
What's Happening -- Orange County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), February 2011:

November 22, 2010 Public Hearing continued until February 28, 2011 to allow for additional oral public comments.

--Public Outreach – A public outreach meeting was held on January 27, 2011 in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Orange County West Campus Office Building. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting, including two County Commissioners. Staff explained various aspects of the UDO, the process that has been followed, current zoning and development processes, and the conditional districts which are included in the draft UDO as a replacement to the existing Planned Development provisions in the current Zoning Ordinance.

--Planning Board - The Planning Board discussed the conditional districts (Conditional Use and Conditional Zoning) contained in the draft UDO at its January 5, 2011 meeting. At the successful conclusion of the January 5 meeting, the Board decided to devote its January 19 special meeting to the topic of stream buffers as the vast majority of the Board seemed satisfied with the conditional districts discussion. The stream buffer provisions contained in the UDO were discussed extensively at the Planning Board's special meeting on January 19, 2011.

Planning staff incorporated the Planning Board's recommendations and some additional staff-recommended revisions into a revision packet that was reviewed at the Planning Board's February 2, 2011 meeting. The Planning Board voted at its February 2 meeting to recommend approval of the adoption of the entire UDO with the revisions presented at the meeting.

--Quarterly Public Hearing – The November 22, 2010 Public Hearing on the UDO has been continued until February 28, 2011 by the BOCC to allow for additional oral public comments. The continued Public Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Department of Social Services, Hillsborough Commons, 113 Mayo St., Hillsborough.

The Public Hearing agenda packet, including revisions proposed by the Planning Board, will be available on the County's main website on or shortly after Friday, February 18th: <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/> under "Meeting Agendas/Videos"

For questions or additional information please contact the Orange County Planning and Inspections Department at (919) 245-2575. Additional information is also available on the Department's website at: <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/planning/UDO.asp>

Thank you.

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