

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
MARCH 8, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Pritchett  
Mr. Griffith  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Scarce  
Mr. Laramore

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Evans  
Mr. Jennings

STAFF

Clarke Whitfield  
Ken Gillie  
Lindy Lowery  
Christy Taylor

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Griffith at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Griffith expressed his condolences to the Lacy family.

**I. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1. Rezoning Request RZ 10-002, filed by Ora Wiseman, requesting to rezone from OT-R Old Town Residential District to PS-C Planned Shopping Center District, .45 acres on Westover Drive, otherwise known as Grid 0716, Block 012, Parcel 000023 of the City of Danville, Virginia Zoning District Map. The applicant is proposing to rezone the property to allow for consolidation with adjoining property.**

Mr. Lowery read the Staff Report. Five (5) notices were mailed to surrounding property owners within three hundred (300) feet of the subject property. Zero (0) respondents were unopposed to the request; zero (0) were opposed to the request.

Open the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of the request was Carlton Hawkins with LED Professionals. Mr. Hawkins stated that he was doing the survey work for the owners and was present to answer any questions.

There were no questions.

Close the Public Hearing.

**Mrs. Pritchett made a motion to recommend approval of Rezoning Application RZ 10-002 as submitted. Mr. Scarce seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

- 2. Rezoning Request RZ 10-003, filed by Piedmont Place I, LLC, requesting to rezone from PS-C Planned Shopping Center District to HR-C Highway Retail Commercial District, 7.84 acres on Piedmont Place, otherwise known as Grid 0716, Block 012, Parcel 000020 of the City of Danville, Virginia Zoning District Map. The applicant is proposing to rezone the property to allow for mixed use development.**

Mr. Lowery read the Staff Report. Twenty-seven (27) notices were mailed to surrounding property owners within three hundred (300) feet of the subject property. Seven (7) respondents were unopposed to the request; Zero (0) were opposed to the request.

Open the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of the request was Winn Bishop. Mr. Bishop stated that he was present to answer any questions.

There were no questions.

Close the Public Hearing.

**Mr. Scearce made a motion to recommend approval of Rezoning Application RZ 10-003 as submitted. Mr. Laramore seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

## II. MINUTES

**Mrs. Pritchett made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2010 meeting. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a 5-0 vote.**

## III. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gillie stated at the City Council meeting last month, they recommended the Special Use Permit for the changeover from Rock-Ola as well as the other case. The only modification they made was to allow the hours to extend until two (2) a.m. instead of closing at midnight.

Mr. Gillie stated that the citizen and Planning Commission City Council advisory meeting is tonight at 7:00 p.m. on the Comprehensive Plan. At this input session we would like to have citizens come out and give us an idea as to what kind of changes they would like to see to our existing Comprehensive Plan and also give us a chance to further discuss the items that we talked about when we met with City Council a few months ago. Mr. Gillie stated that the meeting is at the Senior Citizens building in Ballou Park and that refreshments would be provided, so please come on out.

Mr. Gillie stated that the Census forms had started being mailed out. It is critical that you fill out these Census forms and send those back. We need as much accurate information as possible. It does have an impact on what type of grants and other funding we will get in the future. All of the information received is kept confidential.

Mr. Jones stated that ten years ago there was a short form and a long form. Mr. Jones asked is the form was the same for everyone this year?

Mr. Gillie responded that the form is supposed to be the same for everyone this year. It is not a short form or a long form. They have taken out the long form. They now do updates between the ten (10) year period and that has taken the place of the old long form. The Census Bureau is trying to keep the statistics more accurate, so every two (2) years or every year and half (1 1/2) depending on how the cycle works out they will send out information. Everyone should be receiving the same form. If you do not send your form back in, they will send someone to your house to actually ask you those questions.

Mr. Gillie stated that Staff emailed the Planning Commission minutes to everyone. Mr. Gillie asked if that worked?

Mrs. Pritchett replied that it was great.

Mr. Gillie asked if they would like for Staff to start sending out the Agenda ahead of time as well as some of the packet information?

Mrs. Pritchett replied that she would be receptive to getting it all by email.

Mr. Laramore asked about having something to go by at the meetings?

Mr. Gillie responded that Staff could still provide the hard copies for the meetings.

Mr. Griffith stated that emailing the packet information would be fine as long as it was in a format that they could print.

Mr. Gillie stated that Staff had a new system where they could scan everything and convert it to a PDF to be emailed. It is basically the same way City Council gets some of their information.

Mr. Gillie stated that Staff would try emailing the information and see how it goes.

Mr. Gillie stated that he hoped to see everyone at the Comprehensive Plan meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:11p.m.

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APPROVED