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Jasper County Council Staff Report

Meeting Date:	May 18, 2009
Project:	Planning Commission Annual Report
Submitted For:	Council Information
Recommendation:	N/A

Background: The following information is a recap of FY 2009 accomplishments, FY 2010 goals and an attendance report for the Jasper County Planning Commission. This information is presented to Council to satisfy a reporting requirement stated in County Code Section 2-80, Duties and Responsibilities (of board, commission and committee organization).

Planning Commissioners: Kim Thomas (Chair), Dr. Earl Bostick (Vice Chair), Juanita White, Alex Pinckney, Theodus Drayton, Courtney Flexon, Bill White.

FY 2009 Accomplishments (to date):

1. Zoning Map Amendments (staff-initiated): 7 ordinances covering 21 properties;
2. Zoning Map Amendments (by public application): 5 ordinances covering 5 properties recommended for approval and 2 applicant requests recommended for denial;
3. Joint Planning Authority Ordinance- Rescinded Ridgeland's Joint Planning Authority;
4. Joint Planning Resolution- Commitment to Regional Planning;
5. Excavation and Resource Extraction District Ordinance;
6. Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Duplex, Townhomes and Patio Homes;
7. Land Development Regulations Amendment: Performance & Maintenance Guarantees (lowered bonding requirements for single-lot non-residential development);
8. Road Name Petitions Approved: 4 separate petitions;
9. Approval of a Planned District Development (PDD) Template;
10. Traffic Circulation Plan: 1 approval (Publix at New River Center);
11. Reconfiguration of lot lines for an approved, platted subdivision: New River Center;
12. Projects for information only- Gillison Point Subdivision, Laurel Oaks Estate, Sign Ordinance, Accessory Use Ordinance;

13. Orientation Training for new members and continuing education for current members.

FY 2010 Planning Commission Goals and Recommendations (prioritized)

1. Carry out Stormwater drainage project implementation (public projects);
2. Draft a Stormwater quality/quantity ordinance (applied to private development);
3. Address Heirs' property- research, education and action strategies;
4. Consider accessory dwelling units (underway);
5. Consider revising regulation on rural accessory uses (underway);
6. Develop rules and procedures;
7. Expand public notice efforts;
8. Review Zoning Ordinance impact on mobile homes;
9. Review and revise Land Use Chapter;
10. Review non-conformity section;
11. Improve landfill regulations;
12. Examine thresholds for PDDs.

FY 2010 Staff Goals and Recommendations:

1. Prepare a Land Use Chapter update (to guide growth, rezoning, PDD development);
2. Carry out Zoning Code and LDR Revisions;
3. Adopt fee structure;
4. Finalize traffic and transportation modeling projects (County and Regional);
5. Become Pictometry and ArcGIS capable (aerial imagery and mapping software);
6. Assess development review and subdivision review procedures (assess potential for streamlining);
7. Improve customer service and plan for further integration with the building department;
8. Implement permitting software;
9. Initiate code enforcement program (education is key);
10. Participate in regional planning efforts (Southern Beaufort County Regional Plan, Economic Alliance Green Economic Development).

Attendance Report:

- July 08, 2008- All present.
- August 12, 2008- All present.
- Sept. 9, 2008-All present.
- October 14, 2008- All present.
- November 18, 2008- Mr. Drayton absent.
- December 9, 2008- All present.
- January 13, 2009- All present.
- January 31, 2009 (Workshop)- Ms. White absent.
- February 10, 2009- All present.
- March 10, 2009- Ms. Flexon absent.
- April 14, 2009- All present.
- May 12, 2009- Ms. White absent.