

# **MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

A meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the Macon County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Planning Board members present included Ronnie Beale, Neville Bryson, Richard Baldwin, Lamar Sprinkle, Alan Marsh, Eric Pearson, Susan Ervin, Evelyn Southard, Jimmy Goodman, Mike Decker, Larry Stenger and Byron McClure. Commissioner Charlie Leatherman was present. Jeff Fischbach, DCA Planner, was on hand. Members of the press as well as a few interested citizens were also in attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

As the next order of business, Eric Pearson made the motion to adopt the minutes from the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Alan Marsh seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. As well, Jimmy Goodman made the motion to adopt the minutes from the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Larry Stenger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC SESSION:**

During public session, an interested citizen, Narelle Kirkland, took the opportunity to address the Board.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Byron McClure presented the Board with the draft Rules of Procedure for the Macon County Planning Board. After discussion, the Board decided to review them for the next meeting. However, Chairman Beale took the opportunity to finish a discussion from the prior meeting concerning Mr. Bryson's interest in serving on the Board and in the seat of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Bryson addressed the Board and informed them that he was interested in serving and would continue to do so as he was able.

In addition, Byron McClure asked for discussion concerning the regularly scheduled meeting time. As Mr. Beale had informed the Board, there were a few members, namely Commissioner West, who had conflicts with the third Wednesday of the month. Neville Bryson made a motion to change the regularly scheduled meeting to the second Wednesday of each month @ 2:00 p.m. Jimmy Goodman gave a second and the motion passed without dissent.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/PROJECTS:**

Susan Ervin briefed the Board on the work that her "Public Involvement" subcommittee had completed. Ervin presented the Board with a proposal and executive summary describing the proposed process for involving the public on a high impact discussion. Ervin conceded there were details to be added later, yet called for support of the idea in general. Byron McClure read a letter of support for the proposal from Vickey Wade with the Local Government Training Program at WCU. McClure then asked for comments from Jeff Fischbach. Fischbach added that it was imperative to have Commissioner input and buy-in to the idea, especially since the proposal called for additional resources. After a lengthy discussion, Richard Baldwin made a

motion “to adopt this proposal as a philosophical guideline for public participation and with details to be made later.” Jimmy Goodman seconded the motion and it passed.

Discussion arose concerning the budget needed for such an endeavor. Commissioner Leatherman asked that the sub-committee come before the full Commission with a proposed budget when they are ready to do so. In the meantime, Chairman Beale appointed Evelyn Southard, Lamar Sprinkle, and Mike Decker to head a sub-committee to work on gathering budget figures. The Chairman conceded that budget work could only begin when they had an idea of what specific resources would be needed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** As a follow up to last month’s meeting, the Board had decided to continue with work on identifying a list of high impact uses. Jeff Fischbach was on hand to facilitate this exercise. He asked board members to speak up and add to the list those things which concerned them the most. Byron McClure also handed out high impact list from other counties to help members identify such uses. Fischbach also reminded the members of the list of high impact uses used last month. After a lengthy discussion, board members added numerous new uses to the list. As well, Fischbach helped members begin to identify development standards which might help mitigate the effects of those high impact uses. Finally, Chairman Beale asked Byron McClure to record the preliminary list of both high impact uses as well as a list of mitigation standards. McClure promised to get those to members before the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

With no further business, Chairman Beale adjourned the meeting at 3:50 pm.

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Clerk/Secretary

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Chairman Ronnie Beale