

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

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a special called joint meeting with the Town of Signal Mountain Planning Commission Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. in the Town Hall. 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
 Secretary Lou Oliphant
 Commission Member Dick Dillender
 Commission Member Wells Blake
 Commission Member Don Moon
 Commission Member Melissa Cantrell
 Commission Member Jeff Duncan

Also present were:

Town Manager Diana Campbell
 Town Recorder Sherry Morrison
 Town Attorney Phil Noblett
 Visitors Tom Baird
 Visitor Glen Baird

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Arendt and all others. It was noted that Mr. Arendt was a nationally recognized conservationist and land-use planner from Rhode Island. Mr. Arendt was brought to Chattanooga by the Regional Planning Agency with a generous grant from the Lyndhurst Foundation and the Town of Signal Mountain.

Mr. Arendt stated he was not sure where the Town wanted to go. He said he didn't know anyone who did not value scenic beauty—visions for trail network etc. He said conservation had approaches for keeping the land beautiful. He suggested that all that can happen by not building to a set lot size. He expressed a need a place for older folk who do not wish to leave the mountain and a place for the young families. He stated that he hoped Signal Mountain would not become just a place of subdivisions.

He discussed how to assess the parts of the Town that need to be preserved and answered question from the group. He suggested that all developers should do a sketch plan of their subdivisions before presenting a plat for Preliminary Plat approval. He said the

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sketch plan was really essential. He also expressed the need for any Planning Commission to walk the site and invite those property owners that abut the site and any other that were concerned. He discussed the need for a location map as well as a contour map showing what the ground looked like showing such items as creeks, rocks, wetlands, cliffs, rock walls, etc.

Mr. Arendt and the group discuss the roads noting that there were not many ways off the mountain.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dr. Paul M. Hendricks, Mayor



Town Recorder