



**OAK RIDGE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING
MARCH 28, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
OAK RIDGE TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

Members Present

Ron Simpson, Chair
Bobbi Baker, Vice Chair
Nancy Stoudemire
Patti Paslaru
Steve Wilson
Larry Stafford
Tammy Gardner

Staff Present

Bill Bruce, Town Manager
Sandra Smith, Town Clerk

Members Absent

Ed Treacy, Alternate
Jason Streck, Alternate

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ron Simpson at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

Patti Paslaru made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Bobbi Baker seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).

3. APPROVE MINUTES

Bobbi Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2019 and February 28, 2019 meetings. Steve Wilson seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).

4. PUBLIC HEARING

Presentation of the Draft Streetscape Vision Plan. Kelly Larkins, a planner with the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments, presented the plan, which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of the minutes. He explained that a group of volunteers that were appointed by the Town Council had created the plan over the course of about nine months. He said there was considerable public outreach in the way of presence at public events and a survey. The plan includes such elements as sidewalks, lighting, bicycle racks, benches, planters and trash receptacles. The draft plan had then been made available for comment. The plan was designed to show how the Town Core area might be developed to make the area attractive and help encourage walkability.

- Joe Seganish, 8536 Rosedale Drive, spoke in support of the plan as a member of the committee. Seganish said the committee also recommended in the plan the installation of traffic circles as a way to move vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians through the Town while at the same time slowing down traffic. He said the traffic circles could also be a big part of visual planning for the Town.

Paslaru said the plan might create an aesthetically appealing Town Core, but expressed concern that it would lock in the fire department and that roundabouts produce a lot of wear and tear on the department's vehicles. She asked Town Manager Bill Bruce if recommending the plan would mean the Board is recommending roundabouts, and Bruce said no, as that would not influence NCDOT's decision about installing traffic circles. Larkins said the plan was conceptual, flexible and could be implemented over time.

Bobbi Baker made a motion to recommend that the Town Council adopt the Draft Streetscape Vision Plan. Nancy Stoudemire seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).

5. TREE CITY REPORT

Stoudemire reported that the Tree City USA signs had been installed. She said the Town is required to send in a renewal application every year to receive the designation, and some sort of tree project is required each year. She said this year the committee planned to do a Treasure Tree Program, which could include the tallest tree, the largest trunk diameter, the largest canopy, or any other criteria.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Bobbi Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Patti Paslaru seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).

Respectfully Submitted:

 Sandra B. Smith, NCCMC, CMC
 Town Clerk

 Ronald D. Simpson
 Chair