Meeting of
Downtown Development Authority
&
Development Authority
Tuesday, August 23, 2016
56 Malone Street – Fairburn, GA 30213
7:00 p.m.

Downtown Development Authority Agenda

I. Call Meeting to Order of the Downtown Development Authority of Fairburn

Chairperson Rhonda Appleby called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairperson Rhonda Appleby, Vice Chair Danita Jones, Suzanne Presley, Mack McCarthney, Jeff Couch and David Orr.

Others present were: City Planner, Tarika Peeks, City Attorney, Valerie Ross and Interim City Clerk/Secretary, Stephanie Tigner.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Jeff Couch made a motion to approve the agenda with Mack McCarthney providing the second. **The motion carried.**

III. Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2015 and August 27, 2015 Meeting

Chairperson Rhonda Appleby stated the minutes for May 17, 2016 were not recorded. Tom Barber did not provide the board minutes for May 17, 2016.

Jeff Couch made a motion to approve the February 24, 2015 and August 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes with Suzanne Presley providing the second. **The motion carried.**

IV. Zoning Administrator's Report

City Planner Tarika Peeks gave the board an overview of the current economic development projects in the city.

City Planner Tarika Peeks said some of the main developments going on are the distribution centers. She said Project M is under construction. The building is over 800,000 sq. ft. Oakley Distribution Center is one million sq. and Fairburn Logistics is 800,000 sq. ft.

The Google building is up. They are not in full operation, but they are operating.

Project Midas across from Google on the Bohannon Road side is complete. They have a CO and there is activity going on. She said DCT is the company operating out of the building.

There is more distribution companies that have come for LDP plan review but have not begin construction and they are Exeter off of Fayetteville Road and South Park off of Oakley Boulevard. The distribution centers have completed the plan review process.

RaceTrac has submitted a plat and concept plan for the gas station. RaceTrac will be combining the tire shop and the gas station. The variance petition is slated to appear on the Planning Commissions October agenda.

Dairy Queen located on Highway 74 has opened. The restaurant opened and operating for two weeks.

City Planner Tarika Peeks stated currently being proposed is a 10,000 sq. ft. medical urgent care facility next to Starbucks on Highway 74.

Fairburn Express Car Wash is slated to be breaking ground across from the QuikTrip on Highway 74.

There will be a 308 unit residential apartment homes located on Oakley Industrial Boulevard.

There have been approximately 169 building permits for Durham Lakes and forecasting 200 by December.

Mack McCarthney wanted to know the population in Fairburn. He said this is important to get the sit down restaurants and retail in the City.

Vice Chairperson, Danita Jones said it is important to attend the City Council meetings.

Chairperson Rhonda Appleby said it is about “smart growth”. She said we are getting the Class A townhomes. She said as “City” we have to create a balance.

The board discussed providing feedback to Mayor and Council from the DDA/DA board meetings. Suzanne Presley said this may be a topic of consideration, not a topic of movement.

Chairperson Rhonda Appleby said we can invite Mayor Avery to our meetings. Once we have met with the Mayor, we could go before the board as a group.

City Planner Tarika Peeks said there has been discussion about Hudson Plaza. The economic development plan is in its draft form and could be used as a blue print along with the LCI study to give us guidance.

Jeff Couch made a motion to develop a plan to move forward with Hudson Plaza to present to the Mayor and Council with David Orr providing the second. **The motion carried.**

After some discussion, Chairperson Rhonda Appleby informed the board that Schaffer & Shaw offers great economic development classes.

V. Chairperson's Report:

Rhonda Appleby distributed information on Pinewood Studios.

VI. Legal Report: None

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

a. Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) appointment

Danita Jones nominated Jeff Couch as a GICH representative with Mack McCarthney providing the second. **The motion carried.**

IX. Adjournment

Jeff Couch made a motion to adjourn with Danita Jones providing the second. **The motion carried**. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

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Jeff Couch made a motion to approve the February 24, 2015 and August 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes with Suzanne Presley providing the second. **The motion carried.**

III. Update from City Administrator

The City Administrator did not attend. City Planner Tarika Peeks had no updates.

IV. New Business: None

Danita Jones nominated Jeff Couch as a GICH representative with Mack McCarthney providing the second. **The motion carried.**

V. Old Business: None

VI. Adjournment:

Mack McCarthney made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jeff Couch providing the second. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

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Stephanie Tigner, Secretary/Interim City Clerk Rhonda Appleby, Chairman

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