Minutes

Planning Commission – Town of South Congaree

November 7, 2023 - 6:30 pm

The Planning Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting in Council Chambers at 6:30 pm on November 7,2023 at 119 West Berry Rd. West Columbia, South Carolina. The meeting was attended by Chairman Wally Shangle, Secretary Mike Gordon, and Commission members Debbie McIver, John Beerman, Lorine Anderson, and Bobby Jeffcoat.

Absent was Vice Chairman Michael Yarbrough.

There were no invited guests or members of the media present. Twenty residents attended including Representative RJ May.

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Shangle called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commission member McIver gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Gordon to approve meeting minutes dated October 9, 2023 and seconded by Beerman resulting in a unanimous vote by the commission for approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

BLUE RIDGE TERRACE LOT#16 BUILDING PERMIT DISCUSSION AND VOTE:

A motion was made by Shangle and seconded by Gordon to approve the building permit issued for lot #16 in blue Ridge Terrace and open the discussion.

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McIver opened the discussion explaining her reasons for being adamantly opposed to approval of the project. Beerman gave reasons why he was in favor of the project being approved. Six (6) citizens spoke in opposition to the permit being granted. Representative RJ May spoke briefly about voting not being mandatory.

A Roll Call vote was conducted and yielded the following results for the motion to approve the building permit:

Shangle – No vote

McIver – No vote

Anderson - No vote

Jeffcoat – No vote

Beerman - Yes vote

Gordon – No vote

**Final vote being five (5) opposed and one (1) in favor. Therefore, the motion did not pass.

CONTINUED REVIEW OF LAND USAGE CHAPTER AND THE FACILITIES CHAPTER OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Due to time constraints this discussion did not take place and will be added to a future meeting agenda.

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CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Six (6) citizens spoke in opposition of granting the building permit for Lot #16 in Blue Ridge Terrace. This included Mrs. Marjorie Valladares of 1989 Blue Ridge terrace who presented the Planning Commission with a petition titled:

"Petition against approval of allowing 2 houses to be built in Blue Ridge Terrace the Large Culdesac". This petition is dated November 7, 2023.

This petition is signed by nineteen (19) persons who reside in Blue Ridge Terrace. This petition is attached to the meeting minutes.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday December 5, 2023.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Planning Commission a motion to adjourn was made by Beerman and seconded by Jeffcoat at 7:25pm.

Wally Shangle, Chairman

Approval date

December 5, 2023

ATTEST:

Michael R. Gordon

Approval date

Secretary

(SEAL)

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