WORKSHOP MINUTES

July 5, 2023

6:00 PM

Pelzer Gym Lobby – 112 Lebby Street

***Commission Present*** – Laura Rainey, Brian Vaughn, Aaron Gresham, Cheryl Bates

Absent – Slavka Marusic

*Town Council Present – Mayor Ragland, Eddie Waits, Alesia Tuttle, Mike Mathews, Donna Ide*

1. **Call to Order:** Chairwoman, Laura Rainey
2. Review of the Historical Overlay with Planning Commission and Anderson County, Alecia Hunter
3. **Citizens Comments on the Historic Overlay –**

**\* John Helmuth – He purchased his home here to have the small-town charm and does not want to lose that and have it be more like a HOA, if that is what this Historical Overlay will add to the town.**

**\* Betty Jordan – She needs to change a window at her shop and wants to know if she is needing to get approval as to what kind of window, she can replace it with.**

**\* Linda Ford – If a house burns, is it going to have to be rebuilt exactly as is?**

**\* J. McClellion – would like to know what the Pros are to being included in the Historic District.**

**\* P. Bower – Asked where she can find the Historic information.**

**\* E. Waits – Would like to know what specifically this Historic Overlay will tell the residents, as to what they can or cannot do to their properties**

**\* Mayor Ragland – would like to get a mailing together for the current homeowners that are included within the Historic District, and give them information, plan another meeting with those specific people.**

**\* E. Waits would like to expand the district to include the entire mill village if possible.**

**\* N. Higgins – what she is hearing that we need to gather more details on this overlay with what is acceptable for residents to be able to do with their properties without approval or disrupting their district status.**

**\* B. Jordan – Can we get plaques for our properties?**

**Alecia Hunter addressed these questions – Basic maintenance upgrades do not need to receive approval; new buildings will need to be approved through the Board of Zoning appeals.**

**Laura Rainey stated that they will organize another meeting with the town council, and the people within the district, and notify them when this meeting has been scheduled, and while we are waiting for this meeting, we will gather more information.**

 **4.) Adjourn – Nicole Higgins made motion to adjourn, Aaron Gresham 2nd the motion, all in favor.**