

Oxford Planning Commission
Minutes for Meeting on March 13, 2012

Attendance: Patsy Burke, Jackie Ellis, Vivian Harris, Ron Manson, and Jim Patrick
Guests: Margaret Dugan, Raghu Patil, Myra Frady, Kitty McNeill (Oxford College); Margueritte Abd El-Shahid (Emory University); Eric Richardson(Collins Cooper Carusi, Architects); and Hoyt Oliver

Vice Chairman Jim Patrick opened the meeting at 7:00 PM in Erik Oliver's absence.

Old Business:

1. Minutes for the February 14, 2012 meeting of the Oxford Planning Commission were reviewed and unanimously approved as amended.

New Business:

1. Oxford College presented two Applications for a Pre-development permit for modifications to two buildings on campus, one for the addition to Language Hall and a second for the Library addition. After review of the applications, they were deemed complete. Margaret Dugan of Oxford College gave an overview of the work planned and showed architectural drawings showing the work. She stated that the drawings could be seen on the Oxford College web site with the Future Development Plan.(www.oxford.emory.edu/fdp)

The Planning Commission reviewed the Language Hall application first. The discussion centered on the construction impacts of the work and its effects on Oxford. Construction access will be made from Moore Street and construction lay-down will be in the parking lot behind Seney Hall. Work was already progressing on the access road from Moore Street as a part of the work on the parking area. This access will be permanent after construction is complete. Work is planned to begin in May 2012 and continue through December 2012. A motion was made and seconded that the application for the Language Hall be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Planning Commission then considered the application for the Library Building addition. The discussion centered on the construction impacts of the work and its effect on Oxford. Mr. Richardson of the architectural firm was asked to discuss the design of the storm water detention plan and the groundwater recharge system, specifically how the design would not affect the future service road construction. It was explained that the systems had been designed with the service road in mind. The storm water detention pipes would be 48-inch diameter concrete pipes, which would bear the load of the service road. A drawing was referenced that showed the future service road alignment would bypass the groundwater recharge area. A second major concern was the staging area behind the chapel. It was stated that this area would be adequate for staging and would allow adequate room for vehicle turnaround, and that the contractor had reviewed the plans and stated the lay-down area behind the chapel would be adequate. Therefore all construction access would be from Moore Street. The work would begin in May 2012 and continue through May 2013.

The college stated that there was no current date for the completion of the service road. The access would be extended beyond the library when work on the Branham/East Hall addition started.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the application for the library addition. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vice Chairman Patrick adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectively submitted by Jim Patrick, Secretary