

BLYTHERWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION
THE MANOR
100 ALVINA HAGOOD CIRCLE
BLYTHERWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present

Rich McKenrick, Chair
Malcolm Gordge, Vice Chair
Derrek Pugh
Marcus Taylor

Staff Present

Brian Cook, Town Admin
Melissa Cowan, Town Clerk
Saralyn Yarborough, Admin

Members Absent

Erica Page
Ernestine Middleton

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Chair McKenrick at 6:02 PM.

Five Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum.

A. NOTIFICATION AND POSTING OF MEETING AGENDA

Saralyn Yarborough confirmed the agenda was properly posted and the media notified.

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Malcolm Gordge made a Motion to approve the agenda. The Motion was seconded by Marcus Taylor. All in favor; 5-0

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (September 8, 2020/September 16, 2020)

Malcolm Gordge made a Motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020 and the September 16, 2020 special call meeting. The Motion was seconded by Marcus Taylor. All in favor; 5-0

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. RED GATE – Update

Administrator Cook reported that Town Council voted 4-1 to deny first reading approval of Ordinance 2020.013 rezoning the Red Gate property from PD to D-1 on September 25, in order to allow time for Byron and Susan Dinkins, who purchased the Red Gate tract on June 1, to work with Planning Commission on a compromise so a new rezoning request could be formulated.

Byron and Susan Dinkins met with staff following Town Council's September meeting and indicated they were considering a Town Center zoning request for a portion of the property and a D-2 zoning request for the remaining acreage.

B. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Brian Cook explained we are currently working with Gregory Sprouse at the Central Midlands Council of Governments on the rewrite of comprehensive plan. We are at the point of executing a contract with them. We would like for the Planning Commission and participants of the Town to work together on deciding where the town should go or not go in the future. We will be working on a few survey questions and will be getting those out soon.

C. TRAINING

The SC chapter of the American Planning Association will be offering a virtual conference on October 15-16. This conference will offer 3 hours of continuing education. Board members are required to have 6 hours of orientation training the first year of service on the board and 3 hours of continuing education each year while serving. All training is paid for by the town.

III. UPDATE FROM STAFF

No other update at this time.

IV. OPEN CITIZEN COMMENT

Tom Utroska expressed his concerns over Council's refusal to rezone the Red Gate property.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Marcus Taylor made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM. The Motion was seconded by Derrek Pugh. **All in favor; 5-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Cowan, Town Clerk