

1 **RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**
2 **May 1, 2017**
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4 *[Members Present: Ed Greenleaf (in at 1:10), Prentiss McLaurin, Beverly Frierson (in at*
5 *1:16), Heather Cairns, Stephen Gilchrist, Christopher Anderson, David Tuttle; Absent:*
6 *Wallace Brown, Sr.]*

7 Called to order: 1:05 pm

8 [Recorder started late. All four Map Amendments were removed from Agenda-vote: 5/0,
9 motion: Heather Cairns; Second: David Tuttle. Case No. 17-006, deferred.]

10 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Alright. So ready for the first case?

11 MR. PRICE: Yes, sir.

12 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay, Case No. 17-010 -

13 **CASE NO. 17-010 MA:**

14 MR. PRICE: Okay, I'm gonna be doing a little double-duty here today.

15 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: You're doing a great job so far.

16 MR. PRICE: Okay. The first item is Case 17-10 MA. The Applicant is Beverly
17 Rabon. The Applicant is, the location is 2813 Padgett Road. The Applicant is requesting
18 to rezone from RS-HD, which is single-family high density to Rural. The subject tract is
19 a 9.2 acre tract. Staff has recommended disapproval of this request.

20 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay. Any questions for Staff? Motions?
21 Recommendations?

22 MS. RABON: Excuse me? Is that me? I mean, I'm Beverly Rabon.

23 MR. PRICE: No, we're the Staff.

24 MS. RABON: Oh, I'm sorry.

25 MS. CAIRNS: She just didn't sign up.

26 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Oh, okay. Ms. Rabon, would you like to speak? Okay,
27 please come up to the mic. Please give us your name and your address for the Record.

1 MS. CAIRNS: Hang on a second, he's gonna spin the podium for you.

2 MS. RABON: Oh, thank you.

3 **TESTIMONY OF BEVERLY RABON:**

4 MS. RABON: Okay, I'm Beverly Rabon and I own 2813. It is in line with a lotta
5 rural property around it because we own it. There's a lot of mobile homes. There is a lot
6 of, you know, the housing developments are to the back of it, but there's a good bit of
7 land in-between the housing developments and my property. But the property is within a
8 commercial lane between, on the left side and the right side of it, so it, you know,
9 commercial zoning was one of the thoughts that crossed our mind and maybe we would
10 break that up later. But the biggest thing was the RV camper park, just five acres at the
11 back of the land that we wanted to make an RV camper parking, and since Richland
12 County doesn't technically have an RV camping park that was the idea. And they said to
13 start with the changing of the zoning. And the, and, because you know, there's no one
14 that we knew that was opposing at the time because we have, the mobile homes and
15 stuff around, all the land around it pretty much belongs to us. So that's what the purpose
16 of it, because there's not a RV camper park in Richland County, and it was just ideal.

17 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay, thank you.

18 MS. RABON: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Any additional questions for the Applicant? Motions,
20 comments? Motions? Comments?

21 MR. ANDERSON: I would like to say this is a particular one that we should talk
22 about with the Code rewrite. As far as, you know, us seeing so many actually properties
23 down zoning. You know, that being said, based on going through the Code rewrite and

1 not having anything there, I'd like to send Case 17-010 MA ahead to Council with a
2 recommendation of disapproval.

3 [Greenleaf in]

4 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Is there a second?

5 MS. CAIRNS: I'll second the motion.

6 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay. It's been moved and properly seconded that we
7 send Case No. 17-010 MA forward to Council with a recommendation of disapproval. All
8 in favor signify by raising your hand.

9 MR. PRICE: Alright those in favor: Greenleaf, McLaurin, Cairns, Gilchrist,
10 Anderson, Tuttle.

11 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: That's a new feature.

12 MR. PRICE: It's a carryover from the Board.

13 [Laughter]

14 *[Approved to deny: Greenleaf, McLaurin, Cairns, Gilchrist, Anderson, Tuttle; Absent:*
15 *Frierson, Brown]*

16 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Ma'am, we are recommending Body to County
17 Council and they will meet again in these Chambers on May 23rd, okay? So feel free to
18 come back at that time.

19 MS. RABON: I've got a question. Do we get a reason why they recommended
20 disapproval?

21 MS. CAIRNS: You want me to –

22 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yeah, certainly.

