



Planning and Zoning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
City Hall, 56 Malone Street  
Fairburn, GA 30213  
Tuesday, September 2, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Jason Jones, Chair  
Michelle James, Vice-Chair  
Lina Parker  
Elizabeth Echols

Planning Director: Denise Brookins  
City Attorney: Valerie Ross

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**A. Call to Order:** Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**B. Determination of a Quorum:**

Roll Call: Chairman Jason Jones, Vice Chairwoman Michelle James, Commissioner Lina Parker, and Commissioner Elizabeth Echols were present. A quorum was established, and the meeting proceeded.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**D. Approval of the Meeting Agenda**

1. Commissioner Echols moved to approve the agenda. Vice Chairwoman James seconded.  
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**E. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

1. Vice Chairwoman James moved to approve the August 5, 2025, minutes. Commissioner Parker seconded.  
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**F. Public Comments**

Chair Jones opened public comment, limited to three minutes per speaker. Multiple residents spoke in opposition to the proposed gas station/convenience store at 101 Durham Lake Parkway, citing proximity to residences, safety and crime, traffic, environmental and public health concerns, property values, and community character. Additional themes included consistency with prior plans for Durham Lakes and preference for alternative uses (e.g., medical/urgent care, daycare, neighborhood-serving, or recreational uses).

Speakers included:

- Shanita Nichols (resident)
- Homer Knight (Durham Lakes resident since 2006)
- Anatavia Benson (Brook Haven at Durham Lakes)
- Dacia Gilkey (resident)
- Hattie Porter-Jones (resident ~30 years; Rivertown Rd.)
- James Whitmore (Fairways at Durham Lakes; former P&Z member)
- Rep. Lydia Glaze (GA House, District 67; resident)
- David James (retired law enforcement)
- Rufus Wells (Fairways; former HOA board)
- Alexandria Hawkins (resident since 2006)
- Eric & Monique Barnes (Heather Glenn)
- Mr. Law (resident)
- Francis & Thomas Smith (104 Durham Lake Pkwy)
- Princess Smith (resident)
- Eric Wallis (Vintage Ct.)
- James Davis (Birdie Circle)
- Ms. Knight (resident)
- Samantha Hudson (City Council; Lake Joyce Ln.)
- Rian Trotter (real estate agent/resident)
- Heather Bland (former Health Department reviewer of the original plans)

**G. Old Business:** None.

**H. Public Hearings:** None.

**I. New Business:**

**1. Concept Plan (Gas Station/Convenience Store)**

Applicant: SM Harmony and Earth Engineering Design

Property Owner: Killearn Consulting, Inc.

Location: 101 Durham Lake Parkway [Parcel ID: 07 270001681331]

Request: To approve the concept plan.

Ms. Brookins presented the staff report, noting the project complies with the Durham Lakes PD and C-2 Highway Commercial standards. Applicant's attorney, Michelle Battle, requested additional time to meet with the community. Commissioner Parker moved to table the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Echols. Vice Chairwoman James recused herself.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**2. Final Plat (Curry Bend)**

Applicant: Cameon Heath, DRB Group Georgia, LLC

Property Owner: Bartow Properties LLC and Lacy Curry

**CITY OF FAIRBURN**

Location: 0 Bohannon Road [Parcel ID: 07 400001632170] and 6560 Bohannon Road [Parcel ID: 07 400001800462]

Request: To approve the final plat.

Ms. Brookins presented the staff report, noting the plat complies with applicable regulations. Vice Chairwoman James moved to recommend approval. Commissioner Echols seconded.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**J. Other Business:** None.

**K. Adjournment**

Commissioner Parker moved to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Vice Chairwoman James seconded.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**