

Revised March 14, 2017
MINUTES
PICKENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

February 13, 2017

Chairman Bill Cagle called the Pickens County Planning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE

Members of the Pickens County Planning Commission in attendance were:

Bill Cagle
Pat Holmes
Clayton Preble
Jim Fowler
Lee Thrasher
Harold Hensley
Maurice Hendrix

County Staff in attendance:

Richard Osborne - Director-Planning & Development

Others in attendance:

Mari Livsey-KnowPickens.com
Dan Pool-Progress
Ray Bowyer
Toby Miller
Nico Van der Walt
Jeffery Squires
Pickens County Citizens

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Fowler, seconded by Harold Hensley, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017, meeting as written. Members voted 7-0 to unanimously approve the minutes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A public hearing was held regarding a request submitted by Toby Miller to rezone 2.09 acres of property located at 3293 Refuge Road, Jasper, Georgia. The current use listed for the property is Rural Residential (RR). If approved, the intent is to enable Mr. Miller to split the 2.09 acre parcel into two parcels and rezone each parcel in order for the property to be compliant with Mr. Miller's

will. Mr. Miller would like Tract 1 consisting of 1.08 acres with a currently operating business to be rezoned to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) that he wishes to leave to his son and Tract 2 consisting of 1.01 acres on which is Mr. and Mrs. Miller's residence to be rezoned to Suburban Residential (SR) to be left to his wife. After hearing the staff report, the public hearing was closed. Clayton Preble made a motion, seconded by Jim Fowler, to approve the rezone request. The Planning Commission voted 7 (yes) (Pat Holmes, Bill Cagle, Jim Fowler, Clayton Preble, Lee Thrasher, Maurice Hendrix and Harold Hensley) to 0 (no) to approve the rezone request.

A public hearing was held regarding a request submitted by Rock Creek Manor Properties, LLC to rezone 4.37 acres of property located at Cagle Mill Road South, Jasper, Georgia. The current use listed for the property is Industrial (I). If approved, the intent is to rezone the property to Highway Business in order to purchase the property for the purpose of constructing a 12 unit senior living apartment building adjacent to Rock Creek Manor. After hearing the staff report, the public hearing was closed. Jim made a motion, seconded by Pat Holmes, to table the rezone request. The Planning Commission voted 7 (yes) (Pat Holmes, Bill Cagle, Jim Fowler, Clayton Preble, Lee Thrasher, and Harold Hensley) to 0 (no) to approve the rezone request.

A text amendment regarding outside storage of trash for commercial establishments was brought before the Planning Commission by Richard Osborne. Osborne gave overview and noted that County Attorney Landrum had submitted a revised draft text amendment. The current version would add a definition as well as a regulation to Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances regarding commercial solid waste. Jeff Squires spoke in favor of adding regulations regarding recyclables. Planning Commission member Clayton Preble stated that it may be appropriate to regulate recyclables as well as solid waste. Planning Commission member Fowler stated that it may be tough for new regulations to be retroactive to existing businesses. No action taken – noted during the meeting that the item would be reviewed again during the March 13 PC meeting.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

None

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Harold Hensley, seconded by Jim Fowler, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Unanimous approval.