

A meeting of the Beaufort-Port Royal Metropolitan Planning Commission was held on **March 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.** in council chambers of the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1911 Boundary Street. In attendance were Chairman Joe DeVito and Commissioners James Crower, Robert Semmler, Alice Howard, Bill Harris, and City Planner Libby Anderson.

Jennifer Bihl was absent.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d) as amended, all local media were duly notified of the time, date, place, and agenda of this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DeVito called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Commissioner Crower made a motion, second by Commissioner Harris, to approve the minutes of February 17, 2014 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF PROJECTS FOR THE COUNTY OF BEAUFORT: THE BEAUFORT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE AND MAPS

Rob Merchant was available to the commissioners, who had all heard the presentation the previous week.

Commissioner Harris asked if the Metropolitan Planning Commission would get their copy of these when they are approved. **Tony Criscitiello** said the county would put this on municipal code. People who want hard copies will get them with the copy function from MIS.

Commissioner Semmler said **Libby Anderson** had said she would make copies for the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

David Tedder commented about things he feels are applicable to all the codes. There's a lot of conversion, he said, to make sure that an allowable use isn't accidentally deleted. Eco-tourism, for example, is not in a category of allowable uses. In Article 7 - Modulation, he doesn't think "the words are liberal enough to make some modulation standards useful." He gave an example about an administrative variance. Finally, he said just as when they did the ZDSO, the Metropolitan Planning Commission and county council at 6 months and a year should build in a scheduled review.

Chairman DeVito said the Metropolitan Planning Commission recommendation will be forwarded to the Beaufort County Planning Commission, and then there will be a vote to forward it to Natural Resources, then to the County Council for three more vettings. There is a minimum of 5 more times that it will be available to public comment. Commissioner Semmler

said it's a very good document, **Rob Merchant** had given a great presentation, and "Mr. Criscitiello and his staff have done an outstanding job." He said what they have done is "tremendous."

Commissioner Semmler made a motion to forward the document, recommending approval with the caveat that review at 6 months and 1 year be considered. Commissioner Harris 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Semmler made a motion, second by Commissioner Harris to consider an off-agenda item. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman DeVito said his schedule doesn't allow him to attend the Northern Regional Plan Implementation Committee meetings. He wants to know if there's anyone who would want to join those meetings for the next year. Commissioner Harris volunteered to attend and represent the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Chairman DeVito adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.