

## APPROVED WITH AMMENDMENTS

Oxford Planning Commission  
Minutes for Meeting on February 12, 2013

Attendance: Jim Patrick, Patsy Burke, Ron Manson, Mike Ready, Jonathan Eady and David Eady, Council Liaison

Guests: Jim Windham (Councilman), Bob Schwartz (City Manager), Margaret Dugan (Oxford College), Peter Drey (Landscape Architect) and the following representatives of the UGA Metropolitan Design Group: Shawn Fink, Kevin Kelly, John Latham, Danny Han, John Verderber, John Beal, Kale Hicks, Donnie Longnecker.

Chairman Patrick opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

### Old Business:

1. Minutes for the January 8, 2013 and January 11, 2013 meetings of the Oxford Planning Commission were reviewed and unanimously approved.

### New Business:

1. Peter Drey, Landscape Architect, gave an overview of the Whatcoat St. project and requested Planning Commission input as he proceeds with the design plan.
2. Oxford College representative, Margaret Dugan, presented the colleges updated Future Development Plan Map for Planning Commission approval. The college proposes to swap the locations for the Branham-East (East Village III) residence hall and the new science building. After analysis of the costs to renovate the old Branham East building, the college determined the renovation costs would be equivalent to the cost of a new residence building of superior quality. The best location for this new residence hall was determined to be adjacent to the East Village complex located at the intersection of Hammill and Haygood Streets. The old residence hall would be demolished and become the site for the new Science Building. A summary of campus buildings submitted on the accepted and the revised aerial map show only a minor change in projected square footages. The proposed residence building and the science building that was previously proposed on the same site were similar in square footage (51,500s.f. for residence building and 51,284 s.f. for science building). A discussion of the proposed changes ended with consensus opinion that the changes would be positive for Oxford. Motion was made and approved by the Planning Commission to recommend that the Oxford City Council accept the changes to the Future Development Plan Map of Oxford College.
3. City Manager, Bob Schwartz, proposed amending Section 40-1511, Nonconforming Signs ordinance. A change was proposed due to problems with several Oxford College signs, which were not in compliance with the sign ordinance. After reviewing the non-complying signs, it was determined a change was needed. After review and discussion, the following change was proposed to add a paragraph 4 to Section 40-1511, Nonconforming Signs:
  4. Not- withstanding the prohibition in 40-1512, Sub Section 8, the Planning Commission may, upon recommendation of the zoning administrator, permit signs, otherwise permitted by this ordinance, within the street or highway right-of-way. The property owner will be responsible for removing or relocating the sign(s) if the

right-of-way is subsequently required by the local government for street, sidewalk or street-scape improvements.

Motion was made and approved by the Planning Commission to recommend that the City Council approved the amendment to Section 40-1511 as stated.

4. City Manager Schwartz reported on an effort by The Center to reconcile zoning ordinances in Newton County to conform to the 2050 Plan. More information will be presented at a later date.

Chairman Patrick adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Patsy Burke, Secretary