

**Perry Planning Commission**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 27, 2009**

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

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

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

**INVOCATION:** was given by Commissioner Clarington

**GUESTS/SPEAKERS:** Mr. & Mrs. Mike Baker and Mr. Jimmy Faircloth

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 13, 2009 MEETING:** Chairman Beeland requested a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Commissioner Cosey made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Commissioner Hubbard seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

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

**INFORMATIONAL HEARING(S)**

**1. Mr. Corey D. Lumpkin – Re-zoning request #R-09-02**

Chairman Beeland opened the hearing at 6:03pm. Mr. Beecham reminded the board that this matter had been before them previously and was brought forth again, as the applicant was now requesting a rezoning from R-3 Multi Family District to C-3 Central Business District. Chairman Beeland then called for anyone wishing to speak in favor of, there being none, he called for anyone opposed. Mr. Mike Baker of 1306 Swift Street, addressed the board and advised he was opposed to the current request and inquired if consideration could be given as a special exception. There being no further comments, Chairman Beeland closed the hearing at 6:08pm.

Chairman Beeland advised of his concern regarding the request; which was if the property was rezoned to C-3 and sold at some point in time, anything could be placed in that location with uses appropriate for the C-3 zoning classification.

Commissioner Cosey advised he did not want to deprive Dr. Strickland of an opportunity to operate a business, and inquired if a special exception to OC (Office Commercial) would

be allowed. Mr. Beecham advised it could not and that it would have to be rezoned to C-3 to allow the doctor to reside in the home and operate a business.

After discussions concluded, Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to deny request as submitted; Commissioner Cosey seconded. Commissioners Cosey and Hubbard voted to recommend denial of the request; Commissioners Clarington and Jefferson voted to recommend approval of the request. Chairman Beeland then voted to recommend denial of request. The motion then passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1. Continued discussion of review and changes for electronic signs

Mr. Beecham requested of the commission direction on how to proceed with changes to the current ordinance from previous discussions. Chairman Beeland then asked the commission to provide their comments and thoughts. Commissioner Hubbard suggested asking Chief Potter's position and inviting him to the next meeting. Commissioner Jefferson felt the signs were not intended for you to stop, but to get your attention.

Commissioner Clarington felt that in the pursuit of trying to prevent something from happening, the end result may actually be creating a problem and he has mixed thoughts on the matter and perhaps limitations should be placed on those signs outside of the city limits.

Chairman Beeland advised he was opposed to scrolling signs and felt the message(s) on them should not change for at least ten seconds.

Commissioner Cosey felt that scrolling signs do create a hazard and welcomed additional input.

Mr. Jimmy Faircloth addressed the board and asked if consideration on the frequency of change for scrolling signs could be based on the speed limit of the road. The board agreed this was a relevant suggestion and something that needed further research.

After discussions concluded, it was agreed for Mr. Beecham to contact Chief Potter and invite him to the next meeting allowing him to share his thoughts on the matter. Furthermore, the consensus was given that the ordinance should remain, but a revision be made to scrolling signs reflecting a change allowing the message to scroll in and change after ten seconds.

The board also briefly discussed billboards and their placement in the city and the impact of future technology.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business Chairman Beeland adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.