



## Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission

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Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room  
November 14, 2017 ~ 1:00 PM  
Minutes

### November 14, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting

**Members Present:** W. James Overton, Chairman  
Joseph B. Ervin, Vice-Chairman  
Linder S. Suthers, Secretary  
Tom Woiwode, Treasurer  
Travis H. Coles  
Ellis Cook  
Karen Jarrett  
Lacy Manigault  
Tanya Milton

**Members Not Present:** W. Shedrick Coleman  
Roberto Hernandez  
Timothy Mackey  
W. Lee Smith  
Joseph Welch

**Staff Present:** Melony West, Interim Executive Director  
Marcus Lotson, Development Services Planner  
Thomas Trawick, Development Services Planner  
Charlotte Moore, Director of Special Project  
Jessica Hagan, Administrative Assistant  
Julie Yawn, Systems Analyst

**Advisory Staff Present:** Tiras Petea, Principal Zoning Inspector  
Shane Corbin, City Zoning Administrator  
Brooks Stillwell, City Attorney

#### I. Call to Order and Welcome

#### II. Approval of Agenda

##### 1. Approval of Agenda

###### **Motion**

Approve the agenda as written.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Ellis Cook

Second: Linder Suthers

Ellis Cook	- Aye
Joseph Ervin	- Aye
W. Lee Smith	- Not Present
Roberto Hernandez	- Not Present
Linder Suthers	- Aye
Tom Woiwode	- Not Present
Travis Coles	- Aye
Joseph Welch	- Not Present
Timothy Mackey	- Not Present
James Overton	- Aye
Shedrick Coleman	- Not Present
Lacy Manigault	- Aye
Tanya Milton	- Not Present
Karen Jarrett	- Aye

**III. Notices, Proclamations and Acknowledgements**

**Notice(s)**

[2. November 21, 2017 Regular MPC Meeting, 1:30 P.M., Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room, 112 E. State Street](#)

The Consent Agenda consists of items for which the applicant is in agreement with the staff recommendation and for which no known objections have been identified nor anticipated by staff. Any objections raised at the meeting will result in the item being moved to the Regular Agenda.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

[3. C1 - July 11, 2017 Planning Meeting Minutes](#)

📎 [07.11.17 PLANNING MEETING MINUTES.pdf](#)

**Motion**

Approve as submitted.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Karen Jarrett

Second: Travis Coles

Ellis Cook	- Aye
Joseph Ervin	- Aye
W. Lee Smith	- Not Present
Roberto Hernandez	- Not Present

Linder Suthers	- Aye
Tom Woiwode	- Not Present
Travis Coles	- Aye
Joseph Welch	- Not Present
Timothy Mackey	- Not Present
James Overton	- Aye
Shedrick Coleman	- Not Present
Lacy Manigault	- Aye
Tanya Milton	- Not Present
Karen Jarrett	- Aye

## V. Regular Business

### [4. D1 - Hotel and Alcohol Overlay Discussion - Brooks Stillwell](#)

Mr. Brooks Stillwell, City Attorney, stated that the City has filed text and map amendments for hotel overlay and alcohol overlay districts. He said that the Mayor and Aldermen have been concerned with the increasing hotel development in the Historic District. Mostly regards to impacts on residential areas and the possibility that hotel development may discourage new residential development. The creation of a hotel development overlay district will establish areas where hotels would and would not be permitted and to identify areas where small and large hotels are appropriate.

The alcohol overlay districts submitted are Ogeechee Road, Montgomery Corridor and West Bay Corridor. The Mayor and Aldermen determined that the density of alcoholic licenses in these three areas of Savannah are creating substantial problems for the surrounding neighborhoods with the increasing amount of litter, loitering, unruly behavior, traffic congestion and diminishing the overall quality of life in these neighborhoods. The new overlay district regulations will only be for new alcohol license applications not already existing alcohol licenses. The creation of the overlays will limit the unwanted uses and hopefully decrease the harmful impacts on the neighborhoods.

### [5. D2 - Historic Preservation Ordinance - Ellen Harris](#)

📎 [11-1-2017 DRAFT HDBR Ordinance Revisions.pdf](#)

Mrs. Ellen Harris, Director of Historic Preservation, reviewed in detail the proposed revisions to the Historic District Board of Review Ordinance.

### [6. D3 - Affordable Housing - Thomas Trawick](#)

Mr. Thomas Trawick, Development Services Planner, gave a brief presentation regarding what affordable housing is and what the next steps are. He also explained the Affordable Housing Policy in the Comprehensive Plan.

### [7. D4 - NewZo Overview - Charlotte Moore](#)

Ms. Charlotte Moore, Director of Special Projects, provided an update on the new zoning ordinance. A brief history was provided as to how it has developed currently. There are still updates being done. There is a goal to have the City ordinance completed by the end of 2017.

## VI. Other Business

### [8. Executive Session](#)

The Executive Session convened at 2:31 p.m.; the MPC meeting reconvened at 3:05 p.m. There were no agenda items discussed and no votes were taken.

VII. Adjournment

[9. Adjourn](#)

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