

\*\*\*\*\*May 15, 2007\*\*\*\*\*

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain attended a special called joint meeting/workshop with the Town of Signal Mountain Planning Commission Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the Chattanooga Theatre Center in Chattanooga. Those present were:

Council present

Mayor Paul M. Hendricks  
Vice-Mayor Hershel Dick  
Councilmember Annette Allen  
Councilmember Bill Lusk  
Councilmember Susan Robertson

Planning Commission present

Chairman Dan Saieed  
Vice Chairman Hale Hamilton  
Commission Member Don Moon  
Commission Member Melissa Cantrell

Also present were:

Town Manager Diana Campbell  
Town Attorney Phil Noblett  
Randall Arendt  
Karen Rennich of the RPA  
Citizens from Signal Mountain and other areas

Mr. Arendt gave a slide presentation. Afterwards Mr. Arendt conducted a workshop to show the participants how to design for open space. The presentation and workshop were open to the public in the Chattanooga area.

During the evening Mr. Arendt spoke on various areas of conservation planning. Some of the issues he discussed included his statement that the first step in planning a development should be deciding which areas would be left as conservation zones and drawing in lot lines should be the last step. He stated that the public should be brought into the planning process. Mr. Arendt promoted the idea of allowing smaller lot sizes in subdivisions and allowing room for open space. He said it was important that developments include common areas that could feature walking trails, picnic areas and other amenities. He said a landscape architect should prepare a sketch or concept plan that would show the natural, cultural and historical resources of the area. He expressed the importance of anyone that participated in the planning of a development,

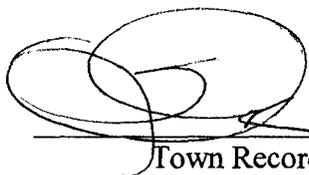
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including planning commission members and other regulators, to physically walk the land. He suggested that zoning laws need to be rewritten to make conservation design a permitted use.

The meeting was adjourned.



Dr. Paul M. Hendricks, Mayor



Town Recorder