



**City of Fairburn
Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes
Tuesday, February 3, 2015**

Attendance

Present: Chairman Elsie Stoney, Vice-Chair Shelby Phillips, Commission Members - Andrew Whitmore, Elizabeth Echols, Jerry Williams, Jahnee Prince (Consultant), Tarika Peeks (City Planner), Linda Abaray (New City Planner) and Valerie Ross (City Attorney).

Call to Order

Chair Stoney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

A quorum was confirmed for meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Echols made a motion to nominate Vice-Chair Phillips as Chairman. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Echols made a motion to nominate Commissioner Whitmore as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Chairman Phillips thanked everyone for nomination.

Public Comments

No Comments

Adoption of Agenda

Vice-Chair Whitmore made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Stoney seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Adoption of Minutes

Chairman Phillips asked for clarification from Page 2 line 9 about the tree banks. Vice-Chair Whitmore made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Public Hearing

SV15-001-7895 Senoia Road (The Package Depot) a sign permit was submitted due to the sign was torn down at no fault of their own. The sign was deemed as a non-conforming sign and was denied by Interim City Planner (Jahnee Prince). The applicant believed it to be a legal non-conforming sign. Upon lengthy research the sign was verified to be a legal non-conforming sign and can be restored at its previous size, height so therefore was withdrawn.

Thomas Williams 7882 Senoia Road-He stated there is an ongoing issue with all of the signs along Highway 74 with uniformity, definitely with the Raceway and the billboard sign in front of the Comfort Inn. Mr. Williams stated they are assuming the signs in question are grandfathered in but if not is there anything in the ordinance that states that the signs have to be taken down after a certain period of time upon the business changing name or ownership. Mr. Williams stated they would like to see the signs be uniform. He stated the Raceway changed to Racetrac and they have one sign that is grandfathered in and one that is going by the current ordinance. The only billboard in Fairburn is an eyesore. Mr. Williams ask that the sign be denied for The Package Depot.

Ms. Prince stated at the Mayor & Council meeting on Thursday night, a workshop will be held pertaining to signs and she will make sure Mr. Williams is invited to the meeting.

Commissioner Wade made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Echols seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Staff Report

None

Commissioner Comments

Vice-Chair Whitmore said congratulations to the new Chairman, Mr. Phillips. Vice-Chair Whitmore stated the outgoing Chairman, Commissioner Stoney did an outstanding job. Commissioner Stoney said Happy New Year and thanked the board for guidance and support during her last 4 years of being on the Board and the last 2 years of being Chairman for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Stoney said congratulations to Vice-Chair Whitmore and to Chairman Phillips. She thanked staff for their support.

Commissioner Wade said Happy New Year and congratulations to the new Chairman and Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Echols said Happy New Year and congratulations to the new Chairman and Vice-Chair. She said thank you to the outgoing Chairman. She said it has been very interesting to learn from being on the board.


Commissioner Williams said Happy New Year and congratulations to the new Chairman and Vice-Chair. He thanked Ms. Stoney for the job she did. Commissioner Williams stated he learned a lot from being on the board and look forward to learning more.

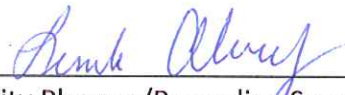
Ms. Peek introduced Linda Abaray, Director of Parks and Recreation and City Planner and the Commissioners welcomed her.

Chairman Phillips said Happy New Year. He said hopefully he will be able to meet the high bar that has been set by Commissioner Stoney and hopefully Vice-Chair Whitmore will be his support.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and it was unanimously approved at 7:21 pm.



Chairman
Shelby Phillips

City Planner/Recording Secretary
Linda Abaray