

MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

August 21, 2007 – Continuation of August 6th

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was held on August 21, 2007 at the Environmental Resources Center in Franklin. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Planning Board members present were L. Penland, L. Sprinkle, M. West, K. Gillespie, S. Ervin, M. Decker, A. Marsh, E. Pierson, E. Owens, J. Goodman, Commissioner Liaison R. Beale, Stacy J. Guffey, County Planner, G. Hunt – Administrative Staff Assistant to County Planner, M. Mason – County Soil and Erosion Control Officer, the Franklin Press, The Highlands Newspaper

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No minutes to approve

PUBLIC SESSION:

No public present for comments

LIAISON COMMENTS:

No comments from Liaison

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Guffey pointed the Board to their packets of information and the section on driveways. An open discussion began on the need, language, regulations and concerns for driveways within a subdivision. It was discussed that driveways should have a minimum of 9 feet drive area and 1 ½ feet of shoulder on each side. The board decided to change the language Guffey had provided from driveways to spur roads, which would be any road that serves 2 lots off the main subdivision road. Spinkle made a motion that spur roads would have a minimum 9 feet drive area and 1 ½ feet of shoulder on each side. Marsh seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Sprinkle then made a motion to leave driveway regulations out of the subdivision ordinance. Goodman seconded the motion, there were 3 yeas and 5 nays, therefore the motion failed. The discussion continued on spur roads and driveways pertaining to specific language for the ordinance. It was discussed and decided that board members Decker, County Planner Guffey and Soil and Erosion Officer Mason would get together and come up with language to deal with spur roads and driveways. Guffey then directed the Board to information on lighting and regulations from other counties on neighborhood lighting. The Board then began a debate on this issue. Goodman made a motion to leave lighting regulation out of the subdivision ordinance. Sprinkle seconded the motion and the vote was 5 yeas and 3 nays, therefore the motion was passed. Guffey next issue to discussion was conservation subdivisions and the information the Board had been given. This was some of the information the Board had previously discussed, voted on and accepted as appropriate language for the subdivision ordinance. The Board began an around the table discussion on this language and information. Gillespie made a motion to set conservation subdivisions at 10 acres. Ervin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING:

A special called meeting to be held on August 28, 2007

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.