

LEXINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010
5:00 P.M.
First floor meeting room in the
Rockbridge County Administrative Office Building

Minutes

Members Present: A. Carr J. Gianniny M. Harvey
 J. Dunbar T. Sanders C. Miller
 C. Smith

Staff Present: B. Blatter; Director of Planning and Development
 T. Jon Ellestad; City Manager
 V. Garrett; Secretary of Planning and Development

Call to Order: J. Dunbar called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Citizens' Comments on matters not on the Agenda: None to record.

Public Hearings:

* **Proposed Subdivision of the Harb property located at 409 Honeysuckle Hill**

B. Blatter indicated the subdivision had previously been reviewed and approved; however, it had not been recorded in the legally required time limit. When a subdivision is not recorded in the time allotted it becomes null and void.

There was not any public comment. Tommy Spencer, attorney representing the application, was present to answer questions.

C. Miller moved to recommended approval of the application as submitted. C. Smith gave the second. The motion passed.

* **Proposed change in Zoning classification for the properties located at 1 and 7 Estill Street from R-1, General Residential District to Professional Services Residential, PSR, District**

Rick Alford, local real estate agent, was in attendance representing the owner of the property located at 7 Estill Street. He indicated his client, the owner of 7 Estill, is in favor of the proposed change in zoning class. Mike Carmagnola, Washington and Lee representative, indicated Washington and Lee has no objection to the proposal.

No public comment was heard.

C. Miller moved to recommend approval of the proposal as submitted. C. Smith gave the second. The motion passed.

*** Application by Washington and Lee University for an amendment to their Master plan to authorize the construction of a center for Jewish Life at 117 West Washington Street**

A. Carr and T. Sanders recused themselves from the discussion.

B. Blatter explained he had mistakenly assigned the wrong zoning classification to the property. As a result the building, as presently being constructed, violates the requirements for the district in which it is located by extending 6 feet into the required 25 foot front yard. The proposed amendment to W and L's Master Plan is intended to address the mistake and bring the structure into conformance with local regulations.

M. Carmagnola, Washington and Lee representative, thanked B. Blatter and the Commission for their continued support. He indicated Washington and Lee supports this application.

No public comment was heard.

C. Miller moved to recommend approval of the application as presented. J. Gianniny gave the second. The motion passed. (T. Sanders and A. Carr did not vote)

New Business:

*** Findings on Economic Development Focus Groups**

Planning Commission reviewed the summary of the "Economic Focus Groups" drafted by C. Miller. The document will be forwarded to City Council.

Unfinished Business:

*** Possible amendments to the General Residential District, R-1, regulations to address problems associated with the lot size language for two-family dwellings**

Planning Commission reviewed the draft of possible amendments to the General Residential District, R-1, regulations to address problems associated with the lot size language for two-family dwellings. Changes were noted and a final draft of the proposal will be emailed to Planning Commissioners before the Public Hearing.

Comprehensive Plan:

*** Discussion of the Government Chapter**

T. Jon Ellestad, City Manager, was present to discuss the Government Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. Planning Commission reviewed the document page by page as staff marked suggested changes/corrections.

After lengthy discussion, M. Harvey moved to schedule a public hearing on the Government Chapter after the proposed changes have been incorporated into the document by T. Jon Ellestad. T. Sanders gave the second. The motion passed.

City Council Report:

J. Gianniny gave a brief City Council report including information on a City Council/Planning Commission work session being planned June 9th at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Parks Ordinance, approval of the ODK Conditional Use Permit, and adoption of the budget.

Staff Report:

B. Blatter reported on the Miller's House and Jordan's Point Park.

Approval of Minutes:

M. Harvey moved to approve the April 22, 2010 minutes as submitted. C. Miller gave the second. The motion passed.

Adjourn: J. Dunbar adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.