

# OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## **Minutes**

March 18th, 2019

## **Members Present**

Alex Vassey

Andrew Gramling

Frankie Pearson

Gwen McPhail

Mike Johnson

Mike Smith

Stacy Lyles

## **Staff Present**

Adam Chapman

## **Media Present**

Caitlin Herrington, The Journal

**1. Call to Order:** Frankie Pearson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**2. Invocation:** Stacy Lyles

**3. Pledge of allegiance**

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Pearson requested a motion to amend the agenda to include approval of minutes from the meeting of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Mr. Gramling made the motion to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. Mrs. McPhail and Mrs. Lyles noted some edits; Mrs. McPhail made a motion to approve with edits, Mr. Gramling seconded. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

**5. Public Comment:**

Mary Grabarchyeck : Mrs. Grabarchyeck noted she was interested in assisting with getting the survey for the comprehensive plan out to the people.

**7. Letter to County Council regarding transportation issues:**

Mr. Pearson noted that this issue is in relation to a Planned Development off of South Cove Road, within the city limits of Seneca, which will directly impact traffic onto Keowee School Road and Blueridge Highway. Mrs. Lyles would like to know the outcome of the developer's and City of Seneca's traffic studies. Mrs. McPhail noted a language change indicating that "if the developer's, and City of Seneca's traffic studies, does not include the intersection of concern then the County should fund a study". Mrs. Lyles agreed this language would improve the intent of the letter. Mrs. Lyles made a motion to send the

letter with the language change, Mrs. McPhail seconded it, and the vote was 6-1 in favor, with Mr. Gramling against.

#### **8. Highway 123 Corridor Study - Presentation by Alta Planning + Design**

##### Public Comment

Devoe Blackstone: Mr. Blackstone noted that the County should work with SCDOT when creating this plan.

##### Discussion:

Kat Maines, of Alta Planning and Design, presented an outline of process, goals, and possible outcomes for the Corridor Plan. Ms. Maines indicated a need for community input and showcased some opportunities and strengths. After a brief presentation she asked the Planning Commission and the members of the public present to circle around some laid out maps and give input. Ms. Maines and her team then conducted a SWOT analysis using input from the approximately 40 citizens presents.

9. Old Business: None

10. New Business: None

11. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:20