

MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

March 10th, 2004

A meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was held on March 10th, 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, Lamar Sprinkle, Alan Marsh, Eric Pearson, Jimmy Goodman, Mike Decker, Larry Stenger and Byron McClure. Commissioner Charlie Leatherman was present. Ben Brown was in attendance to represent the Public Involvement Subcommittee. Members of the press as well as a few interested citizens were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

As the next order of business, Jimmy Goodman made the motion to adopt the minutes from the February 18th meeting. Neville Bryson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SESSION:

During public session, no one chose to speak.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Byron McClure next informed the Board of the progress recently made by the Public Involvement Subcommittee. He described a recent meeting that he and a few subcommittee members had made to see Jeff Fischbach. He also informed the Board that the public involvement plan was nearing completion. McClure then asked Ben Brown, subcommittee member to address the board with those plans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/PROJECTS:

With Susan Ervin absent, Brown briefed the Board on the "Community High Impact Discussion" process. As Brown described, the proposed effort will involve approximately ten community meetings at which the public will have the opportunity for input on the proposed high impact use list. In addition, the committee proposed that the Planning Director and possibly a Board member be available to speak to civic and social clubs. As well, Brown informed the Board that there would be opportunities for Board members to engage smaller groups on demand.

In all three cases, Brown said the participation tool would be the same so as not to discriminate between groups. The "Community High Impact Discussion" draft handout was then presented to the Board as the tool to be used. The handout consisted of one page of information concerning the nature of high impact uses, with the second page giving the citizen an opportunity to identify high impact uses of their own.

In addition, the Board was given a handout detailing the “Public Involvement Subcommittee’s” work to this point as well as a map that identified possible venues for the community meetings. After the presentation from Brown, a lengthy discussion ensued. Chairman Beale expressed his gratitude toward the committee for their work. No formal action was taken. Commissioner Leatherman encouraged the Board to move on with the work of categorizing and defining the high impact use list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Beale asked the Board to categorize the high impact list from February. The Board eventually decided to cull certain uses from the lists that might not qualify. However, many of the uses to be culled from the list were still a concern for the board members. Such uses were to be documented for future study.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Byron McClure facilitated the discussion as members debated over removing or keeping certain uses on the list. After time, the Board was satisfied with the work completed during the session and decided to revisit the issue at the next meeting. Byron McClure promised to get members the new list as soon as possible. In addition, Mike Decker suggested that the high impact uses be defined in order to help the discussion at the next meeting. McClure agreed and promised to work diligently on developing workable definitions.

As the next order of unfinished business, the Board decided to take action on the *Macon County Planning Board Rules of Procedure*. After discussion, Eric Pierson made a motion to adopt the minutes. Jimmy Goodman seconded, and the vote passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Beale asked the Board if it was possible to add a special called meeting on April 28. Chairman Beale felt the meeting would be needed with the busy public involvement schedule looming. The Board agreed to such a meeting on April 28th @ 2:00 pm in the Commissioners Board Room.

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

Clerk/Secretary

Chairman Ronnie Beale