

**ZONING DOCKET FROM May 28, 2014 GCPC MEETING**

Docket Number	Applicant	CC DIST.	STAFF REC.	GCPC REC.	P&D REC.	COUNCIL ACTION
<b>CP-2014-01</b>	Greenville County Planning Commission Amendment to the Greenville County Comprehensive Plan to include New Washington Heights Community Plan			Approval 5-28-14		
<b>Public Comments</b>	<p><b>Some of the general comments made by Speakers at the Public Hearing on May 19, 2014 were:</b></p> <p><u>Speakers For:</u> Community supports the plan. Reflects vision and interests of the community.</p> <p>Loves neighborhood, supports plan.</p> <p><u>Speakers Against:</u></p>					<p><b>Petition/Letter</b></p> <p><u>For:</u> None</p> <p><u>Against:</u> None</p>
<b>Staff Report</b>	<p>Over the past year and a half, community residents, stakeholders, planners, and public officials participated in a series of meetings to create the New Washington Heights Community Plan.</p> <p>The New Washington Heights Community Plan is a statement of the community's vision and seeks to address both the immediate concerns and long-term goals of the community. The plan provides direction for community leaders, stakeholders, and the development and serves as a guide for where and how future development should occur.</p> <p>Therefore staff is requesting that the Planning and Development Committee forward the New Washington Heights Community Plan to County Council for consideration and initiation as an amendment to the County's Comprehensive Plan.</p>					

## **Planning Report**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** CP-2014-1

**APPLICANT:** Greenville County Planning Commission

**STAFF REPORT:** Over the past year and a half, community residents, stakeholders, planners, and public officials participated in a series of meetings to create the New Washington Heights Community Plan.

The New Washington Heights Community Plan is a statement of the community's vision and seeks to address both the immediate concerns and long-term goals of the community. The plan provides direction for community leaders, stakeholders, and the development and serves as a guide for where and how future development should occur.

Therefore staff is requesting that the Planning and Development Committee forward the New Washington Heights Community Plan to County Council for consideration and initiation as an amendment to the County's Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval.



GREENVILLE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission  
CC: Paula Gucker, Lance Estep, Tom Meeks, Helen Hahn  
From: Jonathan Hanna  
Date: May 22nd, 2014  
Re: New Washington Heights Community Plan

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NEW WASHINGTON HEIGHTS

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Therefore, staff is requesting that the Planning and Development Committee forward the New Washington Heights Community Plan to County Council for consideration and initiation as an amendment to the County's Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the plan is located on the Greenville County Planning website header:  
<http://gcplanning.org>

**A RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE NEW WASHINGTON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN AND TO RECOMMEND THAT GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPT THE PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE GREENVILLE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, the New Washington Heights Community Plan is the result of a community lead effort including numerous stakeholders and residents.

**WHEREAS**, the New Washington Heights Community Plan is organized around improvements in Infrastructure and Housing, Public Safety, Community Identity, and Recreation and Community Facilities.

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville County Planning Commission recognizes that the New Washington Heights Community Plan is not intended to be a regulatory document, but instead, the New Washington Heights Community Plan document is intended to serve as a statement of the community's vision and recommendations for its future. The goals and actions contained herein will be used to guide decisions directing public and private improvements in the future.

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville County Planning Commission recognizes the value of having an understanding of the purpose and direction of this planning effort.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greenville County Planning Commission hereby approves the New Washington Heights Community Plan as a guide for change and development in the New Washington Heights Community, and further recommends that Greenville County Council adopt the New Washington Heights Community Plan as an amendment to the County's Comprehensive Plan.

**DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS 28 DAY OF May, 2014.**

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Chad Tumblin, Chairman  
Greenville County Planning Commission

ATTEST:

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Lance Estep AICP,  
Director, Planning and Code Compliance

**AN ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NEW WASHINGTON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE GREENVILLE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, the Greenville County Council adopted “Imagine Greenville County” as the Greenville County Comprehensive Plan under the authority of the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994 (Chapter 29) and in accordance with Section 6-29-510, et seq., of the *Code of Laws of South Carolina*, 1976, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville County Planning Commission has acted pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. 6-29-520(B), by Resolution to recommend that Greenville County Council amend the County’s Comprehensive Plan with the adoption of the New Washington Heights Community Plan, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit “A”, and

**WHEREAS**, eight community meetings and four steering committee meetings were held between April and November 2013, at which community residents and stakeholders worked extensively with Planning staff to develop their vision for the future of the New Washington Heights Community; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Washington Heights Community Plan, completed in 2014, was jointly developed by Greenville County, the New Washington Heights Steering Committee, along with numerous residents and stakeholders,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Greenville County Council:

**Section 1. Adoption of the New Washington Heights Community Plan.**

The County Council of Greenville County, South Carolina, hereby adopts an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto, in accordance with Section 6-29-510, et seq., of the *Code of Laws of South Carolina*, 1976, as amended.

**Section 2. Effective Date.**

The Ordinance shall take effect one (1) day after the next regularly scheduled Council meeting following final approval of this Ordinance.

**DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.**

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Dr. Robert Taylor, Chairman  
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

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Theresa B. Kizer  
Clerk to Council

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Joseph M. Kernell  
County Administrator

