

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Draft Minutes

6:00 pm, Thursday, September 5, 2019

Council Chambers - Oconee County administrative complex

Members Present

Mike Johnson

Frankie Pearson

Mike Smith

Andrew Gramling

Staff Present

Adam Chapman

Vivian Kompier

Media Present

Caitlin Harrington - The Journal

1. **Call to Order - Mr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm**
2. **Invocation by Mr. Pearson**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person)**

Mr. Jerry Barnett is concerned about affordable housing. People have the right to live and work and not to be robbed of their property rights. Affordable housing needs to be addressed.

5. **Approval of minutes from 08192019** – Mr. Smith made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gramling and approved 4/0.

6. **Comprehensive Plan – Priority Investment Element
Public comment (3 minutes per person)**

Mr. Tom Markovich mentioned that the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan is going to be difficult and the goals and strategies need to be better defined.

Discussion/Vote

Mr. Smith questioned Table 10-2. SCDOT Transportation Alternatives the population may be reversed.

- 10.1.2.4 – Mr. Smith made a motion to have staff reword to include alternative methods for waste disposal. Mr. Pearson seconded and was approved 4/0.
- 10.2.1.3 – Mr. Smith made a motion to add impact fees. Strategy to read “special assessments, impact fees and other sources”. Mr. Pearson seconded and approved 4/0.
7. **Directive from Planning & Economic Development** – Mr. Chapman updated the Commission that staff was asked to do more research on the Entry Corridor. Specifically Sign, Landscape and Building Design standards of other counties.

8. Unfinished Business – Mr. Johnson asked if there will be another traffic study on the South Cove/Keowee School Rd development. The study that was done was done in the winter time and does not reflect the true impact that this development will have. The County needs to have foresight and keep talking about this because at some point it is going to fall back on us.

Mr. Smith wants to keep the discussion going about affordable or obtainable housing, and we need an idea of what affordable is.

9. New Business – None

10. Adjourn- The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments to the Planning Commission can send their comments to the Planning Department by mail or by emailing them to the email address below. Please Note: If you would like to receive a copy of the agenda via email please contact our office, or email us at achapman@oconeesc.com.