Toccoa Planning Commission (TPC) Regular Meeting Thursday, May 20, 2021

The TPC held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. via teleconference. The following were in attendance: Chairman Suzy Bellamy, Vice-Chair Billie Thompson, Commissioner Angie Garland, Commissioner Tara Simmons, Commissioner Walker Whitworth, Mrs. Connie Tabor, and Mr. Christian Hamilton. Historic Preservation Consultant Joe Rothwell was absent. Upon a motion by Commissioner Garland and seconded by Commissioner Whitworth, the April 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved. Upon a motion by Vice-Chairman Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Garland, the May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved.

Reports

- 1) **Comprehensive Plan Submitted**. Mrs. Tabor stated that the draft of the Comprehensive Plan was submitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs on May 14, 2021. They will have approximately 3 weeks to review and make comments. She stated that she had forwarded the draft document to the TPC. After comments have been received and addressed from DCA, then the plan will be forwarded to the TCC for approval.
- 2) Return to In-Person Format. Mrs. Tabor stated that the next TPC meeting would be in-person.

I. Old Business

A. N/A

II. New Business

- A. TPC Board Members' Expiration of Term June 30, 2021.
 - i. Angie Garland. Mrs. Tabor said that Commissioner Garland is eligible for reappointment and that she has agreed to serve another term, if the TCC wishes. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Vice-Chairman Thompson, the TPC unanimously agreed to recommend that Commissioner Garland serve another three-year term.
 - **ii. Tara Simmons.** Mrs. Tabor said that Commissioner Simmons is eligible for reappointment and that she has agreed to serve another term, if the TCC wishes. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Garland and seconded by Vice-Chairman Thompson, the TPC unanimously agreed to recommend that Commissioner Simmons serve another three-year term.
 - iii. Walker Whitworth. Mrs. Tabor stated that Commissioner Whitworth had advised her that he did not wish to serve another term. She stated that Mr. Josh Rickman has expressed an interest in serving on the Planning Commission. Commissioner Simmons stated that he moved into the old Acree house near the downtown and is invested in the community. Commissioner Garland said that he is an excellent manager of Franklin Insurance and would be a great, younger addition to the Commission. Chairman Bellamy agreed with the discussion. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Garland, the TPC unanimously agreed to recommend that Mr. Josh Rickman be appointed to serve a three-year term.

Mrs. Tabor stated that she would submit these three recommendations to the TCC for their consideration.

III. Other Business

A. **N/A**

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Vice-Chair Thompson, the Regular Meeting of the TPC was unanimously adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Chairman Suzy Bellamy

Community Development Director Connie Tabor