

The TPC held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. via teleconference. The following were in attendance: Chairman Suzy Bellamy, Commissioner Angie Garland, Commissioner Walker Whitworth, Mrs. Connie Tabor, Mr. Christian Hamilton, and Historic Preservation Consultant Mr. Joe Rothwell. Vice-Chairman Billie Thompson and Commissioner Tara Simmons were absent. Upon a motion by Commissioner Garland and seconded by Commissioner Whitworth, the February 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved. Upon a motion by Commissioner Whitworth and seconded by Commissioner Garland, the March 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved.

## Reports

- 1) **Ordinance Progress Reports.** Mrs. Tabor stated that the Entertainment District Ordinance had been rejected by the Toccoa City Commission and that the Food Truck Ordinance had been tabled by the Toccoa City Commission.
- 2) **Virtual Training Opportunity.** Mrs. Tabor stated that there would be virtual training offered by the Community Planning Institute on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12pm both days. She invited all TPC members to attend and thanked Commissioners Whitworth and Bellamy for already signing up. Commissioner Garland stated that she would like to attend the Institute.

## I. Old Business

### A. Comprehensive Plan Discussion, Mr. Joe Rothwell.

- i. **Future Development Strategies.** Mr. Rothwell asked that Planning Commissioners please review Pages 10 – 30 of the most recent Comprehensive Plan Update in 2017 to determine what changes needed to be updated for 2021. He also stated that a land use map would be added in.
- ii. **Areas/Neighborhoods Requiring Special Attention.** Mr. Rothwell stated that this section would be determined by the Planning Commission's experience and understanding of local neighborhoods in the community. He stated that this could look very similar to the previous Comprehensive Plan, or that it could be completely different. The West Doyle Street neighborhood near the historic mills should be added to the list. Mr. Rothwell also stated that we will update the maps and the pictures to accommodate the new plan.
- iii. **Character Areas.** Mr. Rothwell stated that there are currently 9 character areas listed on the Comprehensive Plan. Maps will be developed that encompass all character areas singularly and individually.
- iv. **Update: Number of Surveys Received and Planning for the Public Hearing Opportunity for April.** Mr. Rothwell stated that 147 responses have been obtained thus far, and while there is no "hard cut-off" for the survey, it will remain online at least through mid-May. He stated that the draft will be finalized to DCA by mid-to late-May, and a public hearing will commence in April.
- v. **Additional Comments.** Commissioner Garland asked if the Albemarle Hotel could be added to the Needs/Opportunities section. She also stated that the community's historic mills should be listed. Mrs. Tabor stated that she will update the Short-Term Work Program. Items currently on the Short-Term Work Program will be either listed as accomplishments, or if uncompleted, will carry over to the 2021 Short-Term Work Program Update. She stated that she will also work with City Department Heads to provide a new report of additional items to be added to the current Short-Term Work Program.

## II. New Business: None

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Commissioner Garland and seconded by Commissioner Whitworth, the Regular Meeting of the TPC was unanimously adjourned at 5:25 p.m.