



OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

6:00 PM, MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Members Present: Mr. Childress
 Mr. Honea
 Mr. Kisker
 Mr. Lyle
 Ms. McPhail
 Mr. Ownbey
 Mr. Richards

Staff Present: Josh Stephens, Deputy Director of Community Development
 Matthew Anspach, Planner

Media Present: None.

1. Call to Order

Ms. McPhail called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes for Monday, April 27, 2015

Mr. Richards motioned to approve the minutes from April 27, 2015.

Mr. Ownbey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment for Agenda and Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes)

None. Ms. McPhail read her own statement into the record and a copy of her statement is found with these minutes.

4. Continued Review of Comprehensive Plan – Goal 3

Goal 3:

Objective 1- None.

Objective 2- None.

Objective 3- None.

5. Review of the Comprehensive Plan – Goal 4

Goal 4:

Objective 1- None.

Objective 2-

Mr. Tom Markovich spoke on the importance of looking at encouraging more multi-family housing.

The Commission dismissed adding density changes, lot size, infrastructure incentives, and other strategies to encourage more work force housing to Strategy 4.

Objective 3-

Mr. Tom Markovich spoke on not singling out solar power as an alternative technology in Strategy 5.

The Commission agreed that the “solar power and recreational facilities” reference could be removed from strategy 5.

Objective 4- None.

Objective 5-

Mr. Tom Markovich suggested that radon test/detection/mitigation needs to be considered.

Ms McPhail suggested adding an educational component to Strategy 2.

Objective 6-

The Commission discussed the importance of age-based planning and that walkability, connectivity, mix of uses, diversity of housing stock, etc. were important things to consider.

Objective 7-

Mr. Tom Markovich discussed the importance of road standards and how those standards should be flexible.

Objective 8-

Mr. Tom Markovich voiced his opposition to the idea of high-speed rail due to a lack of density.

The Commission recommended removing Strategy 4.

Objective 9-

Mr. Tom Markovich discussed the barriers for things such as sidewalks due to often inflexible development regulations. He also encouraged looking at bicycle path plans.

Objective 10-

Mr. Tom Markovich spoke on how he believed that the airport ordinance in Chapter 32 should be in Chapter 38 as a zoning district.

Objective 11- None.

6. Old Business

Mr. Stephens asked the members of the Commission to decide where in each of their districts they would like to have community meetings for the Comprehensive Plan. He went on to talk about the most recent Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting. The Commission directed staff to invite representatives from the working agricultural group to the June 8th meeting to discuss the possible creation of an Ag Advisory Commission.

7. New Business

Mr. Stephens informed the Commission that the next two meeting dates would be June 8 and June 22.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Richards motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 7:22 PM