

Oxford Planning Commission
Minutes for Meeting on November 10, 2009

Attendance: David Eady, Erik Oliver, Jim Patrick, Patsy Burke, Ron Manson, Vivian Harris, Hoyt Oliver
(Liaison)
Guests: Mary Hall (Walnut Grove PC), Pat Womack (Oxford resident)

David Eady called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Old Business:

1. Minutes for the October 13, 2009 meeting were distributed for review. Minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Erik Oliver presented the final plan on the pedestrian/bike trail developed by the NEGRDC (See New Business).
3. Planning Commission discussed contractors for ordinance revision (See New Business)

New Business:

1. The Planning Commission discussed Proposals from contractors for the ordinance revision. Earlier the Planning Commission had narrowed list of fifteen contractors to three from whom formal proposals were received. These contractors were NEGRDC, Robert and Company, and Market + Main. The Planning Commission rejected the Market + Main proposal principally due to cost and discussed the other two in detail. While the costs for both contractors were similar the least expensive proposal appeared to be from NEGRDC who were able to offer \$10,000 funds from the state to supplement the work. Both contractors were well qualified to do the work. The majority of PC members felt the technical approach presented by Robert and Company best suited the needs of Oxford. With their proposed frequent meetings with the Planning Commission it was felt the Planning Commission would have more control of the process, which would lead to a better final product. The Planning Commission votes were split as follows:
 - Four strongly supported Robert and Company
 - One strongly supported NEGRD
 - One concurred that Robert and Company had the better technical plan, but felt NEGRDC would also be able to do a good job at perhaps a lower cost.
2. A Development Permit application was received from Mr. Pat Womack for work at 215 Haygood Avenue. Mr. Womack proposes to build a new multi-use building with a floor area of 1370 sq. ft. The purposes of the building were for storage of children's toys and recreation al equipment, lawn maintenance equipment, and also parking of public vehicle (police car). Mr. Womack cited his growing family as the reason for more storage space. The building would be sited on the lower southwest corner of his property. The setback requirements for R-20 zoning would be met. The proposed use of the building meets the requirements of Section 40-605, 2A, 2B, and 2C. Concern was raised as to whether the Moratorium would apply. It was pointed out the Moratorium excluded work done on existing property or new ancillary buildings by existing residents. A motion was made and seconded to approve the permit application. The motion was passed unanimously.
3. Eric Oliver presented the report on the Bike/Pedestrian Plan developed by NEGRDC. The plan proposed a system of sidewalks connecting to the existing trail and connecting most areas of interest in Oxford.

Mr. Eady adjourned meeting at 8:57 PM.

Respectively submitted by James Patrick, Secretary