

Perry Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Beeland called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Beecham, Director of Community Development and Christine Sewell, Recording Secretary.

**INVOCATION:** was given by Commissioner Cosey

**GUESTS/SPEAKERS:** Mr. Evan McCarthy, Mr. Bill McCarthy, and Mr. Randall Walker.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 13, 2009 MEETING:** Commissioner Cosey made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Commissioner Clarington 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 council chambers.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

1. Variance Request - #V-09-07 – Evan & Rebecca McCarty – 1719 Sewell Circle

Chairman Beeland opened the hearing at 6:03pm. Mr. Beecham read the applicant's request which was for a 3'-1" variance of the 8' side setback, along with the conditions necessary for a variance and the staff response for the criteria. Chairman Beeland then called for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the request; Mr. Evan McCarthy, the homeowner, reiterated the request. Chairman Beeland then called for anyone opposed; there being none the hearing was closed at 6:06pm.

Chairman Beeland inquired about the rear wall and if there would be any overhang; there would not. There being no further discussion; Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to grant the variance as submitted; Commissioner Mehserle seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Further discussion of Section 106 – Signs

Mr. Beecham inquired of the board if there was any questions or changes from the third draft received of the city sign ordinance. Mr. Beecham advised that a clerical error relating to roof top signs would be changed to

allow, unless otherwise advised. The board advised they wished not to prohibit, but allow with a change under Section 106.13.6, removing parapet wall, and stating just wall and to allow awnings to project no more than six feet in lieu of four feet. Questions also arose on Section 106.15.1 regarding portable signs and it was decided to leave as revised and to correct noted clerical errors.

Mr. Beecham advised the board that he had submitted to City Attorney, David Walker the information regarding billboards and was awaiting a response.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Discussion of street classifications

Mr. Beecham provided the board with a copy of a memorandum received from City Manager, Lee Gilmour requesting the commission's input of suggested street classification changes. Commissioner Jefferson inquired on the criteria for the different classifications; Mr. Beecham explained in general terms an arterial street is one which carries through traffic and a collector street is one that carries traffic from local streets to arterials. Commissioner Hubbard asked if there was any impact to citizens with the various classifications; Mr. Beecham advised there is none, the classification helps prioritize street paving and commercial industry locations, furthermore, no priority is given for paving based on designation.

Mr. Beecham requested the board review this item further and it would be revisited at the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2. Mr. Beecham had one final item for consideration by the board regarding the storage of recreational vehicles (RV). A complaint had been received that an RV was being parked at a commercial structure and to the best of his knowledge no one was living there. There currently is no ordinance pertaining to the storage of RV's, however, a notice was given to the property owner requesting the RV be moved further back on the property. The question to the board was should consideration be given to adopting an ordinance banning RV's in certain commercial areas. After a brief discussion the board concluded to not pursue the matter.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business Chairman Beeland adjourned the meeting at 6:48pm.