

City of Charleston Planning Commission

January 18, 2017

Observer: Leah Pedersen

Key [Agenda](#) Items:

- Rezoning 194 Cannon Street & 221 Spring Street from 50/25 Old City Height District to 85/125 Old City Height District, which will serve as a link between MUSC and the WestEdge area. Owned by Jem Management Co. & Calfran Properties. Approved unanimously.
- Rezoning 573 Meeting Street & 35 Walnut Street from General Business to Mixed-Use/Workforce Housing as well as increasing a portion of the properties from 55/30 Old City Height District to 80/30. The property owner, Charleston Interfaith Crisis Ministry, is planning to grow its existing homeless shelter to include housing as well, in order to address Charleston's housing crisis. A representative from the Preservation Society of Charleston spoke in support of the project, with appreciation for an additional 25-foot set-back from nearby buildings. The rezoning passed unanimously, with committee members wishing the Ministry continued success as it moves forward.
- Zoning 1648 Folly Rd & 1614 Grimball Road Ext (James Island) to Limited Business. Owner SCAN Assets LLC was not present, but three citizens raised concerns with the zoning, including traffic congestion on Grimball, placement of entrances/exits and their impact on traffic, inclusion of sidewalks, maintaining the character of the neighborhood, and the types of business that could be allowed under both the current and future owners. Members of the Commission noted that SCDOT and the City's Department of Transit & Transportation are responsible for decisions impacting traffic, and suggested that the citizens bring their concerns to the District 12 city councilmember, [Kathleen Wilson](#). Zoning passed unanimously.
- Head of Planning, Christopher Morgan, discussed scheduling options with the Commission in order to spend time between now and June on specific issues raised in the December 2016 review of the City of Charleston [Century V 2010 Comprehensive Plan Update](#), including Sea Level Rise/Flooding/Drainage, Affordable Housing, Traffic Congestion/Transportation, Map Amendments, Final Plan Amendments.
- The Commission selected Mr. William Gordon Geer as its new Chairman, with Mrs. Sunday Lempeis stepping down. Dr. Elise Davis-McFaland was elected Vice-Chair.