STATESBORO PLANNING COMMISSION March 12, 2013 5:00 P.M. City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Present: Planning Commission Members: R. Jeremy Ragan, Jonathan McCollar, Nick Propps, and Jim Benton. City of Statesboro Staff: Director of Planning and Development Mandi Cody, Development Clerk Cindy Steinmann, and Administrative Assistant Debra Wiese.

Absent: Planning Commission Member: April R. Stafford, Rick Barr, and Holmes Ramsey

1. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Benton to approve order of meeting agenda; second by Commissioner Ragan. Motion carried 3 to 0.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. January 8, 2013 Meeting.
- b. February Notice of Cancelled Meeting.

Motion made to approve minutes by Commissioner Ragan; second by Commissioner Benton. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Commissioner McCollar arrived to meeting.

3. New Business

 APPLICATION # SE 13-02-01: Damascus, LLC requests a special exception be granted pursuant to the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to allow the operation of a group care home in the CBD (Central Business) District for property located at 120 North College Street. (Tax Parcel number S17000096000).

Cindy Steinmann presented case recommending approval of request. Representative Vern Howard with Damascus, LLC spoke in favor of group home. No citizens attended meeting nor called staff to speak against. Motion made to approve based on staff

recommendations by Commissioner Ragan; second by Commissioner McCollar. Motion carried 4 to 0. Motion approved.

II. <u>APPLICATION # RZ 13-02-02</u>: Mr. Gerald Donaldson requests a zoning map amendment for property located at 101 South Zetterower Avenue from O (Office) District to R4 (High Density Residential) District. (Tax Map # S29000106000).

Cindy Steinmann presented case with staff recommending approval. Representative Sam DiPolito spoke in favor. Commissioner Propps confirmed with Ms. Cody that owners of properties are required to sign all application requests. Motion made by Commissioner Benton to rezone property from O (Office) to R4 (High Density Residential) District and change staff suggestion for stripping of parking lot to a condition; second made by Commissioner Ragan. Motion carried 4 to 0. Motion approved.

4. Announcements

Commissioner Propps stated that at next Planning Commission meeting a group photo will be taken. He asked that all be here no later than 3:50 P.M. A reminder e-mail will be sent out.

Mandi Cody asked Commissioners to plan a long evening for the next meeting. Staff took in five or six cases.

5. Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Benton; second by Commissioner Ragan. Motion carried 4 to 0 votes.

Chair - Nick Propps

Secretary - Mandi Cody

Director of Planning and Development