1 MS. CAIRNS: We have a Comprehensive Plan where we try to look at the whole
2 County and come up with where as a county we wanna guide development in and out.
3 And that this particular area, the future vision that we have for this area is residential
4 uses and that it's a down zone is what it's called cause it's – right now it's zoned for high
5 density residential use which is actually what we'd like to see go on in that area. And to
6 downzone it to rural would take it into a use that isn't, it's somewhat incompatible with
7 what's there but it's definitely incompatible with what the Plan is.

8 MS. RABON: The plan for the County.

9 MS. CAIRNS: The plan in the County for this area. And so that's, you know,
10 that's the basis for disapproval in terms of, you know, this is an area that we as a sort of
11 county in our Comprehensive Plan have decided should be geared more towards
12 residential uses as opposed to away from residential uses.

13 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: And you're welcome to come back for Council on the
14 23rd and have that conversation. Yeah, be back. Alright, thank you. Next case.

15 **CASE NO. 17-011 MA:**

16 MR. PRICE: Okay, the next item is Case 17-011 MA. The Applicant is Bill
17 Hampton. The location is 1654 Dutch Fork Road. The Applicant is requesting a rezoning
18 from Rural to OI. Staff has recommended approval of this request.

19 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay. Questions for Staff? We do have a couple
20 persons signed up to speak. And when we call your name please come to the podium,
21 give us your name and your address for the Record, please. That's the only person we
22 do have signed up is the Applicant. Bill Hampton.

23 **TESTIMONY OF BILL HAMPTON:**

1 MR. HAMPTON: Good afternoon. I've been in business in Columbia for a really
2 long time, my family was here as Hiller Hardware Company for 64 years. And I've
3 started a new business called –

4 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Could you give us your name and address, please, for
5 the Record.

6 MR. HAMPTON: Oh, I'm sorry.

7 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: No problem, Mr. Hampton.

8 MR. HAMPTON: Bill Hampton. It's 419 Dallas Point Lane, Chapin, 29036. We
9 started a new small family business to hopefully employ some folks here soon, and be
10 in the pest control business and get rid of some mosquitos and mosquito borne viruses
11 and all kinds of things that people don't want in their yard.

12 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Alright. Thank you, sir. Mr. Hampton is the Applicant,
13 are there any questions for the Applicant? Thank you, Mr. Hampton.

14 MR. HAMPTON: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yes, sir. William Hinson?

16 **TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM HINSON:**

17 MR. HINSON: Thank you for listening to me. It's William Hinson, 608 Land Gate
18 Court, Lexington. I'm a business partner with Bill Hampton and like he said we're both
19 looking forward to starting a new business in Richland County and hopefully building it.
20 And hopefully employ some more people in the County. Just want to say thank you very
21 much for listening to us and hope we can grow our business and enjoy Richland
22 County. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Thank you, Mr. Hinson. Ms. Rabon, I see your name
2 on this list, so you were signed up for the other is that right?

3 MS. RABON: Signed up for what?

4 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: You weren't signed up to speak on this particular case.

5 MS. RABON: No.

6 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yes, okay. Angie DeLoach.

7 **TESTIMONY OF ANGIE DELOACH:**

8 MS. DELOACH: Angie DeLoach, 317 Titus Street, Lexington, South Carolina.

9 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Can you raise the mic for me?

10 MS. CAIRNS: Can you raise the mic, it's not picking up.

11 MS. DELOACH: Can you hear me now?

12 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yes.

13 MS. DELOACH: Angie DeLoach, 317 Titus Street, Lexington, South Carolina
14 29072. I'm just here to support this business and I think it would be a great thing to have
15 in our Ballentine area. And that's pretty much it. I think it'd be great to have a source of
16 more employment, that's about it. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Great. Thank you. Mary Lou Finch? Alright, Ms. Finch.

18 **TESTIMONY OF MARY LOU FINCH:**

19 MS. FINCH: Mary Lou Finch, 30 Catesby Circle, 29206, Columbia. I am
20 supporting this venture and, because I'm all for small businesses and more employment
21 will be available.

22 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Great. Thank you, Ms. Finch. That's all we have signed
23 up to speak. Questions, comments, motions?

1 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chair, I'd like to make a motion that we send Case 17-011
2 MA ahead to Council with a recommendation of approval.

