

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

6:00 pm, Monday, November 5th, 2018

Council Chambers - Oconee County administrative complex

Members Present:

Frankie Pearson

Gwen McPhail

Andrew Gramling

Mike Johnson

Brad Kisker

1. Call to Order- Mr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 6PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes – 10/23/2018 - Motion by Mrs. McPhail, seconded by Mr. Kisker, 5-0 approved

4. Staff Update

Mr. Chapman updated the Commission on the number of building permits issued, 107, since 10/01/2018. He noted the number that were applied for around Lake Keowee, 7, versus the rest of the land area of the County.

5. 2020 Comprehensive Plan

Public Comment:

Sarai Melendez: Noted Oconee County is growing population as well as increasing our diversity. Mrs. Melendez would like to see that, within the County, diversity needs to be addressed. Mrs. Melendez believes there needs to be a Latino Advisory Committee, as well as an African-American committee. Mrs. Melendez was asked by Mr. Johnson if there is an existing Latino board that we could reach out to. Mrs. Melendez will contact Mr. Chapman to engage that group.

Discussion: Mr. Chapman showed a list of inputs gathered by the consultants during the last set of meetings in October. Mr. Chapman wanted to present the overarching theme that expectations must be managed in regards to topics which the comprehensive plan could address versus items, such as the management of Lake Keowee, which fall outside the county's purview. Mr. Kisker asked about how the plan can be physically formatted and for some examples of plans that the Commission could look at.

6. Public Hearing - Chapter 32 Article 6

Mr. Chapman noted how this amendment came down from Council for Commission to vote on. Mr. Johnson asked about the procedural posture of the amendments and what "reading" this at in Council. Mr. Root noted that this amendment has had second reading, and would, if Commission agreed, be at third reading the next time it was before Council. Mr. Pearson noted there is no public comment for this amendment and that Planning Commission is ok with the amendment being struck. Mrs. McPhail made a motion to strike the language, Mr. Kisker seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business: Mrs. McPhail noted that protection of natural resources is important to many citizens. Mrs. McPhail would like Commission to look at buffers around waterbodies. Mr. Chapman noted he would find some other ordinance that addressed riparian buffers and other standards.

9. Adjourn - 6:25