



Oconee County Planning Commission

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Minutes

Planning Commission Meeting

January 9, 2012

The Oconee County Planning Commission held a regular meeting on January 9, 2012 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
Andy Heller
Bill Gilster
Tommy Abbott
Gwen McPhail

Staff Present: Aaron Gadsby (Planner)
Yancey Green (Planner)

Media Present: Carlos Galarza, Daily Journal

Item 1: Call to Order

Mr. Gadsby called the meeting to order.

Mr. Gadsby asked for a motion to amend the agenda to review the schedule and election of officers to the second agenda item. Ms. Heller made a motion to amend the agenda. Mr. Lyle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item 2: Meeting Schedule for 2012

The Commission discussed the schedule for the 2012 year. Mr. Gilster made a motion for the first Monday of the month to be a regular business meeting and for the third Monday of the month to be held in reserve. Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Election of Officers (Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson) for 2012

Ms. McPhail nominated Mr. Honea for the Chair. Hearing no other nominations Mr. Abbott made a motion to elect Mr. Honea to the Chair. Ms. McPhail seconded the motion. Mr. Honea was elected as Chair by unanimous consent.

Ms. Heller made a motion to elect Mr. Lyle to the Vice-Chair. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4: Approval of Minutes

Ms. McPhail made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2011 meeting. Mr. Gilster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 5: Public Comment- General Comments

Ms. Donna Linsin spoke about her concerns with the owners of those being rezoned into the PRLD not being informed.

Mr. BJ Littleton agreed with Mr. Abbot that “Bottom line, this zoning is nothing but a mess.”

Mr. Barry Nichols stated that he was concerned about people who are included in large number parcel rezoning that were never informed.

Item 6: Discussion and/or Consideration of Planning Commission Goals

Mr. Gadsby reviewed the goals with the Commission. The Commission discussed the goals. It was the Commission’s consensus to remove the goal of having top down county wide zoning and to look at the goals on a quarterly basis.

Item 7: Opportunity for comment on ordinance 2011-21, as amended by Council at 2nd reading

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the changes that County Council made and send the Ordinance back to County Council. Mr. Abbott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 8: Chairman Honea adjourned the business meeting.

Item 9: Workshop

The Commission continued their review of the Zoning Enabling Ordinance. Mr. Gadsby presented drafts of the Lake Overlay District and the Small Area rezoning method. The Commission asked staff to clarify a few issues on the Small Area rezoning and to finalize a draft for the Commission to review.