

MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

January 18, 2006

A meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was held on January 18, 2006 at the Macon County Environmental Resource Center. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Board members present were Ronnie Beale, Lamar Sprinkle, Susan Ervin, Evelyn Southard, Larry Stenger, Jimmy Goodman, Evelyn Owens, Charlie Leatherman – Commissioner Liaison, County Planner Stacy Guffey and Planning Assistant Gregory Hunt, Michael Lewis – The Franklin Press, Mr. Bill Van Horn and Mrs. Joyce Starr of the general public

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alan Marsh made a motion to accept the minutes. Larry Stenger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business

PUBLIC SESSION:

No one chose to speak.

NEW BUSINESS:

Beale then opened a discussion on officer elections. Beale then read the bylaws on elections. Goodman made a motion to re-nominate Beale as Chair. Alan Marsh seconded. Beale was unanimously re-elected as chair. Goodman made a motion to nominate Larry Stenger as vice-chairman, Alan Marsh seconded the motion. Stenger was unanimously elected as vice-chair.

Guffey gave info on the Smart Code conference in Mississippi in March. The conference will focus on the implementation of the Smart Code in the cities along the Gulf Coast as they rebuild and recover from the damage suffered during Hurricane Katrina. Guffey announced Susan Ervin would like to attend the conference as the Planning Board representative. Beale asked if any other board members wanted to attend the conference as well. The Board approved for Ervin to represent the Board at the conference. Goodman stated that he would like to attend as well. He and Guffey were to work out the details.

Beale then addressed the instructions from the County Commissioners on which direction or project the Board should work on. Guffey explained an email he received from Geoffrey Willett on the difficulty of imposing corridor protection without zoning. Guffey expressed how revising the sign ordinance could help with corridor protection through sign enforcement. Guffey informed the board that he could only find 2 examples and talked about how those 2 examples are done. Leatherman stated the need to have the Commissioners and Planning Board sit down in a joint session to discuss the future plans for the Planning Board. Beale expressed the valuable ness of Board members time and how the need was there to tackle a task that the Board could wrap its arms around. An open discussion on corridor protection and what, how, when, or where can corridor protection work or not work. Guffey will work with Wilma Anderson to set up a meeting date for a joint session between the Planning Board and County Commissioners. Beale will arrange the meeting place and food catering, possibly Macon Bank as the location.

Alan Marsh spent a few minutes discussing and explaining the recently adopted Highlands ETJ.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Ronnie Beale - Chairman

Stacy Guffey - Clerk/Secretary to the Board