

CITY OF INMAN
ZONING/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
November 5, 2012
Meeting Minutes

The Zoning/Planning Commission of Inman, SC met on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 5:00 in Inman City Hall. In attendance were Commission members Doug Hurlbert-Chairman, Pete Miller – Vice Chairperson, Ken Dittmore, Bessie Fisher – Secretary, and Dennis Staton – Zoning Administrator. Also in attendance were Councilman Kevin Newman, Teri Newmark from Correll Insurance, Sherry Barrett with Upstate Forever, and Nancy Lynn owner of Finishing Works.

With a quorum present, Pete Miller made the motion to approve August 27 meeting minutes. Doug Hurlbert seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Doug made the motion to approve October 1 meeting minutes. Pete Miller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Doug Hurlbert, Chairman, reviewed the following:

- October 18 meeting with electrician concerning lighting facades in the downtown area. The first estimate was quoted at \$8,675.18 but did not include the costs of a photo cell and time clock. Two more bids will be secured. A motion was made by Bessie with a second from Pete to forward this information to City Council for their information and consideration. The motion passed unanimously. Permission to place lights must be obtained from building owners. Bessie will work with City Hall to obtain the lists of owners in the next week or so.
- October 24 meeting with city attorney – see attached notes and letter
- Business property owners serving on Planning Commission was discussed. Councilman Newman and Nancy Lynn have been accumulating a list of possible candidates for the Commission and will forward to the Commission. It was discussed that the new seat would be filled by a city resident who also owns an active business property within the city. No vote was taken.
- Property owners' permission for Welcome to Inman signs updates: Pete Miller has obtained all paperwork for the Eastern approach. Bessie and Doug will be meeting with the Inman Mills representative on Tuesday to obtain permission. Dennis has contacted District Office concerning the site at Workability. Mandy Shaw will obtain the fourth property permission.
- Inman Trail updates- Richard Lane and Doug have walked and documented Main/down Mill to Asheville Highway and the Oakland Avenue Trail link. Remaining Trail links will be walked/documented by other Commission members in order to prioritize needs and goals of the Trail. This information has been requested by Councilperson Ginger Morrow.
- There was a question concerning a new sidewalk at the Inman Theater. All Mill Street sidewalk upgrades were funded through Set Aside fees from Steve Parker.

Dennis Staton, Zoning Administrator presented the following:

- November monthly report-see attached
- Old business review/updates
 - zoning manual needs updating concerning tattoo parlors – Bessie and Dennis will work on this.
 - there is a prospective buyer for Bush Forks
 - all vacant properties at Woods Creek have been purchased

Sherry Barrett – Upstate Forever

- update on the Mecklenburg field trip. Focus was on green spaces and public spaces with funding through public and private partnerships
- CBD proposed changes need to be included in the zoning manual. Sherry will work with Bessie to get this done.
- Spartanburg Trail Advisory Committee have finished their feasibility study which states there are many trails but need connections. Advisory Committee would like to have a trail similar to Swamp Rabbit.

Councilman Newman updated the Commission on LIGHT UP INMAN which is scheduled for Friday, November 30 in downtown in Inman. Lighted Christmas trees will line the “square”. Sponsorship of a tree is \$50.00 to cover costs. This project is now being done by the city as the Downtown Merchants Association is not longer active.

Ken Dittmore has given his resignation from the Planning Commission effective January 1. He stated that time restraints prevent his giving the time needed to be effective but will continue to be active within the Inman community.

With no further business, Doug made a motion with a second from Pete to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:
Bessie Fisher
Secretary