PLANNING & ZONING MEETING
Minutes of June 3, 2014

The Alexandria Planning & Zoning Commission met in regular session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Dave Hart opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members answered roll call:

Present:  Dave Hart, Chair  Sonny Markus  Present
          Rick Neltner  Present  Marty Hipple  Present
          Susie Thomas  Present  Ron Johnson  Present

Also:  Jan Johannemann  Asst. City Clerk  Carol Hofstetter  Zoning Administrator
       James Glahn  Ethics Board

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 20, 2014

MOTION: Susie Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2014, seconded by Ron Johnson. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hart would like to re-visit the language in the Zoning Ordinance with regard to commercial zone permitted uses and the signage that should be allowed for those zones. He advised them to keep this in mind over the next few weeks and be ready to discuss.

Mr. Johnson asked if the new business, Vaping J’s, had a permit and whether that type of business was permitted. Carol Hofstetter said the business is considered “specialty retail” which is a permitted use for the property, and they did obtain a sign permit. She suggested they stop in to see the store. They plan to come to one of the council meetings to tell a little bit about their business and to clear up any misconceptions.

Rick Neltner asked for status on the Baptist Home project. Ms. Hofstetter has not heard anything yet. Ron Johnson asked about Southern States. It is believed they were waiting for approval from the corporate office. There was a discussion about signage for the Baptist Home. Carol believes signage was on their conceptual site plan. If any changes were to be made, then they would have to revise the site plan.

Mr. Hart had a handout on Sidewalk Liability Claims. Each commissioner will get a copy to read. Mr. Neltner asked if the City would be marking sidewalks that need replacements and notifying the homeowners. Mr. Hofstetter said there was talk, but nothing definite yet.

INTERNAL BUSINESS

Other Items: Mr. Hart said “Deferred Exterior Maintenance” is a section of the Zoning Ordinance dealing with rubbish, unk, miscellaneous items laying around in the yard, and the height of grass. A warning citation will be issued for uncut grass 8 inches or higher. If it is not mowed within 7 days of the issued citation, the City workers will cut the grass for a fee. Mr. Hipple asked about certain areas where the grass is very high – US 27 between Lasting Impressions and the day care center. The grass is only cut just some feet back from the sidewalk. Carol Hofstetter will check on it
tomorrow. Sonny Markus pointed out there is also property on Poplar Ridge that is mowed a few feet back and the field is used for hay. Mr. Hart believes they need to mow at least several feet back, but a field may be exempt if it is used for hay.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Marty Hipple made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sonny Markus. All in favor, the motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attested to and submitted by:

[Signature]
Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Dated 6/18/14

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Dave Hart, Chair
Planning and Zoning

Dated 6/19/14