3 MR. TUTTLE: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: It's been moved and properly seconded that we send
5 Case No. 17-011 MA forward to Council with a recommendation of approval. All in favor
6 signify by raising your hand.

7 MR. PRICE: Alright those in favor: Greenleaf, McLaurin –

8 MR. TUTTLE: Excuse me, excuse me Mr. Chairman.

9 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yes, sir.

10 MR. TUTTLE: I think it's only appropriate based on the rules that anyone who
11 was here at the beginning of this case being heard can vote on it. Anybody that came in
12 during the case, just for future reference in case there was anybody that appealed this,
13 only those that were here at the beginning of the case vote.

14 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Thank you, Mr. Tuttle. Certainly appreciate that, for
15 those Commissioners that find themselves in that position we'll take the vote again. All
16 in favor signify by raising your hand.

17 MR. PRICE: Those in favor: Greenleaf, McLaurin, Cairns, Gilchrist, Anderson,
18 Tuttle.

19 *[Approved: Greenleaf, McLaurin, Cairns, Gilchrist, Anderson, Tuttle; Abstained:*
20 *Frierson; Absent: Brown]*

21 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Again, we are recommending Body to County
22 Council. They will meet again here in these Chambers on May 23rd. Thank you. Okay.
23 Mr. Price, before we get into the next case let me read this into the Record. Dear Mr.

1 Gilchrist, I must request to be excused from participating in discussions or voting on
2 Agenda Item 17-012 MA regarding North Pines Road, which is scheduled for review
3 and/or discussion at today's Planning Commission meeting. It is my understanding of
4 the rules of conduct, provisions of the ethics, government accountability, and campaign
5 reform laws that I have an ongoing business relationship with Mungo Housing. I will be
6 unable to participate in this matter through discussions or voting. I would therefore
7 respectfully request that you indicate for the Record that I did not participate in any
8 discussions or voting relating to this item, representing a potential conflict of interest. I
9 would further request that you allow and direct this letter to be printed as a part of the
10 official Minutes and excuse me from such votes or deliberations, and note such in the
11 Minutes. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Signed, Mr. Chris Anderson.
12 Make sure we place that in the Record. Case 17-012 MA.

13 **CASE NO. 17-012 MA:**

14 MR. PRICE: Okay. The next item is, again Case 17-012 MA. The Applicant is
15 Matt Mungo. The subject site is North Pines Road and the Applicant is requesting to
16 rezone from Rural to RS-MD which is single-family, medium density. The subject tract is
17 65.4 acres.

18 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay. We have a couple of folks signed up to speak.
19 The Applicant, Bill Dixon?

20 **TESTIMONY OF BILL DIXON:**

21 MR. DIXON: I'm Bill Dixon with Mungo Homes, 441 Western Lane. I don't have
22 anything to add to the Staff Report but I'm here to answer questions if you have any.

1 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Thank you, sir. Any questions for Mr. Dixon? When I
2 call your name please come to the podium and give us your name and your address for
3 the Record. And, how do I pronounce this name, Marvin – okay, you did a great job in
4 doing that [laughter].

5 **TESTIMONY OF MARIO ZECHSNOWSKI:**

6 MR. ZECHSNOWSKI: Mario Zechsnowski, 120 Summer Pines Drive in
7 Blythewood. I bring with me a petition, me and 55 other neighbors, we'd like to present
8 the council. We're basically requesting – let me just read it, it'll be a little bit better. We
9 protest changing any of the zoning in this area. We feel that area being changed will,
10 the natural buffer that exists between the interstate and our neighborhood will be
11 deleted, it'll no longer be there. And we won't be able to get the proper use and
12 enjoyment of our property due to the excessive noise from the interstate. We welcome
13 neighbors, we welcome development, but we wanna ensure that our rights are
14 protected, we don't have the extra noise. Also the roads in that area aren't fit, North
15 Pines Road is in disrepair, a lotta potholes. There's not a turn lane to get into North
16 Pines Road. My understanding, an addition of 350 homes would contribute highly to the
17 traffic. Can I submit this officially? Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Thank you, sir. That's all we have signed up to speak.

19 MR. TUTTLE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to send Case 17-012 MA
20 forward to Council with a recommendation of approval.

21 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Is there a second?

22 MR. MCLAURIN: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: It's been moved and properly seconded that we send
2 Case No. 17-012 MA forward to Council with a recommendation of approval. All in favor
3 signify by raising your hand.

