

*****May 16, 2007*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a special called Public Meeting Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Mountain Arts Community Center. Those present were:

Council present

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

Also present were:

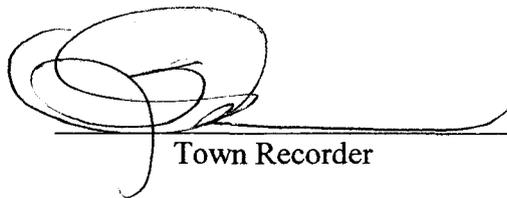
Town Manager Diana Campbell
 Town Attorney Phil Noblett
 Various members of the Planning Commission and citizens

Mr. Randall Arendt, a nationally known conservationist and Land Planner showed slides to illustrate new types of houses using open space, and also slides of different sections in the Town. He stated that the Town of Signal Mountain should take advantage of the sewer moratorium that had been previously announced as a possibility by Dr. Dick Ubran with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to use the time to update the Land Use Plan.

Mr. Arendt made various suggestions for changes to the Town's regulations. Some examples he gave were that there should be five (5) feet between the street and sidewalk for trees to be planted, and rather than a 28-foot wide road, the Town should mandate 18-foot roads with curves that conform to the topography. He said narrow roads would slow down drivers and be cheaper to build and maintain. He said focusing on lot size was a recipe for failure and that density should not be regulated by lot size. For road design with vistas in mind, he said the design code could dictate that where possible, a park should be built on the outside edge of a curve rather than inside the curve to maximize the view of the park. Mr. Arendt suggested for aesthetics, one could have garages setback from the front of the house.



Dr. Paul M. Hendricks, Mayor



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