
The Voter: late October 2024

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Land Use Planning Process Recap

Be involved early and often was the consensus advice from the Land Use Panel discussion held at the October 15th membership meeting. Representatives from the Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG), Clemson, Pickens County and the City of Seneca shared the similarities and differences of the public input opportunities on a regional, county and city level.

Trad Julian, Planning Department Head at Pickens County, shared anecdotes on that value and importance of attending Public Hearings. Xavier Bauguess, with the City of Seneca encourage participants to be aware the existing zoning classifications of parcels. He emphasized that If a project meets all the city guidelines for a zoned land parcel, then the approval process is direct and rarely stopped. Both Dr. Richardson, of Clemson and Steve Pelissier, Director of the ACOG, discussed the value of public participating in the Comprehensive Plan Process.

Member Dues

It is time once again to pay dues: \$60 for individual membership, \$90 for joint membership, \$10 for student membership. Payment can be online. \$2 is added for the Paypal fee. You can also send a check made out to LWVOP to: LWVOP, PO Box 802, Clemson, SC, 29633. Pay before Dec. 31, 2024.

Day or Night Meetings?

Would you prefer:

- Day meetings at noon
- Day meetings at 4:00 pm
- Night meetings at 7:00 pm
- No opinion

Please reply to Janet Marsh, Membership Chair.

Currently, LWVOP monthly meeting are at 7:00 PM. It has traditionally held night meetings with the expectation that it would be easier for younger members with jobs and children to attend. Now, however, work habits have changed to some extent and fewer members have children at home. Older members are increasingly unable and/or unwilling to get out at night for our meetings, particularly in the winter.

New Member

Libby Imbody

Originally from Indianapolis, Libby attended the Savannah College of Art & Design and worked in several capacities as a designer and art director for several firms along the East Coast before landing in Walhalla. Her personal voyage encompassing parenting, traveling, volunteering, and involvement in revitalization efforts in her adopted town, has given Libby broad experience in various sectors such as teaching, fine art, mentorship, community development, strategic planning, and marketing. Her recent position as Principal of Authenticity Brand Strategies allows her to apply her combined expertise in branding and community development to help communities and the organizations that serve them increase engagement and economic opportunities. Libby is passionate about helping others tell their authentic stories and believes strongly that communities that focus on equity, trust, and collaboration are the ones that truly thrive. She is excited to apply her skills and background to help LOWVOP achieve its goals.

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