



Oconee County Planning Commission

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Minutes Planning Commission Meeting June 6, 2011

The Oconee County Planning Commission held a regular meeting on June 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Oconee County Administrative Building, 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC 29691.

Members Present: Ryan Honea, (Chairman)
Howard Moore
David Lyle
William Gilster
Gwen McPhail
Tommy Abbott

Staff Present: Yancey Green (Planner)

Media Present: Carlos Galarza, Daily Journal
Ray Chandler, Anderson Independent Mail

Item 1: Call to Order

Chairman Honea called the meeting to order.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Ms. McPhail made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2011 meeting. Mr. Gilster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Public Comment

Ms. Tammy Niebliski spoke in concern of the uses in Traditional Rural District that would be allowed in the Longcreek area.

Mr. Steve Moore encouraged the Commission to have a more streamlined means to decide the order in Capital Improvement Priorities. He presented a study of the old courthouse that indicated that only simple fixes were needed.

Mr. BJ Littleton said that Oconee County needs a hospital that is not private.

Item 4: Consideration of Council Amendments to Ordinance 2011-05 (Hurricane Mountain Rezoning Request)

Mr. Green presented to the Commission the public input that had been received. Mr. Abbott made a motion to include the parcels where the owners had requested to be added to the petition and send the ordinance back to County Council. Ms. McPhail seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item 5: Consideration of Proposed Change to Road Naming and Addressing Policy

Mr. Honea stated that those who had wanted to speak in regards to the proposed changes could not make the meeting and asked what the Commission wanted to do. Mr. Moore made a motion to postpone the consideration until the next meeting. Mr. Abbot seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item 6: Discussion of Non-subdivision Residential Development

Mr. Green presented to the Commission that non-subdivision residential developers had to follow the same guidelines that are designed for subdivision of land and asked if the Planning Department should research appropriate legislation that would relax standards for those developers.

Mr. Abbott made a motion that the Planning staff write standards for the Commission to review. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item 7: Old Business

Mr. Gilster made a motion that the Commission hold a workshop on the MOU with Duke Energy. Ms. McPhail seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item 8: New Business

Mr. Moore raised concerns about the Zoning Department's budget for the next fiscal year, and the ability of the Planning Department to continue to perform the duties of the zoning process.

Item 9: Adjourn

Mr. Abbott made a motion to adjourn. Adjourn