

**YORK COUNTY FOREVER COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Large Conference Room
York County Office Complex
1070 Heckle Blvd., Rock Hill, SC

MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Nichol Druckemiller (Chairman), Creighton Hayes, Donny Mitchell, Ron Parks, Steve Hamilton (*ex-officio*), and Carey Tilley (*ex-officio*).

Members Absent: Johnny Walker

Also in Attendance:

Trish DeHond (Open Space Planner), Diane Dil (Planning Manager)

A. Call to Order

Chairman Druckemiller called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously, based on a motion by Commissioner Hayes and a second by Commissioner Mitchell.

C. New Business

1. Annual Report -- Trish & Diane summarized the report submitted to County Council (CC) on February 15. There was a discussion of YCF Commission vacancies. The CC Finance & Operations committee will discuss the candidate for District 2 at their meeting on 2/21, 3/21 or 4/18/22. There have not been any applications for the District 4 seat. Commissioner Hayes is now in District 6 following the redistricting, but can continue to serve until January 1, 2023 at which time his District 7 seat will become vacant.

2. Budget – Diane explained that former Chairman Lindsay Walker used to send a letter in late February/early March to the treasurer/assistant county manager (Kevin Madden) in support of our budget request, and copy CC Chairman Christi Cox. He typically requested an increase from ¼ mill to ½ mill. Chairman Druckemiller will send a letter, using Walker’s letter as a guide.

3. Field Trip – There was general agreement that a Commission field trip to YCF completed project sites should be planned after Easter/spring break. Trish will check with the Clerk to Council (Karen Brogdon) to see if this would be considered a “public meeting” subject to Freedom of Information regulations if more than three commissioners attend. Commissioner Hamilton offered to help

with planning and logistics. The following sites were suggested: Smith Ford Farm (Hamrick's), Worth Mountain, Moonshine Prairie, and Fishing Creek Tract.

D. Old Business

1. Branding & Marketing – There was a discussion of using an outside consultant to design a new logo for YCF. Diane reported that Bill Pettus with Blue Fin Digital has been doing a good job on the new logo for the Planning & Development Services Dept. Commissioner Hayes moved to authorize staff to spend up to \$1000 to work with a graphic designer and move forward with the logo. Commissioner Parks seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Diane clarified that money spent on expenses such as supplies and marketing does not require County Council approval.

As for marketing, Trish will be presenting at the Master Gardeners of York County's Joy of Gardening Symposium on February 26 in Chester. Diane suggested we work on getting a seven- to eight-minute radio spot on "Palmetto Mornings" (WRHI's morning show).

E. Other Business

1. Commissioner's New/Non-Agenda Discussion Items -- Commissioner Hamilton mentioned that there will be two to three new projects to bring up soon, when the time is right.

F. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. based on a motion by Commissioner Hayes and a second by Commissioner Mitchell.