



City of Statesboro
Department of Planning and Development Memorandum

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Statesboro Planning Commission

October 1, 2019

5:00 P.M.

City Hall Council Chamber

Meeting Minutes

Present: Planning Commission Members: James W. Byrd, Sr., Carlos C. Brown Jr., Mary Foreman, Russell Rosengart, Jamey Cartee, and Sean Fox; **City of Statesboro Staff:** Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, City Manager Charles Penny, DSDA Director Allen Muldrew, and City Planner I Justin Williams

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Byrd called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

II. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Minutes

1.) September 3, 2019 Minutes

Commissioner Cartee made a motion to approve the September 3, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Rosengart. The motion carried 5-0.

IV. New Business

1. **APPLICATION V 19-09-01** Josh Whitfield requests a variance from Article XV, Section 1509(C), Table 6 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the internal illumination of building signs in Sign District 4 (Tax Parcel S28 000051 000).

Justin Williams introduced the case. Commissioner Rosengart and Mary Foreman questioned the needs of the lighting scheme and the effects in the downtown district. Allen Muldrew spoke in regards to some style changes in other Downtown districts, and how lighting could be incorporated to ensure signage that fits the historical nature of Downtown. Commissioner Fox addressed a conflict of interest with the business represented by the applicant, but voiced his support for the change in signage. Additional information was provided by applicant Josh Whitfield. Specified that the sign will not cause great disturbance in lumens and will maintain historical look of downtown. Motion to approve with conditions made by Commissioner Rosengart and seconded by Commissioner Foreman. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Fox Abstained from voting due to perceived conflict of interest.

2. **APPLICATION V 19-09-02:** Josh Whitfield requests a variance from Article XV, Section 1509(C), Table 6 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the maximum sign height allowed in Sign District 4. (Tax Parcel S18 000067 000)

Justin Williams introduced the case. Applicant was called forward to provide further details of sign placement. Josh Whitfield explained the desire for signage on this property. Sign will not be lit, nor will the sign be above the size listed as allowable in the downtown district. A Motion to approve sign with conditions was made by Commissioner Foreman and seconded by Commissioner Cartee. Motion carried 5-0.

V. Announcements

Justin Williams announced that Commissioners Byrd, McKay, and Cartee were renewed for an additional term by City Council.

VI. Adjourn

Commissioner McKay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cartee seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Chair – James W. Byrd, Sr.

Secretary – Jason Boyles
Assistant City Manager