

**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

5:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting
Virtual Participation

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM, BUT DO ACCURATELY REFLECT THE PROCEEDINGS.

Members attending: George Kostell, Stephanie Renner, Alex Cone, Everette Smith, Janet Oakley and Bob Sandifer

Members absent: Sue Johnson – without prior notice.

Staff attending: Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown, Zoning Inspector Morgan Viars and Planning Commission Secretary Margaret Green

Chair George Kostell called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Chair Kostell called the roll. Quorum was noted.

Review of Minutes: October 20, 2020

Bob Sandifer made a motion to accept the minutes from October 20, 2020 as presented. Alex Cone seconded the motion, which **passed unanimously.**

Old Business: None

Chair Kostell reported there are no changes to the Comprehensive Plan re-write process.

New Business: Sign Ordinance Update

Chairman Kostell introduced the agenda item. Mr. Kostell explained the most recent changes to the Sign Ordinance were a result of business owner feedback. Patrick Brown explained the proposed changes were provided by Bert Duffie, Town Attorney. Mr. Duffie was asked to review the ordinance based on recent Supreme Court rulings regarding the length of time political signs can be displayed. While updating the ordinance related to the rulings, Mr. Duffie made additional edits to clarify certain items and correct typographical errors.

Chairman Kostell suggested a 3-person committee be formed for the review. Several members asked if the changes to the ordinance were brought about by property owner complaints. Mr. Brown reiterated the reason for the ordinance review was the need to update the Town's ordinance to be in compliance with the recent rulings. Additional questions arose. Alex Cone and Stephanie Renner agreed that most of the changes were typos, besides the political sign portion. Given the number of questions for Mr. Duffie, Patrick Brown suggested members submit all questions so Mr. Duffie can respond at the next meeting. Alex Cone made a motion for members

to forward their questions to Morgan Viars by December 7th. George Kostell seconded the motion, which **passed unanimously**.

Public Comment

No Public Comments were submitted prior to the meeting. Patrick Brown announced that Margaret Green is retiring in December and offered thanks for her service. George Kostell also thanked Margaret for her help over the years he has served on the Planning Commission.

Adjourn

Being no more business to discuss, Bob Sandifer made a motion to adjourn. Stephanie Renner seconded the motion, which **passed unanimously**.

The Freedom of Information Act, § 30-4-80(3) was complied with.

APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION



Submitted by Morgan Viars, Acting Planning Commission Secretary