



# MINUTES DESTINATION OCONEE ACTION COMMITTEE

July 28, 2016

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Council Chambers  
415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691



## **MEMBERS**

Mr. Al Shadwick, DX III  
Mr. Bob Hill, DX V  
Mr. Luther Lyle, DX II  
Mr. Robert Moore, At Large

Ms. Katie Smith, DX IV  
Mr. David Washburn, DX I  
Mr. Hal Welch, At Large  
Ms. Janet Hartman, Destination Oconee Manager

The Destination Oconee Action Committee met at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Members present [except Mr. Hill, Mr. Welch and Ms. Smith].

## **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](http://www.oconeese.com/council)]. In addition it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

No members of the press were present.

## **Call to Order:**

Ms. Hartman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Hartman introduced Mr. Al Shadwick as the new committee member replacing Ms. Barnhart, who resigned in May. Mr. Shadwick will be representing District III.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Robert Moore motioned to approve the May 19, 2016 minutes.

Luther Lyle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Discussion of Key Recommendations #3 and #4:**

Josh Stephens, Deputy Director of Community Development for Oconee County, presented a Power Point presentation; *Destination Oconee Recommendations*, specifically discussing "Conducting Street Audits in the Downtowns" and "Adopting a Downtown Overlay Ordinance for Westminster, Walhalla, and Seneca" (copy filed with these minutes). He explained how these two recommendations set the foundation for implementing the Destination Oconee plan and how all 12 recommendations are interconnected. He shared feedback and results from a recent Street Audit conducted in Walhalla. He explained the process of creating Downtown overlays, the need for design standards, and how the county and cities will be working together to explore the use and need of these initiatives in each of the cities.

## **New Business:**

Ms. Hartman presented design concepts of the new proposed Gateway signage for Hwy 123 entering Oconee County from Clemson, Hwy 11 North entering from Pickens County

and Hwy 11 South entering from I-85, Exit 1. Luther Lyle made a motion to approve the design concepts of Option A on Hwy 123 and Option B on both Hwy 11 locations, with the expectation that natural, field stone be used in the design, rather than synthetic or manufactured stone, if feasible. Robert Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Ms. Hartman presented an update of the Destination Oconee recommendations spreadsheet (copy filed with these minutes).

**Adjourn:**

Luther Lyle made a motion, seconded by Dave Washburn, approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Janet Hartman  
Manager, Destination Oconee