4 MR. PRICE: Those in favor: Greenleaf, McLaurin, Frierson, Cairns, Gilchrist, and
5 Tuttle.

6 *[Approved: Greenleaf, McLaurin, Frierson, Cairns, Gilchrist, Tuttle; Abstained:*
7 *Anderson; Absent: Brown]*

8 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Alright. Again, we are a recommending Body to
9 County Council. They'll meet back at these Chambers on May 23rd. At 6:00pm, oh 7:00,
10 I'm sorry, 7:00pm. Okay. Thank you. Agenda Item number IV. Land Development
11 Rewrite.

12 MR. PRICE: That's being placed on all agendas in case we have some new
13 information to bring to you.

14 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Oh. Well, let's get Mr. Anderson back. I'm sorry, Mr.
15 Price?

16 MR. PRICE: I was waiting for Mr. Anderson.

17 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay.

18 MR. PRICE: What I was saying, you will see this on all of your Agendas going
19 forward. We put this as a placeholder in case there's some new issues that we need to
20 discuss regarding the Land Development Code Rewrite. At this time we do not have
21 any.

1 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Price. Planning Director's Report
2 and a number of folks signed up, I mean, on the list to speak to us today. Is that gonna
3 happen?

4 MR. PRICE: No, sir. Mr. Perry is not here today, but everything else, the Report
5 of Council is in your Agenda Package. You can see what happened at the last Zoning
6 Public Hearing. Also the DRT Report is included in there so you can have an idea of
7 what's been reviewed for major projects. And what we did not include in there but I did
8 email all of you, an upcoming training session, it's called Current Trends for Planning
9 and Zoning Officials, and it's Thursday, May the 18th. We ask that everyone attend this,
10 if you're going to attend that you will go to the South Carolina Association of Counties, I
11 believe that's gonna be the location. I will get that back to you. They'd like to have a
12 room full of people for these webcasts. I believe at this time I have Mr. Tuttle has stated
13 that he would like to be there. Is there anyone else I may have missed?

14 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: And what date is this?

15 MR. PRICE: This would be May the 18th.

16 MR. ANDERSON: Geo, sign me up for that too, please.

17 MR. PRICE: It's gonna be from 9:00 am till 12:30. And I will send you a reminder.

18 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yeah, and I'll check to see if I can participate in that.

19 MR. PRICE: Okay.

20 MR. GREENLEAF: [Inaudible]

21 MR. PRICE: That's a Thursday, Thursday the 18th. And I'm not, I'm gonna sign
22 everyone up as a group and if you will, you have time to look at your schedules and just,

1 you can email me or call me and let me know if you would like to attend, or if something
2 comes up and you're unable to. That is it.

3 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay, great. Alright, thank you. On the Chairman's
4 Report I just wanted to, and we've talked about this a couple of times in our meetings,
5 last few times we've met, about the Code Rewrite, I appreciate the fact that we will have
6 a standing place on our Agenda to comment on this as we go through the process. I've
7 had a conversation with the Planning Director just about the need to make sure that as
8 we go through this lengthy process and what I consider to be a very detailed-oriented
9 process, over the next two years, that we do whatever we can to ensure that we're
10 trying, that we engage the entire county in this process. A Code rewrite is a major
11 undertaking and it has the potential of impacting everybody in the County in a very
12 significant way. And so oftentimes when we have these kinds of things happening we
13 typically have the typical folk that always show up. I just wanna make sure that as we go
14 through this process that we're doing whatever we can to ensure that we're engaging
15 the public in a very broad sense. And so I wanted this Commission to know that I'm
16 having that conversation with the Planning Director and she's offering some ideas about
17 how that should occur. And I certainly would welcome your support as we try to move
18 through with this. But I think it's a great opportunity for us here in Richland County to do
19 what we're doing, but we wanna make sure that our Code reflects the involvement and
20 the participation of our County-at-large. So just wanted to mention that. The second
21 thing I wanted to just say, I'm so delighted that Heather Cairns is back with us. She will
22 be here again for another four years on the Planning Commission, and so we're
23 delighted that she has been reappointed. The Council also saw fit to ask me to come

1 back for another few years. So we look forward to participating here with our colleagues
2 and friends, and I wanna thank all of you over the years that I've been on the Planning
3 Commission. Being a former County Administrator you don't ever get an opportunity to
4 hear some of the details about what goes on in Planning, but the opportunity to be
5 among folk who can help you in your role and, is important. And so I yield to my
6 colleagues and friends on this Commission for the type of work that they have been
7 able to do over the last few years since I've been on the Commission, and the guidance
8 and help that you've provided to me, and the allowance that you've allowed me to be
9 your Chairman. So thank you for that designation. That's all I have. Is there anything
10 else to –

11 MS. CAIRNS: I have a couple comments.

12 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: - claim our attention? Yes, ma'am, Ms. Frierson, then
13 Mr. Greenleaf.

