

# MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

November 16, 2005

A meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was held on November 16, 2005 at the Macon County Environmental Resource Center. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Planning Board members present were Ronnie Beale, Lamar Sprinkle, Susan Ervin, Mark West, Evelyn Southard, Larry Stenger, Jimmy Goodman, Eric Pierson, Evelyn Owens, Charlie Leatherman – Commissioner Liaison, County Planner Stacy Guffey and Planning Assistant Gregory Hunt, Michael Lewis – The Franklin Press, Rick Moorefield – County Attorney, Kevin Ford – County Tax Appraiser, Ben Brown – Macon Tomorrow, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Cowie – members of the general public.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes were read by each individual member with Mark West making a motion to accept the minutes as read, Larry Stenger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No unfinished business

## **PUBLIC SESSION:**

No member of the general public present.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ronnie Beale opened the meeting and explained that during this meeting the board would be sitting on an appeal hearing on a sign permit denial issued to Mr. Charlie Cowie by the County Sign Enforcement Officer, Gregory Hunt. Ronnie Beale explained the rules and procedures that would be followed during the hearing. Ronnie Beale introduced the members of the Planning Board to Mr. Cowie.

The appeal hearing commenced at 3:15 PM. The appeal hearing adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Ronnie Beale passed out a copy of a Newsweek Magazine article for the Planning Board Members to read. Ronnie Beale announced the Planning Board would be meeting in December unless needed to discuss appeal hearing decision. Ronnie Beale inquired from the board their opinions on how the appeal hearing decision and discussion should be done and rendered. Susan Ervin asked if a decision could be made today, November 16, 2005. Stacy Guffey stated that the Planning Board need to take time to review the Sign Control Ordinance and evidence presented in the hearing. Ronnie Beale asked if the Board could meet Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at 4:00 PM to render a decision on the appeal. The Board agreed and a Special Called Meeting was set.

Stacy Guffey informed the Board that the County Planning Department was in the process of compiling information on Corridor Protection and informational/working notebooks would be made for each board member. Stacy Guffey also mentioned the Huntersville information that several board members had requested, and that each board member had a copy of it in their meeting packets. Susan Ervin asked about the Comprehensive Plan being presented to the County Commissioners. Ronnie Beale stated that he was getting further clarification and information together and then he would be presenting it to the Commissioners in a productive time and presentation. Larry Stenger suggested the need to have some plan either a Comprehensive or Management plan to encompass all areas of concern and then work out from that. Charlie Leatherman said maybe the way to go is not with the Commissioners but with the public in the form of a survey or some way to prioritize tasks. Charlie Leatherman also stated that he would have ideas from the County Commissioners at the January Planning Board meeting.

Ronnie Beale brought up the concern and/or need for a Vice Chairman for the Planning Board. This would affect the Board Election on January 18, 2006.

Ben Brown briefly talked about the planning effort in Mississippi and his desire to speak to the board in the near future to share the planning process.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.