

MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

August 24th, 2004

A meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was held on August 24th, 2004 at the Macon County Environmental Resource Center. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Board members present were Ronnie Beale, Lamar Sprinkle, Alan Marsh, Larry Stenger, Susan Ervin, Mike Decker, Commissioner West, and County Planning Director Stacy Guffey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alan Marsh made the motion to adopt the minutes from the June 8th meeting. Larry Stenger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mike Decker made the motion to adopt the minutes from the July 20th meeting. Alan Marsh seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SESSION:

During public session, no one chose to speak.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

CHIDS: Stacy Guffey reported that he and Susan Ervin were compiling the CHID notes and the results from the surveys and would have them ready for the September meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/PROJECTS:

There were no committee reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stacy Guffey reported on the meeting between Chairman Beale, Jimmy Goodman, Guffey and Sheriff Robbie Holland on the subject of animal control. Guffey reported that during the August 10 meeting Holland expressed the need for a nuisance ordinance and funding for another full-time animal control officer. During the meeting Goodman suggested a county-wide spay and neuter voucher program. Guffey gave the planning board copies of a "Calls for Service" handout provided by Holland.

After much discussion, the board agreed to table the issue until after high impact has been addressed.

Mike Decker had prepared a packet of information on state animal control regulations. He agreed to share those at a later date.

Guffey then shared a letter addressed to the planning board from Ms. Mattie Buchanan regarding concerns about the Oak Ridge Cemetery. The board suggested that Guffey contact the press and other concerned parties to seek help for Ms. Buchanan.

Chairman Beale shared some brief information about Macon County from the Rural Economic Development Center. He asked Guffey to provide the full data sheet at the next planning board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Beale opened up the discussion on the high impact uses. Guffey questioned whether the planning board wanted a provision for public hearings in the ordinance. Sprinkle said that if a use meets the standards, then it should be permitted without a hearing. The board concurred.

Ervin expressed her concern that noise be address in the ordinance. The board agreed.

There was discussion about airstrips and helicopter tours. The board agreed that helicopter tours should be specifically regulated and that tours should only be allowed to operate from the public airport.

After long discussion about the high impact uses, Chairman Beale asked Guffey to come to the next meeting with a draft of standards in ordinance format for the board to review. The board then set September 14th as the next meeting date. Chairman Beale noted that the next meeting would serve as a working session and that all board members should make every effort to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Stacy J. Guffey, Clerk/Secretary

Ronnie Beale, Chairman