



**MINUTES**  
**PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**June 4, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Paul Cain, Chairman, District III  
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV  
Mr. John Elliott, District I

The Planning & Economic Development Committee met at 4:30 PM *[immediately to precede or follow the Real Estate, Facilities, & Land Management meeting, which is also scheduled at 4:30 pm]* in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Clerk to Council, Katie D. Smith.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Adam Chapman, Zoning Administrator  
Ms. Janet Hartman, Interim Economic Alliance Director & Destination Oconee 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.oconeesc.com/council](http://www.oconeesc.com/council)]. In addition it was made available *[upon request]* to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Caitlin Herrington / Daily Journal & Jimmy Watt / WGOG.

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0, to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2019 meeting as presented.

**Discussion Items**

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the topics indicated below, with various opinions expressed, to include but not limited to:

**Growth Development Strategies**

Mr. Chapman addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with backup materials] entitled “Growth & Development Strategy: Entry Corridors” and gave a brief presentation.

Discussion continued to include:

- Amount of traffic in specific corridors
- Potentially partner with the railroad regarding the right side for landscaping to help entrance area
- Traffic counts
- Potentially partner with Duke Power regarding Hwy 130

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- Matrix
- Additional entry corridors that should be considered are Hwy 183 and Hwy 188
- Internal scenic highways

**Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0, to refer the Corridor Entry Focus, Phase 1 to the Planning Commission to work with the Planning Director, to include Hwy 123 Clemson entrance, Exit 1, Hwy 76, and Hwy 130.**

Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Chapman addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with backup materials] entitled “Comprehensive Plan 2030 Update” and gave a brief presentation.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Chapman and staff for the amount of time they are taking for the comprehensive plan and also thanked the Council members that have been present at the meetings.

Mr. Cain thanked the Mr. Chapman and staff for their hard work and also the volunteers with the boards & commissions. He further noted the more community involvement, the stronger the plan is.

**The Committee took no action on this matter at this time.**

Hwy 123 Corridor Plan Update

Mr. Adam Chapman addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with backup materials] entitled “Highway 123 Study Update” and gave a brief presentation.

**Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0, to refer the Corridor Entry Focus to the Planning Commission to look at the other factors involved in corridor planning and continue moving forward on the Hwy 123 Corridor.**

Economic Development Update

Ms. Janet Hartman, Interim Economic Alliance Director & Destination Oconee Manager, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with backup materials] entitled “Economic Development Update, 6/4/2019” and gave a brief presentation.

Mr. Cain thanked Ms. Hartman for her leadership and hard work.

**The Committee took no action on this matter at this time.**

**Unfinished Business:**

None addressed at this meeting.

**New Business:**

None addressed at this meeting.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Katie D. Smith  
Clerk to Council