. Josh Stephens, Zoning Administrator; Mr. Richard Blackwell, Oconee Economic Alliance Director; and, Mr. Russell Johnson, Oconee Economic Alliance 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: Mr. Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Mr. Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent.

Call to Order:

Mr. Corbeil called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
Mr. Corbeil welcomed Mr. Cain as the new member of the Committee.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 2 – 0 [Mr. Cain abstained – form filed with these minutes] to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2014 meeting as presented.

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 – Permitting
- Planning & Zoning Update
- Community Development Update
- Strategic Planning Projects
 - Air Quality / Ozone
 - Keowee Toxaway Relicensing
 - Comprehensive Plan Review

Economic Development

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

- Oconee Economic Alliance [OEA] Mission
- Organizational Update
- OEA Activities Update
 - Successes
 - Activity Update
- OEA Marketing Update
- OEA New Website
- Product Updates:
 - Oconee Industry & Technology Park
 - Golden Corner Commerce Park
- Workforce Development
- ACT Certified Work Ready Communities
- Momentum
 - SC Employment Changes
 - SC Unemployment Rates
 - Oconee County Employment vs. Unemployment
 - Oconee County Job Creation vs. Job Loss

Lastly, Mr. Blackwell shared several marketing handouts [*copies filed with these minutes*] highlighting Oconee County.

New Business:

None at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Corbeil adjourned the meeting at 5:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council