

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING
OF THE OXFORD PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

The Oxford City Planning and Zoning Board met in a called meeting at Oxford City Hall
Building Services Conference room
Thursday
September 15, 2016 at 5:30 pm

Members Present:

Chairperson, Bill Newman
Council Member, Charlotte Hubbard
Fred Denney
Melissa Craven
Secretary, Kaye Cash
Vice Chairperson, Lance Turner

Members Absent:

Mayor Leon Smith
Marshall Shaddix
Clyde Huckeba

Also Present:

Mayor Elect, Alton Craft
Chief Building Official, Mike Roberts
Jason Fondren

1. Noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Bill Newman. Following a review of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 02, 2016, Fred Denney made a motion to approve the minutes. Kaye Cash seconded the motion. Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 06, Nays: 0 Chairperson, Bill Newman announced the motion passed.
2. Approve the comprehensive plan land use map. – The Planning Board made eight changes to the map, they are as follows;
 1. Given that the vacancy rate of rental housing (apartments, mobile homes, and rental houses), Oxford needs to accommodate development of multifamily and other affordable housing. How does that need to be addressed in the plan? *The future land use map does not show new or expanded multifamily areas. This gives the city more leverage in responding to future requests for multifamily rezoning. The text of the land use plan provides guidance as to where new higher density housing (multifamily, garden homes, townhouses, etc.) is most appropriate: in areas with proximity to major roads, adjacent to commercial activity centers (rather than in the midst of single family areas or other low density areas), where water and sewer infrastructure is already in place, etc. The plan also notes that multifamily/apartments are just one type of affordable housing and that there is potential for increased development of townhouses, garden homes and other small lot housing types to provide a range of housing price points. The update to the zoning ordinance will also include design standards for multifamily to assure quality.*
 2. Downtown should be included in the 'Major Elements of the Concept' on p. 13.
 3. There should be a statement in the plan that signals to readers that Oxford is a non-discriminatory community...to remove any negative preconceptions and assure potential outside investors. Needs to be worded carefully.
 4. Emphasize Quintard Mall in 'Activity Center Strategies' on p. 18. Maybe describe some options for reinvestment.
 5. Veteran's Memorial (p. 21) is being relocated to Civic Center and Park and is to be named Liberty Park.
 6. In the land use plan, put additional emphasis on EDC and the industrial park.

7. In Transportation section, include a) widening of Barry Street, b) a service road connecting from Lowe's to Civic Center...possibly with bike lanes, and c) study of intersection at Applebee's (service road and US 78).
8. Emphasize Oxford's schools and provide some statistics to reinforce what an asset the schools system is to Oxford.

The Comprehensive Plan will be voted on mid-October please send comments and corrections by September 30, 2016 to jfondren@kps.group (include City Council comments) First draft of map by first of October work session. On October 11th the City Council will review with Jason Fondren.

There being no further business, Chairperson, Bill Newman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully,

Secretary, Kaye Cash