

Planning Commission  
May 27, 2004

Present: Scott Parker, Blaine Ewing, Nona Hastie, Hal Currey, Bobby Thompson and Billy Craver  
Absent: Alice O'Dell  
Also Present: Chip Laurens

Chip Laurens gave an overview on his opinion of the Town developing a historic overlay district. Mr. Laurens was involved with David Schneider in the preparation of the first historic surveys before and after hurricane Hugo. He believes that the town is in a good position to create a local historic district and work towards getting the district on the national register. Having your home or district on the national register gives homeowners certain benefits. In order to have a historic district you must have a design review board for that district. Single homes outside of the district must be designated as a local landmark. The Town needs to get the State office of Archives and History involved in the preparation of a historic district.

A motion was made by Hal Currey, seconded by Bobby Thompson, to recommend that Town Council proceed with the adoption of Article VI, Historic Preservation Overlay District, of the new proposed zoning ordinance.

Discussion was held amongst the commission:

Blaine: in favor of having a design review committee for the historic district.

Hal: Have to have a design review committee, but it requires the full favor of the planning commission

Bobby: Article VI assumes establishment of design review board, can ask council to create just the district.

Billy: agrees with the need of the district and design review board for the limited purpose of those homes within the district. Not in favor of sending Article VI. Proposal need close scrutiny.

Motion carried 5 to 1 with Billy Craver opposing.