

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes

5:00 pm- Monday, November 16, 2020

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

Members Present

Frankie Pearson
Mike Smith
Gwen McPhail
Alex Vassey
Mike Johnson
Stacy Lyles
Andrew Gramling

Staff Present

Adam Chapman
Vivian Kompier

Media Present

None

Call to Order – Ms. McPhail called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (3-minutes per person) –
Ms. Mickey Cox spoke about living in Jocassee all her life and feels “raped” of her land. Ms. Cox would like to see more regulations on commercial development.
Ms. Cydney Phillips spoke about installing stricter regulations on business development in unrestricted areas. Ms. Phillips is very concerned about the “Oconee Bell” and the protection of it and the waterways.
4. Commission member comment – None

5. Approval of minutes from 10/19/2020 – Mr. Pearson made a motion to accept the minutes with the grammatical changes, with Mr. Johnson seconding the motion. The motion was approved 7/0.
6. Housing in Oconee County
 - A. Citizen comment (3-minutes per person) – None
 - B. Discussion – Mr. Chapman presented a document explaining the “why” we need to look into this further. Mr. Chapman also reminded the Commission that we will be having a meeting with the OJRSA on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 5pm to ask questions that pertain to sewers and future development.
 - C. Motion/Vote – None
7. 32-5 Group Residential Developments
 - A. Citizen comment (3-minutes per person) – None
 - B. Discussion – Mr. Chapman mentioned that we have had several calls about Group Residential Developments and the 1000’ mandate from a residence has prevented several companies from developing Independent/Assisted Living facilities. These are much needed in our area for aging in place. Mr. Chapman recommended that this be removed from the ordinance as the development still needs to apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
 - C. Motion/Vote – Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the striking out the 1000’ from a residence, seconded by Mr. Vassey and approved 7/0.
8. 2021 Goals, Objectives, and Strategies for Implementation
 - A. Citizen comment – None
 - B. Discussion – Mr. Smith explained that we have a list for what we need to be doing for the citizens. Mr. Smith asked that they all go through the list and pick out a few of the priorities and send them to Mr. Chapman to find the top three or four that need to be addressed.
 - C. Motion/Vote – None
9. Planning Commission member attendance for the remaining 2020 meetings.

Mr. Chapman asked the Commission members to let him know how many of the meetings they will be attending through the end of the year for the honoraria.
10. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 5:32 pm.

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