

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes

February 4th, 2019

Members Present

Gwen McPhail

Alex Vassey

Mike Johnson

Frankie Pearson

Mike Smith

Andrew Gramling

Stacy Lyles

Staff Present

Adam Chapman, Staff Liaison

Media Present

The Journal

1. Call to Order: Adam Chapman called the meeting to order at 6PM

2. Invocation: Stacy Lyles

3. Pledge of allegiance

4. Election of Officers: Mr. Chapman opened the floor for nominations for chairman. Mike Johnson nominated Frankie Pearson, Stacy Lyles nominated Mike Johnson, and Andrew Gramling nominated Stacy Lyles. The first vote was for Frankie Chairman and the vote was 7-0 in favor. Mr. Frankie Pearson is now chairman for 2019. Mr. Pearson opened the floor for nominations for vice-chairman. Mrs. McPhail nominated Mike Johnson. No further nominations. The vote was 7-0 in favor of Mike Johnson becoming vice-chair. Mr. Pearson opened the floor for secretary nominations. Mrs. Lyles nominated Adam Chapman as secretary; vote was 7-0 in favor.

5. Approval of minutes from 01/07/2019 : Mr. Vassey made a motion to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded it. 7-0 in favor.

6. Public Comment: None

7. Corridor Plan : Mr. Chapman noted that Alta Planning and design will be on the ground March 18-20. Alta recommended a steering committee and Mrs. McPhail made a motion to form a steering committee, seconded by Mr. Johnson, vote was 7-0 in favor. A conversation

was had on who was to be on the steering committee and Mr. Chapman noted that the surrounding municipalities, Clemson University, businesses, and land owners would be invited. Mrs. McPhail made a motion to include, on the steering committee, the Planning Commission members whose district the corridor runs through, in this case, District 3 and 5. Mr. Gramling seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0 in favor. Mr. Vassey and Mrs. Lyles are the Planning Commission representatives on the steering committee. Mr. Gramling made a motion to send a letter of invitation to County Council to participate in the steering committee. Mrs. McPhail seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0 in favor.

8. Comprehensive Plan: Mr. Chapman updated the Commission on the progress of advertising the comprehensive plan and solicited information from the commission regarding sites for remote meeting within the county. An in depth conversation was had regarding the Goals section of the Population Element draft. Attached are the voted-upon edits, motion/second, and the vote. (Staff note: There are two attachments, a "red-lined" version and a "draft final" version, without the red lines)

9. Old Business: None

10. New Business: Mr. Pearson noted a development of 275 new houses in the city of Seneca that were being built. These new houses accesses State roads and are not within the jurisdiction of Oconee County. However, Mr. Pearson noted that it would be negligent for the Commission to not voice concern. Mrs. Lyles indicated that two separate traffic studies were being conducted to assess the impact of traffic in that area. Mrs. Lyles recommended waiting for the results of those studies before attempting to formally contact County Council or SCDOT.