



Oconee County Planning Commission

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Minutes Planning Commission Special Meeting March 1, 2013

The Oconee County Planning Commission held a special meeting on March 1, 2013 at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Oconee County Administrative Building, 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC 29691.

Members Present: Ryan Honea
Bill Gilster
David Lyle, Chairman
Andrea Heller
Bradley Hancox

Staff Present: Josh Stephens, Zoning Administrator

Media Present: None

Item 1: Call to Order

Mr. Lyle called the meeting to order.

Item 2: Public Comment

None

Item 3: Consideration of a Proposed Sign (340-00-03-022)

Staff presented the details of a building permit application that was sent to the Community Development Office. The application calls for a sign at 15 feet on a parcel that is within the Fair Play Village Sub-district. Under recent amendments to the Zoning Enabling Ordinance, staff stated that the sign would need the Planning Commission's approval and that the 15 foot height would not comply with the sign height standards of Appendix A of the Zoning Enabling Ordinance. Staff stated that a variance would need to be requested from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Gilster expressed his concern with a precedent that an approval, of the project at more than 10 feet, might set. Mr. Lyle voiced a similar concern.

Mr. Honea stated that he felt approval should be given due to certain circumstances related to this particular project.

Mr. Lyle recognized Mr. Bobby James, a representative for Masstar Signs. Mr. James made comments regarding the design elements of the sign.

Mr. Lyle recognized Mr. Dick Hughes who described the Board of Zoning Appeals process.

Ms. Heller made a motion to approve the project at 10 feet and to approve the project at 15 feet should the Board of Zoning Appeals grant a variance. Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lyle asked that the record reflect that approval was granted solely due to certain circumstances related to this particular project.

Item 4: Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:25 PM.