

Minutes
Planning and Economic Development Committee
August 5, 2014
6:00 PM
4th committee meeting

Members present were Chairman Gabe Hunter, Committee members Scott Crosby and Taft Matney . Economic Development Planner John Gardner, Office of Cultural Affairs George McLeer, and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

1. Call to order- Chairman Hunter
2. Public comment- None
3. Reading and approval of minutes- Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Crosby seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers
 - a. Economic Development – Lots of new development is getting close. Bojangle's will open August 12th. Chick-fil-A will open at the end of the month. The comprehensive plan drafts are on the website and will come to planning commission and council in the next couple of months.
 - b. Office of Cultural Affairs – The Relay for Life is Friday at the cultural center. 32 teams are participating. The train show will be the first two weekends of September. The BBQ event will be September 26 and 27th.
5. Unfinished business
6. New business
 - a. Abandonment of Old Neely Ferry Road- Neely Ferry Road was relocated in the 1970s or 1980s where KFC used to be. The stub-out was left in place and serves one lot. The road is in poor shape. DOT will not maintain it. The city would like DOT to abandon this road to reposition for more future development and landscaping. Initially, the owners were hesitant, but now they are agreeable to the plan.

John said he will try to get a definitive answer from DOT if there are any costs for survey work associated with this by the Council meeting.

This item was sent to the council agenda.

- b. Swamp Rabbit Trail- After news stories of Greenville County Recreation looking at developing another branch near Pleasantburg and 276 to ICAR where the railroad crosses Millennium and Innovation Drives, we talked to the firm that is looking into this. They gave us an initial proposals to include Mauldin in the plan. We have done some survey and preliminary engineering and design on this. The cost would be \$10,000. We would like to wait on this and participate in the Greenville County study and come back to see what will be proposed.

This item was tabled in committee.

7. Public comment

Leo Joyce: You mentioned bicycle trails. Has anyone looked at this and made sure they stay decent.? There are many trails that a bicycle couldn't go down. Tree growth, grass growth.

John Gardner; Having ridden on the trail last night from Whole Foods to Forrester, I know what you are talking about. DOT doesn't cut the grass. It is because of fragmentation. Some is in the County and the e property owner is not maintaining it,. You have weeds head high that you have to whip through. The roads are still treated like county roads. I have stopped and moved limbs, but it is an issue. Unless you have a street sweeper or a more robust budget, I completely understand.

Leo Joyce: It is creating more problems.

8. Committee concerns

9. Adjournment- Chairman Hunter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk

NOTICE: A majority or quorum of City Council may attend a committee meeting.