

STATESBORO PLANNING COMMISSION

September 10, 2013

5:00 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers

Meeting Minutes

Present: Planning Commission Members: Rick Barr, R. Jeremy Ragan, Holmes Ramsey, Jim Benton, Reverend Charles Lee, and Nick Propps. City of Statesboro Staff: Director of Planning and Development Mandi Cody and Development Project Manager Cindy Steinmann.

Absent: Planning Commission Member April Stafford

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Propps called meeting to order.

2. Welcome New Planning Commission Member, Rev. E. Charles Lee

Commissioner Propps introduced and welcomed Reverend E. Charles Lee to the Statesboro Planning Commission.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Barr; second by Commissioner Ramsey to approve order of meeting agenda. Motion carried 5 to 0.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. July 9, 2013 Meeting
- b. August 13, 2013 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Barr; second by Commissioner Ramsey to approve minutes for the July 9th and August 13th meetings. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Note: Jim Benton arrived at 5:14 making 6 total Commissioners present.

5. New Business

- I. **Application # V 12-08-01: Whitfield Holdings, LLC requests a variance from Article X of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to reduce the side yard setback for property located at 41 Bernard Lane. (Tax Parcel Number MS84000102016)**

Mandi Cody presented the staff report and clarified that staff recommends approval of the variance with the removal of the condition listed in the staff report to require a concrete dumpster pad with the addition of a condition prohibiting outside storage. The staff recommended conditions were as follows:

1. All accessory buildings must be removed and will be prohibited from the site.
2. Outside storage is prohibited from the site.

Applicant Michael Whitfield answered questions from the Commissioners. John Dotson with Maxwell Reddick and Associates was present to answer any questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Ragan made a motion to approve the requested variance with staff recommended conditions; seconded by Commissioner Ramsey. Motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Propps clarified the approval to include the condition of prohibited outside storage. Motion carried 6-0.

6. Announcements

Ms. Cody reminded the Planning Commission that they may receive emails from the Planning and Development email address. She also briefed the Commission on administrative changes within the Planning & Development Department. Ms. Cody notified the Commission that a contract has been entered with Retail Strategies and explained the benefits of completing a survey that will be sent via email.

Commissioner Rev. Lee thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission.

7. Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Propps; second by Commissioner Ramsey. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned.



Chair – Nick Propps



Secretary – Mandi Cody

Director of Planning and Development