



OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

6:00 PM, MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Members Present: Mr. Childress
Mr. Honea
Mr. Kisker
Ms. McPhail
Mr. Ownbey
Mr. Richards

Staff Present: Josh Stephens, Deputy Director of Community Development
Matthew Anspach, Planner

Media Present: None.

1. Call to Order

Ms. McPhail called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. She informed the public that the Commission would welcome their comments before each review of each section of Goal 2 of the Comprehensive Plan review.

2. Approval of Minutes for Monday, March 23, 2015

Mr. Honea motioned to approve the minutes from March 23, 2015.

Mr. Childress seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0, with Mr. Ownbey not being present during the vote.

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

None.

4. Continued Review of Comprehensive Plan – Goal 1

Goal 1:

Objective 1-

Ms. McPhail pointed out that Strategy 3 needed to read “plan to provide”, and that the action date needs to be “ongoing”.

Objective 2-

Mr. Kisker stated that he felt in Strategy 1 that “should only occur” sounded too restrictive in regards to how sewer expansion should be focused in a framework growth plan.

Mr. Stephens suggested rewording the phrase to read “appropriate sewer expansion could expand within the framework”.

Ms. McPhail suggested that Strategy 2 read “Implement requirements for all sewer expansions”, and the timeframe for completion to be “ongoing”.

Mr Stephens responded that the nature of the strategy would be better served by having an actual strategic date.

Ms. McPhail then suggested 2020 as the date for completion.

Objective 3-

Ms. McPhail added that the timeframe for completion for number 1 should be 2020.

Mr. Stephens reminded the Commission that they should change timeframes to priorities.

Objective 4-

Mr. Stephens informed the Commission that the strike through “and” in number 1, was to be replaced with a comma.

Ms. McPhail suggested looking into including Clemson Extension in defining water conservation practices, as other interested parties.

Objective 5-

None.

Objective 6-

Ms. McPhail pointed out that strategy number 1 should read “set performance goals and create a”.

5. Review of the Comprehensive Plan – Goal 2

Goal 2:

Objective 1-

There was consensus among the Commission that the two strategies in Objective 1 were important to keep in the Comprehensive Plan.

Objective 2-

None

Objective 3-

Mr. Stephens read into the record public comment that was submitted via email by Mr. Tom Markovich.

The Commission discussed impact fees as well as other financing mechanisms such as tax increment financing. There was consensus to move strategy 1 into strategy 2.

Objective 4-

None

Objective 5-

There was consensus to combine a portion of Objective 5 with Objective 3.

There was discussion about the importance of considering the youth and elderly when planning.

Objective 6-

Mr. Stephens agreed to reach out to the GIS for comments.

Objective 7-

Mr. Stephens read into the record public comment that was submitted via email by Mr. Tom Markovich.

Ms. McPhail stated that the objective should focus on all of industry sectors and not just a few.

There was consensus to mention a Tri-Technical Campus in Oconee as well as an Agricultural Center in this objective.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

The regularly scheduled Monday meeting date for Monday, April 27 was confirmed.

Each member agreed to submit their thoughts on what the priorities of each goal in the comprehensive plan should be. The chair asked that each member submit their priorities by April 23rd.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Richards motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 7:18 PM