

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes

5:00 pm- Monday, March 2, 2020

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

Members Present

Frankie Pearson
Mike Smith
Gwen McPhail
Alex Vassey
Mike Johnson
Stacy Lyles
Andy Gramling

Staff Present

Adam Chapman
Vivian Kompier

Media Present

None

1. Call to Order – Ms. McPhail called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
2. Invocation by Ms. Lyles
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person) -
Mr. Jerry Barnett would like the County to leave the citizens alone. Stop the intrusion into our lives and work on the recycling/solid waste program.
Ms. Melinda Jenkins is a new permanent resident on Lake Keowee in the Craggmore subdivision. Ms. Jenkins is concerned about the commercial property on the corner of her development.
5. Planning Commission Comment -
Mr. Pearson - there were ample opportunities for the citizens to come out and voice their opinion about the Comprehensive Plan.
Mr. Gramling - Not many people show up to meetings, citizens need to show up and give their input.
6. Approval of minutes from 2/03/2020
Mr. Pearson made a motion to accept the minutes, and Mr. Smith seconded. Approved 7/0.
7. Solid Waste presentation – Swain Still – Mr. Still gave an extremely knowledgeable presentation and said that the Planning Commission needs to come up with a long term plan.

8. Census 2020 Update – Mr. Chapman update the Commission and asked the members to also post some information on their social media.
9. Corridors – Mr. Johnson said that Mr. Chapman is updating the Planning & Economic Development Committee on 3/3/20 and will find out who is taking the lead on this.
10. Discussion regarding performance standards for specific uses in the County –
Mr. Smith made a motion to go forward with this and set priorities and devise a letter for Council, seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved 5/2. . Mr. Pearson and Mrs. Lyles voted against.
Mr. Pearson made a motion to rescind the motion, seconded by Mr. Gramling and approved 7/0
Mr. Vassey made a motion to prioritize with the RV Parks as the first priority, seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved 7/0.
Mr. Johnson made a motion to set junkyards as the second priority, seconded by Mr. Pearson and approved 6/1. With Mrs. Lyles voting against
Mr. Pearson made a motion to make multifamily the third priority and commercial the fourth, seconded by Mr. Vassey and approved 7/0.
11. Life after lockup overview – Mike Smith – Mr. Smith spoke with Sherriff Crenshaw about the Life after Lockup program. It’s a great program with leads into the need for affordable housing.
12. Unfinished Business – None
13. New Business – Mr. Chapman mentioned that the third reading of the Comprehensive Plan will be 3/3/2020. Planning Commission members who would like to speak should be there at 6pm.
14. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6.36pm.

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.

