

Planning Commission
August 10, 2005

Minutes

Present: Hal Currey, Alice O'Dell, Nona Hastie, Bobby Thompson and Billy Craver

Absent: Scott Parker (excused)

Also Present: Kent Prause, Zoning Administrator and Aussie Geer, Planning Commission Member to be appointed in September

Ms. Betty Harmon of the Design Review Board was in attendance to discuss some of her personal concerns of the Design Review Board Application. Her first request was that the name of the architect and builder be placed on the application, second was that all application be turned in complete and third was that the board had not been considering materials in their deliberations. Mr. Kent Prause and other member of the Planning Commission told Ms. Harmon that the application was not currently part of the zoning code and that it would be up to the Design Review Board to decide what needed to be included with the application.

There was also discussion regarding the staff personnel involved with the Design Review Board process. The Planning Commission feels very strongly that Town Council should have trained, professional staff on board to direct and guide the Design Review Board. A suggestion was made that the town also seek the advice of other cities and towns, whom in the past have offered to attend our meetings as support.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was then opened for discussion on section 21-108. The Town Council hereby establishes the Design Review Board for Creation and Responsibilities. Discussion was held on possibly increasing the number of members from five (5) to seven (7).

A motion was made by Billy Craver, seconded by Hal Currey, to change section 21-108 D. (1) to read: The Design Review Board shall consist of seven (7) members, at least six (6) of whom must be residents and the seventh (7th) of whom may be a nonresident real property owner of Sullivan's Island appointed by the Town Council. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Billy Craver, seconded by Hal Currey, to change Section 21-108 C. to read: In making appointments to the Design Review Board, the Town Council shall make an attempt to maintain a balance of interest and skills on the Board by

assisting the individual qualification of the candidates including, but not limited to their knowledge and demonstrated interest in architecture, history, archaeology, planning, urban or community design, landscape architecture, construction and restoration or law. Membership should consist of at least one lawyer, at least one state licensed design professional and members at large. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the last sentence of 21-108 C., where it is stated that a Planning Commission member serve as a non-voting liaison to the Design Review Board. There had previously at other meetings, been discussion regarding removing that language. The Planning Commission does not feel that it would be appropriate for one member of the Commission to be giving advice to the Design Review Board or interpreting the ordinance.

A motion was made by Billy Craver, seconded by Hal Currey to remove the last sentence from section 21-108 C. "One member of the Planning Commission shall be appointed by the Town Council to serve as a non-voting liaison to the Design Review Board. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alice O'Dell, seconded by Billy Craver, to appoint Hal Currey as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission. Motion carried 4-0 with Mr. Hal Curry abstaining.

A motion was made by Nona Hastie, seconded by Hal Currey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.