

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THE MANOR
100 ALVINA HAGOOD CIRCLE
BLYTHERWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA
MONDAY, May 2, 2022
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present

Malcolm Gordge, Chair
Marty Wells
Kenneth Coleman
Ja'Maal Mosely
Marcus Taylor
Erica Page

Staff Present

Carroll Williamson, Town Admin
Kirk Wilson, Secretary
Melissa Cowan, Town Clerk

Members Absent

Ed Kesser, Vice-Chair

Staff Absent

None

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Chair Malcolm Gordge at 6:55 PM.

A. ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present with the exception of Ed Kesser, Vice Chair.

B. NOTIFICATION AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Kirk Wilson confirmed the agenda was properly posted and the media notified.

C. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Marcus Taylor made a Motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Kenneth Coleman seconded the Motion. **All in favor; 6-0**

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Malcolm Gordge led the pledge of allegiance.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (PC Regular Meeting (03-7-22))

Marcus Taylor made a Motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2022. Ja'Maal Mosely seconded the Motion. **All in favor; 6-0**

II. **ACTION ITEM**

A. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT (2022-03-MA) – R-8 One and Two Family Residential District (R-8) to R-20 Low Density Residential District (R-20). This amendment would rezone the entire Oakhurst neighborhood, which includes the following properties:

R15210-01-12	R15210-01-01	R15210-02-11
R15210-02-06	R15211-04-12	R15210-03-09
R15210-01-11	R15210-01-02	R15210-02-10
R15210-02-05	R15211-04-11	R15210-03-10
R15210-01-10	R15210-01-03	R15210-02-09
R15210-02-04	R15211-04-10	R15210-03-11
R15210-01-09	R15211-04-09	R15210-02-08
R15210-02-03	R15210-03-02	R15210-03-12
R15210-01-08	R15210-02-15	R15211-04-08
R15210-01-07	R15210-03-03	R15211-02-01
R15210-02-02	R15210-02-14	R15211-04-07
R15210-01-06	R15210-03-04	R15211-02-02
R15210-01-05	R15210-02-13	R15211-04-06
R15210-02-01	R15210-03-05	R15211-02-03
R15210-01-04	R15210-02-12	R15211-03-01
R15210-03-01	R15210-03-06	R15211-04-02
R15211-01-01	R15210-03-07	R15211-04-05
R15211-04-13	R15210-03-08	R15211-04-03
		R15211-04-04

Carroll Williamson, Town Administrator, provided a background for the zoning map amendment. On March 28th Town Council, at the request of the majority of the residents of Oakhurst neighborhood, directed staff to initiate a map amendment to change the zoning from R-8 to R-20. Oakhurst was established around 20 years ago as R-8 with the minimum lot size of 8,000 square feet, however, all 49 lots that have a dwelling on them currently exceed 20,000 square feet. In order to insure the remaining lots are developed with a similar character as the existing neighborhood, majority of the residents have request this zoning change be made.

Ja'Maal Mosley made a motion to make this zoning map amendment recommendation to Town Council of changing Oakhurst neighborhood from R-8 to R-20. Martin Wells seconded the

motion. **All in favor; 6-0**

III. **OPEN CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ms. Cynthia Shull and Mr. Bill Shives signed up for comments. Both stated that they were present to answer any questions the commissioners may have about the rezoning.

Mayor Bryan Franklin also spoke. He gave a rebuttal to an editorial in The Voice. For his comments in their entirety, please refer to the Town of Blythewood YouTube page, dated May 2nd.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Marcus Taylor made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04PM. Kenneth Coleman seconded the Motion. **All in favor; 6-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Wilson, Secretary