Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Florence County Planning Commission
Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
County Complex, Room 803
180 N. Irby St., Florence, South Carolina 29501

The Florence County Planning Department staff posted the agenda for the meeting on the information boards at the main entrance and the back entrance of the County Complex and on the information board in the lobby of the Planning and Building Inspection Departments office.

The following are summary minutes. The official minutes of this meeting are recorded and can be provided on a CD or DVD by request through the Freedom of Information Act.

The agenda was also mailed to the media.

I. Call to Order:
Chairman Lane called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Jody Lane, Chairman
Cheryl Floyd, Vice-Chairman
Linda Borgman
Karon Epps
Mark Fountain
Dwight Johnson

Commissioners Absent: Allie Brooks
Ted Greene
Doris Lockhart
Jeffrey Tanner

Staff Present: Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Derrick Singletary, Senior Planner
Angela C. Thomas, Secretary

Public Attendance: See sign-in sheet on file with the Florence County Planning Department.
III. Review and Motion of Minutes

- Meeting of October 27, 2015

Motion to approve – Vice-Chairman Floyd/Second – Comm. Fountain/Unanimously approved 6 to 0.

IV. Public Hearings

Road Renamings:

PC#2015-17 Renaming of Pound Road in Florence as shown on Florence County Tax Map Number 00185, Block 01, Parcel 041 to Humane Lane.

Mr. Jonathan Graham presented the staff report to the Commission. Staff recommends approval of the request.
(Copy of staff report available at the Florence County Planning Department)

Motion to approve – Comm. Fountain/Second – Vice-Chairman Floyd/Unanimously approved 6 to 0.

PC#2015-20 Renaming of Early Lane in Florence as shown on Florence County Tax Map Number 00216, Block 01, Parcels 010 and 021 to Natty’s Way.

Mr. Jonathan Graham presented the staff report to the Commission. Staff recommends approval of the request.
(Copy of staff report available at the Florence County Planning Department)

Motion to approve – Comm. Fountain/Second – Comm. Epps/Unanimously approved 6 to 0.

Zoning Map Amendment:

PC#2015-21 Map Amendment requested by Arnold J. Smith to change the zoning district designation for property located on Alligator Rd., Effingham, SC as shown on Florence County Tax Map Number 00126, Block 01, Parcels 085 and 086 from Single-Family Residential District (R-3) to General Commercial District (B-3).

Mr. Jonathan Graham presented the staff report to the Commission. Staff recommends approval of the request.
(Copy of staff report available at the Florence County Planning Department)

Chairman Lane asked if there was anyone that would like to speak in favor of the request.
Mr. Arnold Smith spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Lane asked if there was anyone that would like to speak in opposition of the request.

Mr. Donald Brunson spoke in opposition of the request.

There was brief discussion and questions by the Commission.

Motion to approve as presented – Vice-Chairman Floyd/Second – Comm. Epps/Unanimously approved 6 to 0.

Text Amendment:

PC#2015-22  Text Amendments To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, CHAPTER 30, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE II. – ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY, Section 30-29. – Table II: Schedule Of Permitted And Conditional Uses And Off-Street Parking Requirements For Business & Rural Districts, Sector 81: Other Services (Except Public Administration).

Mr. Jonathan Graham presented the staff report to the Commission. Staff recommends approval of the request.  
(Copy of staff report available at the Florence County Planning Department)

Motion to approve as presented – Vice-Chairman Floyd/Second – Comm. Fountain/Unanimously approved 6 to 0.

V. Other Business:

- Review and Approval of the 2016 Planning Commission Meeting Calendar

Vice-Chairman Floyd made a motion to approve with changes avoiding holidays/Second – Comm. Fountain/Unanimously voted to approve 6 to 0 with the alternate meeting dates of March 15th, November 15th and December 13th.

VI. Director’s Report:

Mr. Graham’s comments were as follows:

- Summary Plats

- Building Reports

As we do every month, we have provided the Commission with the summary plat report and the building report; staff is available to answer any questions.
VII.  Adjournment:

Chairman Lane declared the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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Angela C. Thomas
Secretary

Approved by:

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Jonathan B. Graham, III
Planning Director

*These minutes reflect only actions taken and do not represent a true verbatim transcript of the meeting.