

Minutes
Planning and Economic Development Committee
December 1, 2014
6:30 PM
6th committee meeting

Members present were Committee members Taft Matney and Scott Crosby. Mayor Raines was out of town. George McLeer, Office of Cultural Affairs, and Trey Eubanks, City Administrator were also present. . John Gardner, Economic Development Planner was not present due to family obligations.

1. Call to order- Councilman Crosby
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 (2-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers
 - a. Economic Development- GADC is getting more prospects for 15-50 acre sites. We are hopeful; something will happen with our certified site soon. Next month, we will resume discussions of a spec building. Two Mauldin business were recognized in a GSA publication as two of the fastest growing in the Upstate. GBS Building Supply and OB Hospital Group are the two companies recognized. Decorative lighting will be installed at Corn and Butler in the next several months. Our sign contractor has submitted encroachment permits for the interstate entranceway signs and we are hoping to get those installed soon.
 - b. Office of Cultural Affairs- George reported the 2015 season has been announced. The office is working with the chamber on Christmas events this weekend. George is working on updating the website now as well.
5. Unfinished business
6. New business
 - a. Public Art- We put in a stipulation to create public art programs in the City in the cultural affairs documents. 9 Concrete bumpouts will have public art after a selection process. Every 10 years, there is a new slate of public artwork. The City of Greenville has had a public artwork installation since 2008. The financial impact is not to exceed \$15,000 per year. We will try to get some

grant money for this project. Councilman Matney asked if there was a thought about artists lending us their work so that we might change the art out more frequently. George said he is trying to create something more permanent and with a specific theme. The Mauldin Cultural Council would select the art.

Councilman Crosby said he is thinking about the artwork downtown Greenville near the city hall and wondered if this would be similar? George said he would like to see something interpretive, he is not a fan of bronze statues of people. He is thinking of metal sculptures or murals.

This item was forwarded to full council.

- b. Corridor study- In 2008, DOT composed a report calling for five lanes of traffic from 276 to Corn/Bridges Road. We have been awarded a \$21,783 grant to do a corridor study to look at four options. One would be three lane, one option is the 5 lanes from DOT, and two other improvements. With this grant, we would have an opportunity to get input from businesses, citizens, and council. The City would have to put about \$5,500 dollars with the grant to get this study completed. Staff would like to advertise this and get some proposals to bring to council. The committee can approve the advertising of this study.

Committee directed staff to advertise for this study.

7. Public comment

Leo Joyce: Any idea of making East Butler a five lane road, you have to think about what will be taken. Your own fire station.

Councilman Crosby said he thinks a five lane super highway would change the makeup for the City.

8. Committee concerns

9. Adjournment- Councilman Crosby adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk

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