



Oconee County Planning Commission

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Minutes

Planning Commission Meeting February 9, 2009

The Oconee County Planning Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on February 9, 2009 in the Training Room at the Oconee County School District Administrative Offices, 414 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC 29691.

Members Present: Tommy Abbott (Chairman)
Ryan Honea, (Vice Chairman)
Howard Moore
Rex Ramsay
Randy Abbott
Bill Nelson
Bill Evatt

Art Holbrooks (Planning Director)
Amanda Schell (Planner)

Media Present:
Ray Chandler (Anderson Independent)
Carlos Galarza (Daily Journal)
Dick Mangrum (WGOG)

Item 1: Chairman Abbott called the meeting to order.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes – Mr. Honea made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2009 meeting. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Item 3: Public Comment-

Robert Royer—see attached handout

John Sutter—see attached handout

John Little—see attached handout

Tom Markovich shared two items of interest with the Commission. He stated that he believed the Planning Commission would be receiving the zoning ordinance back tonight but he wasn't sure about how clear the directions were from Council. Mr. Markovich stated that he still questions the legality and/or validity of some parts of the ordinance. He noted concern that the ordinance does go into effect in only 90 days. Mr. Markovich said that he was able to attend the

Comprehensive Plan stakeholder meeting held on February 4, but was concerned that others who had to work during the day did not have the same opportunity.

Dick Hughes—see attached handout

Item 4: Discussion of Comprehensive Plan Update- Mr. Holbrooks presented the Planning Commission with the various ideas and discussion that resulted from the stakeholder/public meeting on the population and transportation elements held on February 4, 2009. Mr. Holbrooks stated that draft language for these elements of the Comprehensive Plan Update should be ready for review by the next Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Holbrooks announced that the March Comprehensive Plan stakeholder meeting will focus on the natural resources element and will be held on March 5, 2009 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Item 5: Old Business – There was no old business.

Item 6: New Business – Mr. Holbrooks informed the Commission that Council had taken first reading on ordinance 2009-03, an ordinance to amend the Oconee County Zoning Enabling Ordinance 2007-18 and referring amendments and matters proposed by the ordinance to the Planning Commission for review. Mr. Holbrooks presented and discussed the three issues that were referred to the Planning Commission for review. The Commission expressed an interest in calling a special workshop meeting, possibly with the County Attorney, to discuss the ordinance. Mr. Holbrooks stated he would schedule a workshop meeting to be held in a couple of weeks and that it would be advertised through the media.

Item 9: Adjourn.