

CHATHAM COUNTY-SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

MPC COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

**MPC HEARING ROOM
110 EAST STATE STREET**

April 8, 2008

1:00 P.M.

Members Present: Jon Todd, Chairman
Robert Ray, Vice-Chairman
D. Douglas Bean
Ben Farmer
Timothy Mackey
Russ Abolt
Shedrick Coleman
Michael Brown
Adam Ragsdale

Members Not Present: Susan R. Myers, Treasurer
J. David Hoover
Freddie Gilyard
Lacy A. Manigault
Stephen Lufburrow

MPC Staff Present: Thomas L. Thomson, P.E., AICP, Executive Director
Charlotte Moore, AICP, Director of Special Projects
Dennis Hutton, AICP, Director of Comprehensive Planning
Courtland Hyser, AICP, Land Use Planner
Amanda Bunce, Development Services Planner
Sarah Ward, LEED, AP, Historic Preservation Planner
LaToya Bynum, Administrative Assistant
Constance Morgan, Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order

Chairman Todd called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. and asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. He explained the agenda for the benefit of those who were attending the meeting for the first time.

II. Notices, Proclamations and Acknowledgements

A. Notice(s)

None.

B. Acknowledgment(s)

None.

III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

A. December 11, 2007 MPC Special Planning Meeting Minutes

Mr. Farmer **moved** to approve the December 11, 2007 Special Planning Meeting Minutes and Briefing Minutes as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion.

MPC Action: The motion carried. The motion was to approve the December 11, 2007 Special Planning Meeting Minutes and Briefing Minutes as presented. Voting were: Mr. Todd, Mr. Ray, Mr. Bean, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Abolt, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Ragsdale.

B. February 12, 2008 MPC Planning Meeting Minutes and Briefing Minutes

Mr. Farmer **moved** to approve the February 12, 2008 Planning Meeting Minutes and Briefing Minutes as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion.

MPC Action: The motion carried. The motion was to approve the February 12, 2008 Planning Meeting Minutes and Briefing Minutes as presented. Voting were: Mr. Todd, Mr. Ray, Mr. Bean, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Abolt, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Ragsdale.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. Regular Business

A. Status Report on the Unified Zoning Ordinance

Charlotte Moore gave an overview of the updates that will occur within the Unified Zoning Ordinance. She stated that there had been some positive feedback that sparked several changes and she pointed out those changes. There was a period for questions, answers, and concerns.

B. Status Report on the Historic District Ordinance Revisions Committee

Sarah Ward gave an update on the activities of the Historic District Revisions Committee. She outlined the ongoing progress of the meetings that are being held. There was a period for questions, answers, and concerns.

C. Downtown Savannah Master Plan

Mr. Thomson gave the Board a schedule and timeline regarding the Downtown Savannah Master Plan. He noted that Lisa Sundrla, Director of the Downtown Savannah Master Plan, was in attendance of today's meeting. There was a period for questions, answers, and concerns.

D. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomson began by giving the Board a brief review of the activities of staff. He stated that the Employee Evaluations had been completed and that every employee had received a Performance Evaluation and Development Plan. He also summarized specific areas of the employees Development Plans that were being accomplished, such as employee trainings. He gave an update on the expansions of the agency that included new staff members and he noted the additions being made to the building to accommodate new staff. He briefly discussed the Work Program, the Organizational Chart, and the goals and budgets of the MPC. He concluded by naming several activities that staff will be involved in that would be taking place in the next months. There was a period for discussion and concerns.

VI. Other Business

None.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the April 8, 2008 Comprehensive Planning Meeting was adjourned at 2:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson, P.E., AICP
Executive Director

Note: Minutes not official until signed