DARLINGTON CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 21, 2020 – 9 A.M.
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Attending were Planning Commission members Ms. Brown, Mrs. Kirchen, Ms. Page, and Mr. Sprott; staff Ms. Rock, planning and economic development director, and Mr. Gainey, codes enforcement official; and city council members, Ms. Baccus, Ms. Reed, and Mr. Gardner.

Call to Order: Mrs. Kirchen called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of January 21, 2020: Mrs. Kirchen made a motion to accept the minutes of the Jan. 21, 2020, meeting as presented. Ms. Brown made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Change Request for 106 Blue Street: Ms. Rock presented the application for a zoning change from Mr. Sam Evans for property at 106 Blue Street. His intentions are to remove the old building, formerly Mirella's dress shop, and continue the construction of townhouses on that street. He has put eight units so far and wants to add seven or eight more, depending on the space available due to setbacks. Ms. Rock said one neighbor contacted her about the issue, Mrs. McCall who lives on the corner. Mrs. McCall says she does not oppose the change because she wants the area to stay residential. Mr. Sprott made a motion to recommend to City Council that the zoning be changed from GC to R-10 to allow this development. Ms. Brown made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan Update: Ms. Rock said the City would move forward with procuring a contractor to write the next Comprehensive Plan (2035) in December or January since the Census figures prominently into the plan itself. She will have to write an RFP and get three bids for council to approve. Mr. Gardner asked if we could get the bid to the company that did Hartsville's comprehensive plan. Mr. Sprott asked to be mailed a copy of the previous plan. Mr. Gardner said it would be useful for everyone to have a copy. Mrs. Kirchen said she would like to see the mayor's vision worked into the plan as well. She suggested scheduling the next meeting to begin with the joint board meeting we had to postpone in March, so, when the consultant comes on board, we already have some things together. Ms. Page agreed and said it was an excellent idea. Mr. Sprott and Ms. Brown both were fine with a July meeting.

Director's Report: Ms. Rock **s**aid she had no further business for the Commission at this time.

Ms. Page expressed her appreciation for a lot of people involved with improving the City and Ms. Brown specifically for a great job organizing and getting the City looking nice.

Adjourn: The Commission adjourned at 9:28 a.m.