

Oxford Planning Commission
Minutes for Meeting on April 12, 2011

Attendance: Patsy Burke, David Eady, Ron Manson, Erik Oliver, Jim Patrick, and Hoyt Oliver (liaison)

Guest: Margaret Dugan, Oxford College

Chairman David Eady opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Old Business:

1. Minutes for the March 8, 2011 meeting of the Oxford Planning Commission were reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. It was reported that the City Council had approved a contract for the Phase II subdivision ordinance.
3. It was reported that the City Council had approved the conditional use of the property at 605 Emory Street by Oxford College.
4. The Planning Commission reviewed final comments on the new ordinances and resolved them as follows:
 - A requirement for a minimum size for a park would be deleted.
 - A reference would be added to Chapter 40 that the Planning Commission would act as the Zoning Administrator in the ordinance until one is needed and hired.
 - Grammatical errors on page 13 of Chapter 40 would be corrected.
 - On page 128, Chapter 40, Article 15 would be amended to reflect that temporary signs for subdivisions outside of Oxford would not be permitted within the city limits of Oxford.
 - On page 130, Section 40-15-12 would be amended to make reference to billboards.
 - On page 131, Section 40-15-13 would be amended to reference non-licensed sales.
 - Section 40-7-18 would be amended to reflect that vehicles for sale could be parked on the property and not restricted to the driveway.
 - Definitions. A definition for Accessory Use would be added.

New Business

1. Ms. Dugan of Oxford College raised a question about the zoning classification of properties owned by the college outside of its campus, specifically the OxHouse Science Center and the former Whelchel property. She stated the college would prefer that the classification be Agricultural rather than Conservation. The Planning Commission explained that the Conservation district classification fits best with the current use and current college plans for these properties, as understood by the Planning Commission, and to reclassify them as Agricultural absent a plan that indicates agricultural intent in the future would be speculative. The Planning Commission unanimously confirmed the Conservation classification was appropriate and should not be changed.

Mr Eady adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM

Respectively submitted by Jim Patrick, Secretary