

PLANNING COMMISSION

JANUARY 9, 2014

The Planning Commission met in the Council Chambers of the Town of James Island, 1238-B Camp Road, James Island, SC on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Chairman David Bevon, who presided, Robin Hardin, Ed Lohr, Bill Lyon, and Garrett Milliken.

Also present: Kristen Crane, Town Planner, Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Councilman Leonard Blank, Town Council. Charleston County Zoning and Planning Staff: Joel Evans, AICP, Planner IV, James Hackett, Planning Support Supervisor, and Frances Simmons, Secretary to the Planning Commission.

Call to Order: Chairman Bevon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer and Pledge: Commissioner Hardin led the prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act: This meeting was noticed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of December 12, 2013 Minutes: Chairman Bevon moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Milliken. Commissioner Milliken made a correction to the minutes where it states that the **Executive Session was not needed**; the Planning Commission did not enter into the executive session because the attorney was not present. The minutes were approved with this correction.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Staff Comments: There were no staff comments.

Election of Planning Commission Officers: Chairman: Commissioner Hardin moved to nominate David Bevon, seconded by Commissioner Milliken. There were no other nominations. The motion was unanimous in favor of electing David Bevon as Chairman.

Vice Chairman: Chairman Bevon moved to nominate Garrett Milliken; seconded by Commissioner Lyon. There were no other nominations. The motion was unanimous in favor of electing Garrett Milliken as Vice Chairman.

Discussion and Presentation of Comprehensive Plan: Mr. Hackett presented an overview of the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will be presented to Town Council as one document for approval, hopefully for adoption in the fall or winter of 2014. Mr. Hackett answered Commissioner Milliken's question regarding the Transportation Element and how it relates to input of the BCD COG (Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments). Mr. Evans addressed concerns that were expressed about inconsistencies in the current version of

the Land Use Element. He said that inconsistencies can be corrected during this process. He anticipates that the Land Use Element alone will require two Planning Commission meetings to complete. The Planning Commission will review the Population and the Community Facilities Elements at the February meeting. The material for these elements will be sent to the Planning Commission a week before the meeting. A copy of Mr. Hackett's presentation is attached.

Chair's Comments: There were no comments from the Chair.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Hardin asked the status of the Folly Road Corridor Overlay District Plan (FRCOD). Mr. Evans answered that the County had a public hearing on the Plan and that Councilwoman Johnson had it pulled because of concerns that the City of Charleston may not participate. After some discussion of this subject, Mr. Evans noted that Mr. Pennick, the County's Planning Director, is working with Councilwoman Johnson to bring the Plan back to County Council.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Frances Simmons
Secretary to the Planning Commission