14 MS. FRIERSON: Mr. Chairperson, with reference to the current vacancy on the
15 Planning Commission, I have a concern because about five people approached me
16 when we had a previous vacancy and to my knowledge they were never contacted.

17 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay.

18 MS. FRIERSON: And I know it's not my responsibility nor yours to make the
19 recommendation to County Council, but it bothers me when citizens indicate an interest
20 and they're not even contacted.

21 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Well just two comments to that. I think it's important to,
22 and I don't know who these folk are –

23 MS. FRIERSON: I sent you their names.

1 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: No, I'm saying I don't know if they're in certain
2 Councilmember's districts, but I think it's important to make sure, and I did get a couple
3 of names of folk that expressed interest in this, but I think it's important to make sure
4 that if they have that type of interest the first point of contact they should be making is
5 with their County Councilperson. And I think at that particular point, you know, if they
6 have expressed that type of interest at that level then obviously anything we can do as
7 Commissioners to help with that we certainly can. Ms. Cairns, you wanna comment on
8 that?

9 MS. CAIRNS: Well, I just think it's important to recognize that the, you know,
10 anybody interested in serving on these, it's an application process. I mean, there's a
11 form on the website, you download it and fill out, and that will get your application
12 considered by Council. I mean, that's what I did lo those decades ago [laughter].

13 MS. FRIERSON: It was my understanding it was supposed to be some type of
14 notice in the paper. Has that appeared, because to my knowledge it hasn't?

15 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Well, they tried – and Mr. Price maybe certainly can
16 speak to this – but they, you know, I've seen it on Council Agendas, I've seen it when
17 they've had Council meetings. So I mean, beyond that is there some type of public
18 notification?

19 MR. PRICE: Council has to advertise [inaudible] of what's gonna be on the
20 Agenda. What I would suggest is if you know of some people who have applied, that
21 they will contact the Clerk of Council's Office because they're the ones that –

22 MS. FRIERSON: I'm sorry, contact what?

23 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: The Clerk of Council.

1 MR. PRICE: The Clerk of Council. Because everyone [inaudible] set everything
2 up. So it would serve them best if after they submit their application, they can also follow
3 up with them to find out when they'll be scheduled for their interview [inaudible] the
4 Planning Commission, or any other board.

5 MS. FRIERSON: I appreciate that.

6 MR. TUTTLE: If memory serves I believe that goes through a committee process

7 –

8 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yeah, it does.

9 MR. TUTTLE: Then the committee may recommend a candidate or two for full
10 Council.

11 MS. FRIERSON: Right, right.

12 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: That's correct. Right. But I would also ask them, too, if
13 they're constituents of this County and they're represented by a Member of this Council,
14 and they have an interest in serving on any commission, then I would certainly make my
15 availability known to Members of Council.

16 MS. FRIERSON: Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: That's what they're supposed to do. Alright. Mr.
18 Greenleaf.

19 MR. GREENLEAF: Mr. Chairman, thank you very much for your leadership. I'm
20 so glad you're here for another four years. Number one, on the rewrite you mentioned
21 making sure the Council's involved in the process and the County residents.

22 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Absolutely.

23 MR. GREENLEAF: Just a couple recommendations.

1 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Sure.

2 MR. GREENLEAF: Number one, I think we should have a liaison to Council and
3 perhaps we should have a standing Agenda item on County Council meetings to let
4 them know what's going on. Even if it's nothing at all. I think that's a valid thing to do to
5 involve them. They'll take probably the brunt of any criticism during changes. And we're
6 doing them a disservice if we're not involving them early. Number two, let's have some
7 public hearings in the County, let's talk to people. Let's take it on the road and let's go,
8 as necessary, at the appropriate times but at least involve the public at hours other than
9 this. This is not a conducive time for citizens to come meet with us. Maybe in the
10 evenings or whatever? Just ideas, just ideas.

