

MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

May 11, 2006

Continuation from May 4, 2006

A continuation meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was held on May 11th, 2006 at the Environment Resource Center. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Board members present were Ronnie Beale, Larry Stenger, Lamar Sprinkle, Jimmy Goodman, Evelyn Owens, Susan Ervin, Eric Pierson, Alan Marsh, Mark West, County Planner Stacy Guffey and Planning Assistant Gregory Hunt, members of the press and members of the general public, Josh Pope – Mapping

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Beale opened the continuation meeting by announcing today's meeting would be the end of continuation meetings for this session. Beale then opened the floor for public comments.

Beale informed the Board of work to be done during this meeting and the need to keep moving forward and getting some things accomplished.

Josh Pope addressed the Board and showed a map with 30% slope detail for the Board and the public to get an idea of how much private land that entails. Board members asked questions and made comments on Pope's presentation.

Beale moved the discussion toward updated minor/major subdivisions along with road standards in the proposed ordinance. Guffey shared with the Board what others are doing on the subject of minor/major subdivision language and enforcement. Open discussion by the Board ensued. Beale asked the Board members present to give their opinion on having a minor/major designation if it would be better to have a single designation for subdivisions. Each Board member present gave their opinion and thoughts. Beale asked if a motion was on the table to have major/minor subdivision language in the subdivision ordinance. Lamar Sprinkle made a motion to include the language of major/minor designation of subdivisions in the ordinance. Jimmy Goodman seconded the motion and with a vote of 8 yeas and 1 nay the motion passed.

Guffey then steered the discussion to minimum road standards. Guffey mentioned the recommendation from the Steep Slope Committee in regards to minimum road standards. Open discussion by the Board began and Beale then asked to entertain a motion for minimum road width standards for the ordinance with the language of 14 feet shoulder to shoulder and 10 feet drivable width. Lamar Sprinkle made a motion to accept this language and Jimmy Goodman seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote the motion passed.

Beale proposed to the Board that a field trip might be appropriate to help answer some questions and clarify some things. The Board discussed and agreed it would help to actually see subdivisions currently being developed to aid in the discussion. It was set that at the next meeting of May 18th at 2:00 PM; the board would meet and travel to several subdivisions around the county for observation. The board also set the following meeting for Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 3:00 PM to be held in the Environmental Resource Center.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Bonnie Pickartz spoke to the Board on her concern for the work that was being conducted on the proposed subdivision regulations and also thanked the Board on the work done to date. Bonnie Pickartz passed out a copy of her comments to all members of the Board present.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business to discuss

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.