

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

415 South Pine Street - Walhalla, SC



TEL (864) 638-4218 FAX (864) 638-4168

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Comprehensive Plan Review Subcommittee

5:30 PM, MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Members Present: Mr. Gilster, Chair
Mr. Honea
Mr. Childress

Staff Present: Josh Stephens, Deputy Director of Community Development
Art Holbrooks, Strategic Planner
Matthew Anspach, Planner I

Media Present: None

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gilster called the meeting to order. 5:30 PM

2. Approval of Minutes from Friday, May 2, 2014

Mr. Honea made a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Gilster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment for Agenda and Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes)

None.

4. Review of the Comprehensive Plan --- Goals Section

a. Staff Comments

Mr. Holbrooks led a discussion and overall review of Goal 3 and the Objectives and Strategies contained therein.

Mr. Gilster allowed for public comment throughout the meeting:

Goal 3 Obj. 1:

Mr. Honea talked about the difficulty in defining steep slopes.

Mr. Larry Linson spoke on the history of attempts to look at regulating steep slope and that it was difficult to formulate consistent and applicable regulations.

Goal 3 Obj. 2:

Mr. Holbrooks spoke on the importance of identifying potential growth areas, and planning for the growth accordingly.

Mr. Gilster asked staff to put together a map signifying potential primary growth areas.

Goal 4 Obj. 1:

Mr. Holbrooks talked about the relationship between the School District and the County concerning growth and how they are inseparable in many ways. He also talked about ways to improve communication between the two to promote effective planning for future development.

Goal 4 Obj. 2:

Mr. Childress asked the Subcommittee how they could look to improve the affordable housing options in the County

Mr. Stephens talked about requiring a certain percentage of developments to include affordable housing and offering other incentives.

Mr. Holbrooks mentioned other possible ways to incentivize affordable housing.

Mr. Larry Linson stated his support regarding efforts to improve affordable housing in the area.

4. Old Business *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*

None.

5. New Business *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*

Next meeting date was set for Monday, May 19 at 5:30.

6. Adjourn

Mr. Gilster motioned to adjourn.

Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously. 6:14 PM

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: jstephens@oconeesc.com.