



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION
January 30, 2014

MEMBERS

Mr. Russell Price, Chairperson, County Representative
Ms. Thelma Miller, Vice Chairperson, City of Walhalla Representative
Ms. Brenda Davis, City of Westminster Representative
Mr. Don Fuller, County Representative
Mr. Glen McPheeters, County Representative
Ms. Mollie Smith, City of Seneca Representative

The Oconee County Capital Sales Tax Commission [CPSTC] met at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all representatives present and Clerk to Council Elizabeth G. Hulse present.

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Norman Cannada -The Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS:

Museum of Cherokee Annex: Project #2

Mr. Price recognized Cherokee Museum Director, Mr. Luther Lyle, who addressed the Commission utilizing a PowerPoint presentation including photographs of the renovations made to date.

Discussion followed regarding several key aspects of the project to include [question – *answer*]:

- Will the funds requested be utilized for land acquisition & building renovations – *Yes*
- What is the yearly average number of visitors – *Not open a full year yet; 10-15 each Saturday [10A-2P]*
- Have you sought grant funding for the project – *Yes, routinely writing & submitting grants*
- What do you anticipate for growth – *Currently providing tours for schools and civic groups; with the help of volunteers and additional space would like to get to 100 visitors per week*

Recess

Mr. Price announced a recess to allow for set up for the second presentation.

Reconvene

Mr. Price reconvened the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Oconee 9/11 Memorial: Project #6

Mr. Price recognized Mr. Brandon Shirley & Mr. Jim Alexander, 9/11 Memorial Board Members, who addressed the Commission utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with the project] highlighting the following areas:

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| ✓ 9/11 Memorial Board Membership | ✓ Planning / Artifacts |
| ✓ September 11, 2011 Statistics & Impact | ✓ Site Plans & Concept Ideas |
| ✓ Youth Education | ✓ Estimated Costs / Current Funds |
| ✓ Memorial Purpose | ✓ Request for Funding |

Discussion followed regarding several key aspects of the project to include [question – *answer*]:

- How will ongoing maintenance of the site be handled – *through partnerships with the School District, Local Fire Departments*
- The request for \$420,000 will accomplish what portion of the project – *Phase I and possibly more depending on outside funding raising*
- Will the site be staffed – *No, the site will be self-guided*
- When do you hope to have the site open – *September 11, 2015 or before*

Recess Mr. Price announced a recess to allow for set up for the second presentation.

Reconvene Mr. Price reconvened the meeting at 7:21p.m.

Oconee Heritage Center [OHC] Multi Site Renovations: Project #8

Mr. Price recognized Ms. Leslie White [OHC Curator] and Ms. Suzanne Earle, Oconee Heritage Board member, who addressed the Commission utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with the project] highlighting the following areas:

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| ✓ Mission | ✓ Community Programs |
| ✓ Commitment | ✓ Economic Impact |
| ✓ History | ✓ What We Preserve |
| ✓ Operations | ✓ Project Goals / Overview for each site |
| ✓ Who We Serve | |

Discussion followed regarding several key aspects of the project to include [question – *answer*]:

- What is the timeline for project completion – *Most in process on small scale; desire to tackle and complete all quickly*
- What is your current funding structure – *Curator salary paid by Oconee County; < 50% of operations budget funded by Oconee County; some funding from municipalities and grants and donations*
- What is your priority if you were to receive only partial funding – *the OHC Museum in Walhalla; it's the hub for all activity*

Other Business

Scoring Sheet Discussion

Mr. Price led discussion regarding specifics related to scoring for each project. The consensus of the group was that projects could not receive a negative score; the scoring can only be zero to 10 and or whole increments between.

Follow Up Request from Staff

Mr. Fuller noted that follow up received from the Library Board was not complete and that it did not address all questions asked. Ms. Hulse noted that she would follow up with the Library Director after review of the questions and material submitted.

Adjourn

Ms. Miller made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council