11 MR. TUTTLE: Mr. Chairman, if I might.

12 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Greenleaf. Mr. Tuttle.

13 MR. TUTTLE: If you remember the consultants that came in laid out a pretty
14 aggressive agenda over the next year, year and a half with I think they're six or eight
15 public meetings scheduled around the County at different times at different sections of
16 the County. And I think they've already had two or three of those meetings.

17 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: They have.

18 MR. TUTTLE: So, so if we wanted to augment that that would be great, but I just
19 wanted us to all be cognizant that there is already a schedule and so forth out.

20 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Mr. Tuttle, I appreciate that. I failed to mention that
21 there are meetings scheduled and there have been. But I do think that there is a need to
22 try to see that we augment that at some level, because I think, I went to one of the
23 meetings and, you know, it's always the usual suspects. And that's fine, I get that, but I

1 think this is such a major undertaking that we really do need to make sure that we're
2 doing what we can. So the Planning Director has had some great ideas about that. Mr.
3 Greenleaf, thank you for your comments.

4 MR. GREENLEAF: And the cognitive distance on my part is the fact that I did
5 attend those as well. And I thought this was disassociated. So it's the same thing,
6 putting the pieces together effort?

7 MR. TUTTLE: No, this is a different one. Just with the rewrite of the –

8 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Just on the Code.

9 MR. TUTTLE: - Code. Yeah, if you go back and you look at the documents, the
10 process is that it goes through public input, then the consultants consolidate that, they
11 come back to Staff with recommendations. They work with Staff, then ultimately Staff
12 recommends to this Body changes or input there. Then ultimately we would forward that
13 input with our revisions forward to Council. And they were doing it in different stages
14 and pieces, so that document, maybe we could ask Geo to see if somebody from
15 Planning could forward that document back out to the Commission Members. You
16 remember, the original agenda with the timelines? That might be helpful if we could just
17 send that out again.

18 MR. PRICE: Okay, we will.

19 MR. TUTTLE: Thank you.

20 MR. GREENLEAF: And secondary Mr. Chairman –

21 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yes.

22 MR. GREENLEAF: - if you'll indulge me. The Report of Council Actions, the
23 report we get that kinda does a step by step process of our actions of a particular case,

1 then subsequently the appeal process up to County Council. I do note that on this
2 documented March 28th activity, is it our actions we list how the vote went, number of
3 votes. County Council also does that, it's written out but you can see whether it's
4 unanimous or not. PDSB does not report any vote totals, can we get them?

5 MS. CAIRNS: That's just the Planning Staff. That's what in our packet, whether
6 the Planning Staff –

7 MR. GREENLEAF: PD is?

8 MR. PRICE: Yes.

9 MR. GREENLEAF: Oh! I thought there was the – just a moment. I really
10 appreciate it. So let's take that off the table. Never mind.

11 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Alright. That's it. Yes, Ms. Frierson.

12 MS. FRIERSON: With reference to the parking. Has any progress been made on
13 that? And it's not just an inconvenience, I've had both of my knees replaced so for me
14 it's more than just an inconvenience. Has any progress been made in trying to –

15 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Mr. Price, any update on that?

16 MR. PRICE: It's still being looked into. I think it might've been explained before,
17 over the years Council typically wasn't here during meetings by Planning Commission,
18 Board of Zoning Appeals and other bodies. Council has been a lot more active, they
19 have a lot more meetings so they do attend, so those areas had been blocked off and
20 reserved only for Council. [Inaudible] medical needs or physical needs that prevent you
21 from having to walk up that hill, cause I even don't like doing that, so. What we can do is
22 we can look into that specifically for you or for any other Members who may have a
23 need for it.

1 MS. FRIERSON: I'd appreciate that.

2 MR. PRICE: [Inaudible] reserved somewhere on the side [inaudible].

3 MS. FRIERSON: I appreciate that greatly.

4 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Great. Ms. Cairns?

5 MS. CAIRNS: Yeah, and I just, one issue I know we've sorta kicked it around
6 over the couple of years and one of the Commission Members sort of commented on it.
7 That I would like for us as a Commission to find an alternate time, maybe not day but
8 time. I think that the 1:00 time is not convenient to the public to be able to come in and
9 make their input on these. So I think if we could seek, you know, at best late afternoon
10 and evening, as much as my evenings are typically full. I just think, I think our service to
11 the public is more important than the convenience to our schedules.

