

MINUTES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

April 19, 2012

The Lexington County Planning Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the County Administration Building. Attendance for the meeting was as follows:

Members Present:

Rock Lucas
Andy White
Michael Shealy
David Laird
Lee Matthews
Robert Spires
Keith Myhand

Staff Present:

Charlie Compton
Jack Maguire
Sharon Willis
Janet Turner
Walt McPherson
Chris Folsom
Robbie Derrick

Members Absent:

Warren Cope
Pat Dunbar

Others Present:

None

The meeting for April 19, 2012 was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Chairman Rock Lucas. Robert Spires gave the invocation for the meeting.

Minutes: Chairman Lucas stated that the first item would be the minutes at Tab G. Andy White made the motion to approve the March 2012 minutes and Robert Spires seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the vote for approval of the minutes was as follows:

In Favor: White
Matthews
Shealy
Laird
Lucas
Spires
Myhand

Opposed: none

Not Present: Cope
Dunbar

Activity Reports: Chairman Lucas stated that the next items on the agenda were the Activity Reports at Tab H and I. Charlie Compton stated that we had an amazing first quarter of the year for residential permits. He added that for the first 17 days of April Lexington County had issued 38 permits for new homes, which is looking good but not as well as the other months of 2012.

Mr. Compton noted that the staff had posted maps showing the residential permits and locations for 2011 and the first quarter of 2012. These maps are in PDF form and can be sent to them at their request. He added that Jack Maguire and his team are researching the possibility of creating an app on the website which would allow you to select the ranges of data that you wanted displayed, such as square footage.

Ordinance #12-1: Chairman Lucas stated that the next item on the agenda was the Ordinance #12-1 at Tab J. Charlie Compton and Robbie Derrick reviewed the proposed changes. There was a review of the general makeup of the Landscape and Open Space Ordinance as it was adopted in 1999 as well as the changes made since then. Mr. Compton gave a summary of the five areas of application -- Land Use Compatibility, Parking Lots, Service Areas/Utilities, Building Design, Road Corridors, and Scenic Corridor Protection -- as well as Open Space Requirements. He noted that all of these apply to non-residential and multifamily development with residential subdivisions affected by the Open Space, Scenic Corridor, and in some cases the Service Areas/Utilities section for detention ponds

The primary discussion involved the handling of detention ponds that are to be dedicated to Lexington County. Andy White felt there should be a way to vegetate the edges of these ponds to make them more attractive while also satisfying the long-term maintenance issues of the Department of Public Works. Robbie Derrick said he would see if he could find vegetation solutions for that objective.

Subdivision Bonds: Chairman Lucas stated that the next item was Subdivision Bonds at Tab K. Janet Turner noted that one collection was made on Sweetgrass Courtyards of Lake Murray which was developed by Amir Holdings.

Road Classifications: Chairman Lucas stated that the next item was Road Classifications at Tab L. Robert Spires made the motion to approve the road classifications and Andy White seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the vote for approval of the road classifications was as follows:

<u>In Favor:</u> White Matthews Shealy Laird Lucas Spires Myhand	<u>Opposed:</u> none	<u>Not Present:</u> Cope Dunbar
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Adjournment: With no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

(signed copy on file)
Charlie Compton
Secretary

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Rock Lucas
Chairman