

MINUTES
Perry Planning Commission
March 23, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Martin Beeland called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL: Chairman Beeland, Commissioners Cosey, Hubbard, Jefferson, and Mehserle were all present. Commissioners Barker and Clarington were absent.

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Beecham, Director of Community Development and Christine Gauthier, Secretary

INVOCATION: was given by Commissioner Cosey

GUESTS/SPEAKERS: Mr. Penrose Wolf and Mr. Jimmy Faircloth

PRESS: Ms. Krystal Riner, Houston Home Journal

APPROVAL OF MINTUES FROM March 09, 2009 MEETING: Chairman Beeland recommended a motion to amend the minutes to reflect the attendance of Commissioner Cosey, on the rezoning request from Mr. Corey Lumpkin the beauty shop referred to was on Houston Lake Road not Swift Street and a grammatical change on the reference to the type of sign; Commissioner Cosey made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Commissioner Jefferson seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Campaign Notice, per O.C.G.A. 36-67A-3 and please turn cell phones off; Chairman Beeland referred to the notice posted on the door of City Council Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and approval of PLDO amendment on non-conforming signs for shopping centers

Mr. Beecham requested of the board their consideration and approval of a PLDO amendment to Section 106.6.2(2) for non-conforming signs for shopping centers. After discussions with the City Attorney the change was necessary to remove inappropriate language. The change would reflect the removal of language in various sections of the PLDO with regard to freestanding business signs, no new language will be added as it is covered in Section 70. Chairman Beeland opened the floor for any public comment, there being none Commissioner Cosey made a motion to approve; Commissioner Hubbard seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

2. Historical review for Houston County Board of Education

The Houston County Board of Education was requesting to move the old Springhill School building from property on Highway 41 North to the Board of Education property on Beckham Circle. Mr. Beecham advised this area was in the city's historic district and the relocation of the structure would have to comply with current building codes, which included setbacks, etc.

Chairman Beeland then opened the floor for discussion; Commissioner Cosey inquired if the carport would remain and inquiry was also made with regard to the porch; Mr. Beecham advised that it would not and he had been informed it was the intent of the Board of the Education to restore the structure back to its historical condition.

Commissioner Hubbard inquired of the uses and Commissioner Mehserle noted from the informational package provided that possible uses would include class visitations, on-site instruction, and a resource center for the community.

Chairman Beeland called for any public comment and Mr. Penrose Wolf asked about the size of the building and the cost. The size of the building is 24' x 30' x 12' and Commissioner Jefferson noted that the overall cost was a total of \$17,000.00.

There being no further discussion; Commissioner Cosey made a motion to accept the request to move the structure; Commissioner Jefferson seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

3. Discussion of electronic signs

Mr. Beecham advised that the discussion of electronic signs was being brought forth due to a request received from Mr. Ron Dailey with Lighthouse Nursing Agency. The board had been provided preliminary research on the current codes of surrounding counties and Mr. Beecham asked the board to refer to the City of Perry's current ordinance, specifically item #4 and requested approval from the board to update the current ordinance. Chairman Beeland agreed and felt scrolling type signs should be addressed as he felt they do not work. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the board that Mr. Beecham provide further detailed research and re-write the current ordinance to reflect the board's request of no scrolling signs and the matter be brought back to the board at the next meeting on April 13th.

Amendment: Discussion of amendment to PLDO Section 31 Definitions

Mr. Beecham provided a brief background on the requested change which was to clarify Personal Care; Chairman Beeland called for any public comment, there being none, Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to approve; Commissioner Jefferson seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Chairman Beeland adjourned the meeting at 6:28pm.