

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

415 South Pine Street - Walhalla, SC



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Minutes

5:00 pm- Monday, April 4, 2022

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

Members

Gary Gaulin

Frankie Pearson

Mike Johnson

Pat Williams

Mike Smith

David Nix

Alex Vassey

Staff Present

James Coley, Planning Director

Vivian Kompier, Senior Planner

Media Present – Lauren Pierce, The Journal

1. Call to order – Mr. Pearson called meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Invocation – Mr. Nix
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Johnson
4. Approval of minutes from March 21, 2022 – Mr. Gaulin made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Vassey. Mr. Coley recommended to add the minutes from the Junkyard committee meeting. Mr. Nix made the motion to amend the minutes to include the minutes from the Junkyard committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Pearson and approved 6/0 with Mr. Johnson abstaining due to not being present at the last meeting.
5. Public comment (non-agenda items): None
6. Commission member comments: None
7. Staff comments: None
8. Active subdivisions under review
 - a. Public comment - None
 - b. Discussion/Vote – Mr. Williams commented that density is something that needs to be addressed. Mr. Coley gave a brief update on the subdivisions that are currently active. Much discussion ensued and no action was taken.
9. Sidewalk committee update; chapter 26-3, q
 - a. Public comment: Email from Tom Markovich was read and is attached.
 - b. Discussion/Vote – Mr. Smith made a motion that the draft sidewalk revision be accepted as presented and that it be forwarded to Mr. Root for review and input, it then should be returned

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to the Planning Commission for final approval. Mr. Gaulin seconded and discussion followed. The motion approved 7/0. Mr. Smith then made a motion that the function of the sidewalk subcommittee be closed, seconded by Mr. Nix and approved 7/0.

10. Flag lot policy review

- a. Public comment - None
- b. Discussion/Vote – Mr. Coley explained that our flag lot policy does not follow the SCDOT policy and has become an issue of concern. Mr. Coley answered some Commissioner questions. Mr. Smith made a motion to revise our standards to agree with the SCDOT standards for driveways of flag lots, Mr. Williams seconded. Discussion ensued. Mr. Smith withdrew his motion and made a motion to form a subcommittee, seconded by Mr. Gaulin and was approved 6/1 with Mr. Williams opposing.

11. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:24pm.