



MEETING MINUTES- DRAFT
LAURENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
September 17, 2019
Hillcrest Square Administration Building
5:30 P.M.

Commissioners: Sylvester Grant (absent), Robert Brewington, , Danny Horne, Ed Burns, Jim Royer, Oscar Tribble, Posey Copeland (absent)

Item #1: Call to Order- Planning Commission members Copeland and Grant were absent.

Item #4 Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Horne seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Item #5 Approval of Minutes from 8/20/19: Commissioner Royer made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Horne seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Item #7a: Comprehensive Plan Update

Rick Green with the Upper Savannah Council of Governments spoke with the Planning Commission about the need to update the Comprehensive plan every 10 years. There is also a need to do a smaller update every 5 years. The Comprehensive plan was last approved in 2013 so the County is past due for the 5 year update.

Mr. Green explained that State Law requires certified training be done by all PC members. He will schedule that mandatory training. After that the PC will work on the 5 year update with the USCOG.

County Administrator Caime explained that the County needs a major overhaul of the comprehensive plan. He stated that the plan can be a good guidance for the County to promote the future it desires. The lack of planning in the past has help to lead to a degradation of Lauren County.

Item #7b: Lake Greenwood Impact Ordinance

Rett Templeton with Greenwood County explained that Lake Greenwood is suffering environmental damage due to run off from construction sites. This runoff is filling the Lake with sediment and destroying property values. He presented an ordinance that Greenwood County enacted to mitigate this problem.

Chuck Bobo explained that DHEC does not have the resources to monitor erosion and sediment control from smaller construction sites. He stated that this ordinance would help Laurens County Lakefront property owners protect their property values.

The PC agreed to start the process of developing a similar ordinance in Laurens County.

Item #6: RV Park Ordinance

The Commissioner had a final discussion on the final draft update to the RV park ordinance with only minor revisions. The PC agreed that a public hearing with all RV Park owners of record being invited (a copy of the final draft will be sent to them in advance) will be held at the next PC meeting before the PC sends this ordinance to the County Council for adoption.

Item #10 Adjournment: With no further business Commissioner Royer and made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burns and passed 6-0.