12 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: I would totally agree.

13 MR. TUTTLE: Mr. Chairman?

14 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yes sir, Mr. Tuttle?

15 MR. TUTTLE: One thing I'd like to caution the Board about is we need to be
16 cognizant of the other municipalities that surround us and their scheduled times for their
17 Planning Commissions. Generally a lotta those are meeting on Mondays as well. We'd
18 hate to be in conflict cause some of the industry-related people can't attend two
19 Planning Commission meetings at the same time. I think that's one of the reasons
20 through the years the City of Columbia has chosen to meet in the evenings and
21 Richland County's met in the afternoon. I think the Town of Lexington, for instance,
22 meets in the mornings to avoid some of these conflicts. So I just think if we were to
23 make a change we need to be cognizant of those things.

1 MS. CAIRNS: Okay. That's a good point and I would, yeah I would not wanna
2 conflict it, but I just think we should seek a time that's better for the public.

3 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Maybe it'd be helpful to kinda get some idea of when
4 the other commissions meet.

5 MR. PRICE: What we can do is we can find some of the surrounding [inaudible]
6 time they have their various meetings. We can bring that to you in June. Bring that to
7 you so you at least have that for your own information. I think this was discussed, the
8 Board of Zoning Appeals also did the same when they changed their time from 1:00 to
9 3:00, and that also provided an opportunity for more citizen input, and also it helped
10 them out from their own professional lives, just easier [inaudible] last part of the day as
11 opposed to the middle of the afternoon. [Inaudible]

12 MR. GREENLEAF: Mr. Price, what were the results, did attendance improve?
13 Did attendance improve when the meeting was pushed back?

14 MR. PRICE: Not necessarily. And, but let me make sure I explain this. What the
15 Board is looking at, they're really looking at specific parcels, most of the time. And some
16 of the cases over the years that I've been here that actually had the largest turnout no
17 longer appear before the Board of Zoning Appeals. So what you have is a case that at
18 worst may affect one or two individual property owners, abutting property owners or
19 adjacent, and they will come in. But overall it's typically the applicant coming in and the
20 Board of Zoning Appeals.

21 MR. GREENLEAF: Our body and County Council would be the ones that would
22 attract the most traffic.

23 MS. CAIRNS: General public, yeah.

1 MR. PRICE: Correct, because your decisions kind of affect an area.

2 MR. GREENLEAF: I appreciate the concerns of others. What's more important is
3 the County residents who are taxpayers in our County, they need to be able to speak.

4 MR. PRICE: Correct. And also understand, and I know you want to have input for
5 your decision making, but again these same items are also heard at County Council at a
6 later time, so they do have two opportunities to speak.

7 MR. GREENLEAF: Right.

8 MS. CAIRNS: But I think with the Code rewrite, I mean, our involvement with the
9 Code rewrite, I think it would be helpful to have the greater public involvement.

10 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yeah, I wanna make sure that we take the same effort,
11 make the same effort we did when, or this County did, when we passed that penny
12 sales tax and we did everything we could to make sure that the public was engaged and
13 involved. To me this is absolutely no different. And so I just wanna put that on the
14 Record that I think it's absolutely important that we do whatever we can to ensure that
15 we're engaging as broad of a constituency as we can in this County. It's important.
16 Alright.

17 MR. PRICE: Mr. Chair, one other thing came up. As you know former Planning
18 Commission Member Patrick Palmer resigned. And we wanted just to recognize him for
19 his years of service cause he has served a long time.

20 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yes. Absolutely.

21 MR. PRICE: [Inaudible] So we do have a plaque for him that we'd like to present
22 to him and we would like to place that on the Agenda at the next month's meeting. Just
23 as a small recognition for him and his years of service.

1 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Absolutely. That's very appropriate and I would
2 certainly hope that we all make it our business to be here. Pat would like that. Yeah,
3 and don't wear any ties that day either, he'd appreciate that, too. [Laughter] Thank you
4 for that and we certainly look forward to acknowledging him on that day. Most definitely.
5 Anything else? Motion to adjourn?

6 MR. TUTTLE: So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Second, alright. Everybody have a good day.

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[Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm]