

# Planners table Cane Creek rezoning

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WALHALLA — Part two of the Cane Creek rezoning request, comprised mostly of waterfront properties on Lake Keowee, came before the Oconee County Planning Commission on Monday night.

South Oak Point resident Jim Codner made his case to have 980 parcels rezoned Lake Residential District.

Codner told planners that the petition should be approved as presented

because it falls in line with the county's Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map (FLUM).

Commission Chairman Ryan Honea recommended putting off a decision and members agreed.

Codner said the overwhelming majority of property owners who signed the petition were motivated by a desire to protect the lake from un-



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controlled growth.

As was the case with the first Cane Creek petition presented by Codner a year ago,

there are pockets of resistance to rezoning everything LRD.

The first Cane Creek petition overlapped in some areas with another rezoning request by North Fairview property owners, and the conflict is at the center of a law-

suit against the county, county officials, Codner and others.

Codner asked planners to consider keeping some parcels seeking to become Community Commercial as LRD.

Codner added that some private trailers in the South Cove area that are part of the petition could become another MonteLago — a reference to a failed attempt by a developer to build high-rise condominiums on Lake Keowee.

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As for a few other individual parcels resisting the petition, Codner said assigning them Agricultural Residential District "is perfectly acceptable."

Bryant Metler of Keowee Plantation stood up in opposition to the Cane Creek request.

Metler said Keowee Plantation has its own deed restrictions and should not have been pulled into the Cane Creek petition.

Metler said almost all of the property owners in Keowee Plantation have expressed a desire to be left alone.

"I ask you to honor our petition," Metler said. "We don't belong (in the Cane Creek petition)."

Commission member Andrea Heller raised the issue that the City of Seneca could annex Keowee Plantation.

"Seneca could still take them," Heller said.

Metler said later that he and the vast majority in Keowee Plantation don't want to be part of Seneca either.

Honea said members should have more take time to review all the citizens' input.

The Commission is scheduled to meet again Dec. 5.

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